

## 'End of the Line' for Dominion President Bonnie Schepers UE



As 'The President' nears her final station stop, I ask that you please indulge me as I take a moment to reflect on my term in leadership of the UELAC.

In keeping with the train analogy, let me say it has been a glorious ride! As in all journeys, we have had our moments of high speed exhilaration countered by stretches of uphill climbs. Along the way I have met members holding an 'all inclusive' ticket and those who 'hop on' and 'hop off' as circumstance dictates.

During my UELAC journey I encountered colourful, inspirational, and accomplished individuals, many of whom have held leadership positions within our organization for a number of years. They have instructed, encouraged, and conveyed the wisdom of packing light and moving on. From them I have learned not to get weighed down by baggage but to be discerning and travel light. I could use the phrase, 'go with the flow' but it doesn't quite fit my train metaphor. In any case, I wish to thank

everyone who has supported and worked alongside me as we strive to sustain and grow this valuable Association.

When I became Dominion President, I invited you to explore our past, engage in the present, and embrace our future. At that time my wish list for the future of UELAC included providing additional funding for projects and initiatives to honour and preserve our heritage; increased support for Loyalist scholarships to engage young academics with a passion for history; and a dedicated effort to collect and preserve our archives for future generations. These remain priorities for our organization. Today, I am pleased to say that steps have been taken to address these very issues.

Having learned the power of three, and brought to you by the letter 'e', I would describe my term as enlightening, exciting, and enriching. Thank you for riding the rails with me as I leave you with this [musical farewell](#).

Loyally yours,  
Bonnie Schepers UE  
President UELAC