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Link Up



Photo by M.L. Dance UE

**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
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 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 Councilor
 Christine Manzer UE



President's Message

A few family matters come up this past few months, and I admit that my mind has been on them. But like most things we worry about, eventually it all turned out fine.

So now on to our last issue of 2024.

First thing - it is time to renew your membership. This is important!

We need your support and your interest to keep us going.

Can you volunteer? Do you have an interesting Loyalist ancestor that you could write about and submit for our next issues? Even ask questions about? Could you volunteer to organize a meeting or be a guest speaker? Could you learn to do the genealogy position; learn to do the newsletter; help with archiving? Many hands make light work. Please let us know.

We have had a few enquiries thanks to our creation of the "In Memoriam" section we added to our branch webpage. A couple of people interested that their relative's name was included there, asked about the Loyalist connection. We are so glad we did this and it is thanks to the back issues of the "Link Up" that were found and returned. Also, we have reached out to a few people whose names we found in old application files that were never completed. It is so important to have the next generations interested in their family history. Fingers crossed that new members will join from these efforts.

Congratulations go to member Ken Vance UE for having his fifth Loyalist certificate approved. Are there more Ken? A few other members are working on applications right now. Then, a big thank you to Helena Bastedo Smith UE for coming down to Chilliwack to place the Remembrance Day wreath on our behalf. See page 4. Helena also contributed the wonderful item about her father that was in the October issue.

Christmas is fast approaching and we are looking forward to our day of celebration with Vancouver Branch. Details on page 3. It is time to haul out the decorations and get the house ready for the festivities to come. Time for turkey, brussels sprouts, cranberries, pumpkin pie and/or plum pudding. Both?

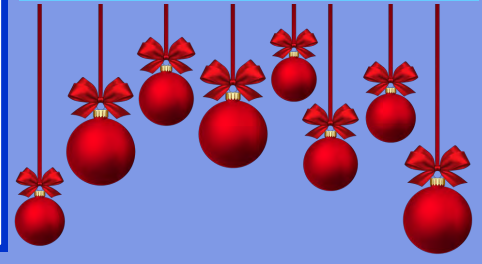
I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and the blessings of the season. I hope you are able to celebrate with family and friends.

We send wishes for a Happy New Year too!

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.

[Our last event of 2024](#)



Dec. 8th - Christmas Pot Luck with Vancouver Branch details on page 3.

[2025:](#) we are hoping to purchase a Zoom license.

March 8th Branch Annual General Meeting

July 10 - 13th, Annual Conference, Delta Hotel, 39 King St., see page 7
Saint John, New Brunswick

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.





Save the date:

Happening Sunday December 8th –
The UELAC Vancouver & Chilliwack Branch
pot-luck Christmas party

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm or so.

Vancouver Branch UELAC has again invited us to join them for a Christmas Pot-luck Christmas Party. We had a wonderful time last year, and of course said yes right away.

If you are able to attend: please bring:

- something for the food table – nibbles, snacks, Christmas cookies etc
 - your own Christmas mug if you have one
 - \$5 in change for the “draw tickets” (optional)
 - a modest Secret Santa Gift for the draw.

The address is the same as last year in Surrey, BC

Please RSVP to us at: chwkbruelcontact@gmail.com

and I will forward the address to you, the code to open the gate,
and a parking pass.

Please car-pool if you can – it is always fun to travel with friends.

We already have a full car going from Chilliwack, so I hope you will join us there.

I know our branch membership includes many from far away places, but we wanted everyone invited, so you know what is planned for the Christmas season.



Chilliwack Branch Projects in the works:

1) 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.

2) BACK ISSUES OF THE “LINK UP”

We have been given a three ring binder of back issues. Gradually, as we go through them we can determine what may be duplicates using the list provided on page 8 of the April 2024 Link up issue. In addition, another issue from 2007 has been discovered. Now comes the scanning and creation of a PDF for each issue. Please have a look to see what you can share. I am sure there are more to come. If you know of any please advise us. We are hopeful of putting them all on our webpage.

3) Organization of our Library/Storage room area:

This is ongoing. We have slowed down a bit. But we continue.

Slow and steady wins the race!

Remembrance Day, Chilliwack, November 11, 2024 Lest We Forget

The morning dawned cold and overcast. But this did not prevent a large crowd from gathering at the various cenotaphs for the Remembrance Day Services.

The Chilliwack Progress reported hundreds of people lining the streets of downtown to pay their respects to fallen soldiers and veterans.

The same at All Sappers' Memorial Park in Vedder and the ceremony on the Coqualeetza grounds. The rain held off until the placing of the wreaths by various appointees.

Helena Bastedo Smith UE did the honours for us at the downtown location. (below)



Following the services, a number of us met up at the Canton Garden to warm up and enjoy a tasty luncheon with friends.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Phillip EM Leith Memorial Volunteer Award

2024 Presentation to Margaret Strocel UE

Carl Stymiest UE, National President of the UELAC, and Co-chair of the Leith Memorial Committee was present to present the trophy, medallion and certificate. A full write up of the nomination appears on page 3 of the August, 2024 issue of the Link Up. The gathering was held on November 16th in Chilliwack, BC at the home of Marlene Dance UE. Family and friends attended.

Coffee, tea, and cake were served.

Congratulations, Margaret !

Below is a collage of photos of the occasion. Also attending were: son Theodore UE and wife Laurie Strocel; Diane Faris UE, Judy Scholz UE, Jan Ouellet, Mavis Picket UE, Carole Lefler UE, and Donna Little UE (Co-chair of the Leith Committee). Pictures courtesy of Ted Strocel UE, Jan Ouellet and Judy Scholz UE . (I think we got a pic of everyone there.)



New Feature for 2025

Next year, each issue from February onwards will feature pages or items from an earlier issue of our newsletter.

We hope that the pictures and items will be interesting to you. Did you know that the first issues of our newsletter we recovered, date from 1991 and 1992? But, they did not contain a name or “masthead”. The title “Link Up” appears for the first time in Volume 1 No. 1 in November 1994 with the covering page named Loyalist Link Up, but the inside page saying just Link Up.

Something like this:



Does this look familiar? Please check for back issues. We are still hopeful of finding more.

Chilliwack Branch AGM scheduled for 2025

We are pleased to advise that we have chosen Saturday, March 8th, 2025 as the date of our AGM. The February, 2025 issue of our “Link Up”, will contain the Agenda, Reports, Financial Statement and membership numbers.

You need to be a **member to vote**, but all are welcome to attend.

We will set up a Zoom link in the new year and advise you.

We will do our best to have it in the morning around 10:00 am PST.



And Remember to renew your membership!

At the same time, we would like to remind everyone to renew their memberships please. We need your support to keep going.

You will find the application for renewal on the final page.

However, as of this writing, the Post office is on strike, so please use the online system set up at www.uelac.ca

A number of you have already renewed!

Thank you so much!

UELAC CONFERENCE 2025

10 - 13 JULY, 2025

LOYALIST CITY

SAINT JOHN NEW BRUNSWICK



United Empire Loyalists Association (UELAC)

Contributed by Andrew Webb

Oct. 19th, 2024

Canadian Military Photos Lost and Found - Research Group

- This past Thursday the grave marker to my 4x great grandparents, Peter Smith Campbell and his wife Catherine Pickard, was finally installed at Greenwood Cemetery in Owen Sound. After years of our family pursuing this endeavour and navigating the red tape of such a project, we finally succeeded in making this a reality. Peter Smith Campbell was born in 1791, the son of a United Empire Loyalist named Robert Campbell who had served with Butler's Rangers throughout their bloody campaigns of the Revolutionary War.
- Peter would follow in his father's footsteps serving during the War of 1812 with Flank Company of the 1st Lincoln Militia through many major engagements including that at Queenston Heights where General Isaac Brock was mortally wounded stopping an American invasion across the Niagara River.
- He farmed there for a number of years forming what came to be known as "Campbell's Cross", an intersection which still exists today. Well into his 50s he then made his way to Owen Sound with some of his sons where he was one of the first settlers in that area. Records show he had a Tavern's license so likely operated one of the earliest such establishments in the area as well. This ultimate 160 mile trek from St Catharines to Owen Sound was made by horse and wagon through dangerous territory to land that still remained unsettled.



Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association

from FB page of Kingston & District Branch of the UELAC

This morning's History Lesson: Long before planes, trains, automobiles, or even rudimentary roads for that matter, water transportation was the only feasible way to move people and goods around the Great Lakes region in the most efficient manner. With 10,322 miles of shoreline, the Great Lakes presented ship captains with numerous hazards to navigation an encounter with any one of which could spell disaster for a voyage. Hence the need for the hundreds of lighthouses that were eventually established to serve as aids to navigation. Bordered by eight U.S. states and Canadian province of Ontario to the north, the Great Lakes remain home to over 350 active lighthouses which is the highest concentration of these historical landmarks in North America. Commercial maritime shipping remains important to the economy and growth of the Great Lakes region. However, modern electronic aids to navigation employed aboard ships today have rendered the old lighthouses redundant for the most part.

Still, lighthouses remain as magnets to travelers drawn to their often scenic locations and interested in the maritime heritage of the Great Lakes.

**Submitted by: Wayne S. Sapulski,
GLLKA Historian**

The Palatines by Alex Greer UE.

At the Victoria Branch UELAC meeting on November 16th, 2024, the members were given a wonderful presentation by Alex Greer UE.

We are highlighting two of the slides here.

Do you recognize any of these names in your family?



IRISH PALATINE FAMILY NAMES

Baker (Becker), Bowen,
Cave, Cripps, Crouse,
Crowe, Delmege, Doupe,
Fizzell, Hartwick, Heck,
Kiel, Laurence, Lodwick,
Lowes, Meyer, Modler
(Miller), Paul, Ross (Rauss),
Ruttle, Sholdice, Shier,
Singer, Stroud, Switzer,
Teskey, Wolf and Young

LOYALIST PALATINE FAMILY NAMES

- Ault; Allbrandt; Baker (Becker); Bouck; Beckstead; Brouse; Barnhardt; Baxter; Carman; Casselman; Cross (Kraus); Cole (Kohl); Collison; Countryman; Cryderman; Cook (Koch); Coons (Kunz); Crowder (Krauter); Crysler; Curran; Dockstader; Dunbar (Damberg); Dingman; Faeder; Fischer;
- Flegg; Froats; Freymire; Garlough; Haines; Hess; Loucks; Link; Merkley (Merckel); Parlow; Ross (Rauss); Richmire; Rosenberger; Saddlemire; Schell; Shoemaker (Sheuemeger); Schwerdtfeger; Snider (Schneider); Silmser; Stata; Strader; Stoneburner; Van Allen; Weaver; Weagant; Weegar;
- Winegard; Young (Jung); and Whitteker.





UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW/RENEW MEMBERSHIP 2025

Many thanks for your continued support.

Annual dues are as follows:

Individual Memberships: \$40.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$55.00

Family Membership: \$55.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$70.00

(A Family membership is for all persons residing at the same address)

If already a member of another branch = \$15.00

Please indicate name of branch: _____

If it is July 1st or later, the membership fee for the balance of the year is ½ price.

Please make your cheque payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch

Your Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Loyalist Ancestor (s) if known: _____

Membership Fees: Please circle the membership category chosen above.

Please mail to Marlene Dance UE, President

5546 Highroad Crescent

Chilliwack, BC V2R 3X9

Or..... Please use our online Renewal at: www.uelac.ca

****If a Family Membership group: please add names of Family members in the appropriate place online or if mailing - on the reverse of this form.****

Your membership includes receiving a copy of our Magazine "The Gazette" twice yearly;
6 issues of the "Link UP" – the Chilliwack Branch newsletter as well as
email reminders for events, sign ups and items of interest.

Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires that our Branch have your consent for us to contact you electronically. By joining our Branch, you are consenting to receive electronic communications from us. You may ask us to remove you from the group email list at any time by replying to one of our communications and asking us to remove you.

If mailing in: Please return this form with your membership.