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Link Up



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**United Empire
 Loyalists' Association
 of Canada**
Chilliwack Branch
 Your Management Committee
 for 2024/25

President: Marlene Dance UE
Vice Pres: vacant
Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE
Secretary: Judy Scholz UE
Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE
Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE
Asst. Genealogist: vacant
Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE
Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE
Branch Directors:
 Margaret Strocel UE
 Chris Hay UE
 Cindy Lyftogh UE
 Jan Duelliet
Social Conveners:
 Vicky Heibner UE
 Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP
 Diane Ferris UE
Pacific Regional Councillor
 Christine Manzer UE



President's Message

As mentioned in the last newsletter, my husband and I drove across Canada to attend the conference in Cornwall, Ontario. We left May 27th, making a stop each afternoon and reaching our destination the morning of June 6th. We checked into the conference hotel, registered and looked forward to the planned program. The S D & G Historical Society was celebrating the 240th anniversary of New Johnstown & The Royal Townships in 1784 at the same time. So this together with our conference made for many exciting venues to see.

Our conference was well organized. The venues were excellent and the food delicious.

There were also many old friends to catch up with and new ones to meet. I enjoyed the event and the long drive. I have included a few pages of pictures for everyone.

We got home in time for our grandson's twenty-first birthday June 15th.

Then it was back to a couple of branch archiving items. Always work to do.

My husband and I attended a Celebration of Life for Marian Reid UE. It was nice to catch up with the family and if you go to page 3 of the February 2024 issue, you will see her Last Post. BC has been having quite the heat wave this past many weeks. Finally starting to cool about July 21st. Just in time for the 14th anniversary of BC Loyalist Day on July 22nd.

Picnics were planned by Thompson/Okanagan, Victoria and Chilliwack joined Vancouver Branch for the day. See page 5 and 6 for pictures.

In the June 2024 issue of the Link-up we included a write up on the Phillip E.M. Leith UE Memorial Volunteer Award. This award was inaugurated in 2007. You can go to the Vancouver Branch webpage to see the list of winners. Over the years a number of our branch members have been honoured. We are so proud to say that Margaret Strocel UE was one of three recipients this year. Margaret shares the honour with two members from Vancouver Branch. Please go to page 3.



I see I am running out of space here, and want to wish you all a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall at our outing in October. Stay safe and well and see you all soon.

Loyally yours,
 Marlene Dance UE

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Calendar of Events for 2024

Print and save with your calendar



Meetings will be scheduled individually.

Chilliwack Alliance Church, 8700 Young Road, Chilliwack, BC

Unless otherwise advised.

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers will be sent via email and/or included in each edition of this newsletter.

[Schedule for 2024:](#)

October	Fall Fleet celebration TBA
November 11	Remembrance Day and luncheon to follow
December	Christmas Social TBA

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to:

chwkbuelcontact@gmail.com

Please visit our branch webpage: <http://www.uelac.org/Chilliwack>



United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with Heritage Chilliwack Society since 2019

Keeping the Past Present!

www.heritagechilliwack.org/

“On the Porch” - beautiful old homes in Chilliwack.

Just Google to find all eight episodes on YouTube.

Featuring:

Hazel House, Carmichael House,

Higginson House, Gwynne Vaughan House,

Brock House,

Skelton House, Gibbens House.

As well as District 1881 - the new downtown rejuvenation.





Phillip E. M. Leith UE Memorial Volunteer Award

We are pleased to announce that our nomination this year is Margaret Strocel UE. Our nomination reads as follows:

“There are people who volunteer for organizations for the joy of it and not just for the recognition. Margaret is one of those very generous people. She gives the most precious commodity there is, and that is her time. Often we overlook the basic work that makes a group successful. But that is not the case here.

We want to make sure that Margaret knows what a wonderful contribution she has made to our branch over the years. And that we are very grateful.

Our records indicate that Margaret joined the Chilliwack Branch in the mid late 1990’s. She appears in numerous archived pictures especially attending the various Conference events across the country - traveling with her many new loyalist friends.

And she jumped in to help at every level. Jobs taken on for the branch include: Social Convenor, Recording Secretary, Director, sitting on various committees to organize BC conferences and many events like the branch’s 25th anniversary celebrations. Many good suggestions have come from her at management meetings. She has also stepped up for food prep, service and clean up, decorating tables and setting up displays. She was rarely idle.

She also was tenacious about searching for and proving her Loyalist ancestor - which took many years. This was finally achieved in July of 2020 to Donald Cameron. She then ensured that all five of her children applied for and received the same recognition. The entire family was presented with their certificates at the celebration for her 90th birthday at Abbotsford, BC in August of 2022.

At the same time she has been active in her church.

In November of 2016 she received the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster - “in honour of people who have distinguished themselves in living out their baptismal identity and purpose in an exemplary way through service in their parishes, and communities in the diocese”.

We are lucky to have had her as part of our branch for so long and are pleased to be able to nominate her for recognition”.

It was announced on Sunday, July 21, 2024 at the Loyalist Picnic celebration in Queens Park, New Westminster, BC that in 2024 Leith honours would be shared as follows:

Margaret Strocel UE Chilliwack Branch
Donna Little UE and Kira Little UE both of Vancouver Branch

Margaret recently relocated to Comox, BC and was not able to make it to the picnic this year and so we will present her with the medal, certificate and the trophy later this year.

Congratulations Margaret!

We are looking forward to celebrating with you and the family. Watch for the date and mark on your calendars please.





Happy 40th anniversary Saskatchewan Branch UELAC A wonderful afternoon celebrating on Saskatchewan Loyalist Day, June 19, 2024. Congratulations. Well done!

Dominion President Carl Stymiest UE writes - "It was an Honour to attend with UELAC Prairie Region Vice President, Barb Andrew UE and Special Guest, His Honour, the Honourable Lt. Governor of Saskatchewan, Russell Mirasty to celebrate the branch's 40th Anniversary in Regina, SK". The event was held on the province's Loyalist Day - June 19th. An excellent luncheon and program was enjoyed by all who attended.



Loyalist Trails Newsletter

www.uelac.ca

Once on the webpage, scroll down to the same logo shown here and click on it.

You may subscribe by clicking on the blue box.

Enjoy back issues to April 2004.

A world of Canadian history opens for you.

Share with friends.

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Titles of articles from the last few issues include:

- 1) [Piecing Together a Passenger List: *The Bridgewater*, by Stephen Davidson UE](#)
- 2) [The Pre-Revolutionary Writings of James Otis, Jr.](#)
- 3) [Hessian Soldiers Travelling to America: New York – A Soldier's Life July 1780](#)
- 4) [Advertised on 18 July 1774: "I did inadvertently sign an Address to the Governor"](#)

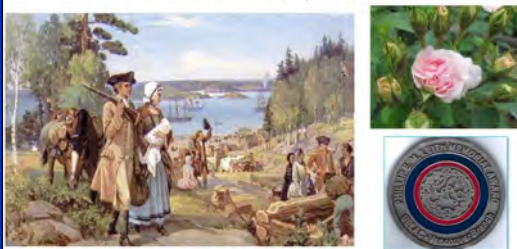
A good Sunday morning read. Look for stories of the American Revolution.



B.C. Loyalist Day

This year is the 14th anniversary of the declaration of BC Loyalist Day now celebrated every July 22. This date was chosen as a remembrance of the first crossing by Europeans of the North American continent reaching the Pacific (near Bella Coola) by Alexander Mackenzie on July 22nd, 1793.

B.C. Loyalist Day July 22nd



A few pictures from a lovely day in Queens Park, New Westminster, BC .

Top left corner: picture of our special Loyalist Day cake;

The whole gang in the middle;

Left - Loyalist Certificate presented to Susan Sullivan UE (centre) by Linda Nygard UE on left and Carl Stymiest UE on right;

Middle - a fun game of "Name the Cake" with Linda Drake UE;

Right: Presentation of the Phillip EM Leith award to Donna Little UE and Kirra Little UE with Christine Manzer UE from the committee.

Chilliwack Branch members in attendance:

Marlene Dance UE; Carole Lefler UE; Jan Ouellet; and Judy Scholz UE

Loyalist Picnic - Victoria Branch Sunday, July 21, 2024

Look at all the smiling faces. Great day and nice weather.

Photo: by Frans Compeer. The photographer is always missing from the shot. Good turnout.



Loyalist Picnic Thompson/Okanagan July 18, 2024

Only three people braved the heat so the picnic ended up being cancelled. AccuWeather showed the temperature had cooled off to 33c from two days before of 38c.

So it is not surprising.

I would have stayed home too.

Way too hot for me!

Here we have members Sandra Farynuk UE, sister Linda Drake UE and Gloria Christian at Waterwheel Park by the Shuswap river that flows past Enderby, BC.

Better luck next year.

Thanks for sharing.



Encampment of the Loyalists at Johnston, a New Settlement on the Banks of the River St. Lawrence in Canada by James Peachey, one of the surveyors responsible for the laying out of the townships and farm lots for the Loyalists who occupied the camp during the summer of 1784.

Schedule of Events: 2024 UELAC Conference June 6,7 & 8, 2024

Best Western Parkway Inn & Conference Centre
Cornwall, Ontario, Canada

Thursday June 6 - Registration for Conference open all day
6:30 pm Welcome Reception

@ Conference Hotel - Town Crier Wes Libbey UE

Friday June 7 - Lost Villages Bus Tour morning and afternoon choice
Luncheon served on site

Dinner at the Cornwall Legion by Bus

Saturday June 8 - Heritage Village, Living Encampment & Museum
UELAC new offices in lower area of Museum

Bus running every half hour beginning at 9:30 am

12:30 pm Official Opening Ceremonies

1:00 pm Re-enactment of Loyalist Landing Drawing of Lots
Food vendors on site

Last Bus leaves Park returning to hotel at 4:00 pm

Gala Dinner at Conference Hotel

5:00 pm Welcome

6:30 pm Dinner and Program

Sunday June 9 - Sunday Church Service & Cemetery Tour

Luncheon at Church

Bus leaves hotel at 9:15 am and returns by 2:15 pm.

See you next year "2025 in New Brunswick"



Various photos from the 2024 Conference in Cornwall. With thanks to Beth Adams UE



New home of the UELAC office and Archives.

Below is Rod Appleby, Office Administrator.

Contact him at

uelac.office@gmail.com

UELAC Office is in the Museum entry to the back right side.

Research room below w/Diane Faris UE

to the side; plaque to the Royal Highland Emigrants, The KRRNY.

Bottom: group on the porch of Sir John Johnson House National Historic site.



Friday June 7 - Lost Villages Tour: please go to the link below for the history and map.

www.lostvillages.ca/history/the-lost-villages/ Photos by Carl Stymiest UE.



Saturday, June 8 - Re-enactment Day

The City of Cornwall, Ontario will be celebrating the 240th Anniversary of its founding with a special re-enactment event.



A large tented area of displays from numerous groups including British Home Children, St. Lawrence Branch UELAC, Fille du Roi; in person presentations and more.



Lamoureaux Park - Military encampment; parade of re-enactors; Landing of a large bateau, large crowd to participate in the drawing of lots, firing a salute. The rain that finally arrived did not deter anyone.

Saturday June 8 - evening Gala Banquet

Pictures by Beth Adams UE

Proceedings began with the Town Crier, Wes Libbey UE, calling on The Piper, Shane Kelly, to pipe in the parade of Dignitaries, the Colour Party and guests in Period Clothing.

The Piper was, of course, rewarded with a toast and a "wee dram".

The Royal Anthem was played, followed by toasts to the King, our Loyalist Ancestors and to Canada. There was a Moment of Silence for the members who have passed last year.

Then, the Introductions, and the address of the National President Carl Stymiest UE. Grace was given by Jamie Scott UE, followed by the Banquet.

The following pages are various pictures including the presentation of the Dorchester Award, the Suzanne Morse-Hines Memorial Genealogy-Family History Award and a couple of Branch groups and the Sunday Church location.



Guest Speaker:
Brent Whitford,
Senior Curator and
Administrator of the
Cornwall Community Museum





Both awards presented by committee members
Carl Stymiest UE and Diane Ferris UE

At left: Dorchester Award recipient:
William (Bill) Charles Terry UE
(Past UELAC President 2000-2002) from Grand River Branch.

Below: Sue Morse-Hines Genealogy-Family History Award
recipients: Beverly Craig UE, and Joan Lucas UE



Abegweit Branch at the
2024 Conference, photographed in
front of the

Prince Edward Island flag:

Left to right: Branch

President Kevin Wisener UE,
Linda Drake UE (Van. Branch)

National President

Carl Stymiest UE,

Branch Secretary JoAnn Leake UE,
Branch Treasurer Jayne Leake UE.

Photo by Beth Adams



Vancouver Branch at the 2024
Conference,

Photo Credit Beth Adams UE

Back row: Sandy Farynuk UE (Thompson/
Okanagan President), Diane Ferris UE, Brad
Cunningham UE,

Linda Drake UE, Betty Scott, Jamie Scott UE,
Carl Stymiest UE National President,

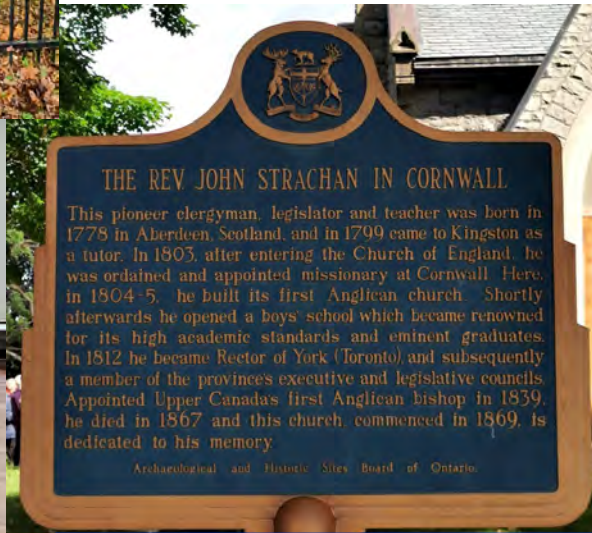
Seated: Mary Ann Bethune, David Hill
Morrison UE, Christine Manzer UE.

Missing from picture are associate
members Marlene Dance UE President
Chilliwack and Liz Adair (Assiniboine)

Photos by Beth Adams UE

Sunday June 9 - Church Service and luncheon

Trinity Anglican Church, 105 Second St. W. Cornwall, Ontario



Beautiful Church to end our Conference.
A lovely light luncheon was served.
See you next year.



Genealogy Presentations in the works:

Sandy Farynuk and Darlene Gerow-Jones were at the Vernon Branch of the Okanagan Regional Library to give a presentation of Loyalist history to 9-12 year olds on July 29th. This included how children fared in their evacuation of their homes in the 13 Colonies and had to emigrate to Upper and Lower Canada and the Maritimes, by walking or leaving on ships from New York or Boston. There were games, colouring pages and dolls (and Grandchildren) displaying what children would have worn in those days and how hard it would have been to carve out a new life in a new land. Cookies were brought to end the presentation!

Local Genealogy Presentations include a Loyalist component.

The Chilliwack Library, downtown location, has a Genealogy Workshop group that meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. The July presentation was "Finding your United Empire Loyalist". The presentation included a review of the American Revolution leading to the Loyalists' arrival into what became Canada. This was scheduled in July to coincide with the celebrations of BC Loyalist Day July 22 inaugurated in 2010. Please see the top of page 5.

The Chilliwack ElderCollege fall schedule will include a Beginners Genealogy class scheduled for 5 weeks beginning at the UFV campus in Chilliwack. Registration opens September 3, 2024.

The list of classes should be posted in August.

This class has been facilitated by Marlene Dance UE since 2009 and is frequently sold out.

Please click on: [Courses & Registration | Chilliwack ElderCollege](#) for details.

This class covers all you need to know to get started, what to trust, where to go for information, why history is important, old photos, family stories, Loyalists, military connections, how to organize and keep it all straight and much more.



Chilliwack Branch Projects in the works:

1) "LAST POST" addition to our WEBPAGE

This is now complete. We decided to title it "In Memoriam".

Have a look www.uelac.org/Chilliwack/index.php

Please let us know if there are any names to be added.

2) LOYALISTS AND THE CHILLIWACK CONNECTION

This project is ongoing. We are working with the applications in our archives.

Chilliwack Pioneers with a Loyalist connection include: Aitken, Blakney, Dahl, Evans, Thornton, Stevenson, Patten, Webb, Reeves, Munro, Chadsey, Halcrow, Nelles, Kipp, Reece and Higginson. I am sure there are more to come.

If you know of any please advise us.

3) BACK ISSUES OF THE "LINK UP"

We have been given a three ring binder of back issues. Now we will go through them and determine what may be duplicates using the list provided to you on page 8 of the April 2024 Link up. Another issue from 2007 has been discovered.

Please have a look to see what you can share.

4) Organization of our Library/Storage room area:

This is ongoing. The conference and the heat wave have slowed us down a bit.

But we continue. Slow and steady wins the race!