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CALGARY BRANCH FALL NEWSLETTER: 2016

Linda McClelland, U.E.

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**UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

Calgary Branch

President's Message



Over the past year we have had two meetings, one in May and one in October. In order to try to save some money we changed the organization of the October meeting and used a community hall which required some more arranging than booking a conference room at a hotel. This meeting also highlighted a speaker external to our group. We had a very interesting and informative talk on the history of the Calgary Airport and Fred McCall presented by Shirlee Smith Matheson. We also changed to an afternoon meeting to assist our out of town members with their travelling. I have contacted a history professor at the University of Calgary for the May 2017 meeting. Her research includes William Johnson UE and his Métis and Explorer descendants.

Our membership is close to that of last year. We encourage you to renew your current membership. Unfortunately we lost a long time member, Marmie Hess this last year at the age of 100.

We had success and were able to present four certificates this year based on Loyalists Henry Garlough, Richard Ferguson Sr., Conrad Gunter and Abraham Woodcock Sr. There are a few applications in the works in varying range of completeness. We can provide assistance to encourage you to complete applications so we can maintain our certificate presentations.

We now have a website: uelac.org/calgary. If you have any suggestions on what to include on the site please contact me. A page for book reports was added based on a couple of reports presented at a meeting last year. If you have read some Loyalist related books or any other history books please consider contributing a short review. It can be sent to me so it can be added to the website.

In the effort to have a plaque about the Loyalists displayed in Calgary, I have been in contact with the City and the Province. Any progress is very slow however.

The Dominion conference was well attended this year. It occurred in Summerside, PEI with Calgary being represented by six members, some travelling by train from Edmonton to the east. The conference next year is in London, Ontario.

I would like to thank David Hongisto for his term as president over the last years and his continued help as I go forward as president.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable winter.

Suzanne Davidson U.E., President, Calgary Branch

Minutes: OCT. 13, 2016

By Barbara Hongisto, U.E., Secretary

Suzanne welcomed 25 members and guests at 3 P.M., at Whitehorn Community Hall

O Canada was sung.

Suzanne mentioned what a great time some of our members had at the national conference in PEI in the summer.

Our branch does not have by-laws, but we are not worrying about this now.

Minutes of the May dinner were distributed and discussed.

George covered the treasurer's report with a balance of \$34178, including the DeMille bequest.

Suzanne said that progress was slow on our website.

Information on possible plaque placement is also developing slowly.

Our book collection is at the Family Historical Society where the books are catalogued and can be taken out.

Our scholarship was given out last Monday but the recipient wasn't present. It was \$100, so we will be asking for more info from the history department re said scholarship and perhaps increasing it.

Presentation of certificates: Pat McAdoo received his certificate as did Ivy Trumpour (her 3rd one), and Jacquie McGowan was presented with hers.

After congratulating these people, we took a wee break.

Our guest speaker, Shirlee Smith Matheson (pictured in photo below with Marion and Paul Beer and Linda McClelland) then shared with us her information on our airport's origins with pilots and planners who made it all possible.

Her presentation was enlightening and we also learned quite a lot about early airport life and how YYC Calgary International Airport came to be. Her books seem most enlightening.



After grace, we had the buffet.

Our delicious dinner was catered by Royal Quality Catering.

Upon completing our most satisfying dinner, we sang "God Save the Queen", and said our good byes.

We will be notified of the spring dinner early next year.



Certificates



Ivy Trumpour who received her 3rd certificate using Richard Ferguson Sr. with Suzanne Davidson



Jacquie McGowan (Abraham Woodcock Sr.) and Suzanne Davidson



Patrick McAdoo (Conrad Gunter) and Suzanne Davidson

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Notice of Art Show and Sale

You are invited by Hazel Litzgus, U.E., to the opening of her Art Show at the Collectors' Art Gallery, 1332 – 9th Avenue S.E., T2G 0T3, on Saturday, November 19th, from noon until 4 pm. The Show will run until December 7th.