

Sir Guy Carleton Branch Fall Social

9 November 2019

An overflow crowd of Branch members and guests attended the Fall Social which was held at the City of Ottawa Archives on 9 November, 2019.

A brief social time was followed by the meeting being called to order by Branch President Rosemarie Pleasant. The colours were advanced by Warren Peters and Bill Reid. New members Sue Lambeth, Eric Meek, Becket Soule & Donald Partridge were asked to introduce themselves. Rosemarie noted that the Dominion Conference held in May 2019 was a huge success and she thanked two of members of the organizing committee, Sylvia Powers and Beth Sweetnam for their efforts. Also mentioned were the empty positions on the Executive (Treasurer, Social Convenor & Flag Bearer) and asked anyone who was interested or might know of someone who might be interested in filling one of these positions to contact anyone on the Executive.



Dominion President Sue Morse-Hines & Past Branch President Marg Hall

Marg Hall introduced the afternoon's speaker, Sue Morse-Hines, Dominion President whose topic was "Are Loyalists and their contributions to Canada still relevant in the 21st century". Sue's interest in family history has spanned several decades and there are plans to publish at least 5 books with the assistance of her brother. She emphasized that Canada is a country of immigrants and refugees and that we should all be proud of our ancestry. Changes in the education system and a general lack of understanding by the larger population of who the Loyalists were contribute to the dwindling numbers of various Branches. Outreach and education are the key according to Sue. She encouraged all those present to take every opportunity to inform others about the Loyalists and our special place in Canadian history. She also hopes to publish her presentation in an upcoming issue of The Loyalist Gazette.



Dominion President Sue Morse-Hines

A lively question and answer period followed with several suggestions from attendees on how to promote the organization. As well, two scholarships were mentioned. The John Ruch Bursary at Carleton University and the Dominion UELAC scholarship. Information on how to donate to the John Ruch Memorial Bursary can be found on the [Branch website](#), while information on the Dominion scholarship can be found on the Dominion website at <http://www.uelac.org/>.



Branch President Rosemarie Pleasant

Branch Vice-President Warren Peters thanked Sue for her excellent presentation and giving us all something to think about and how to move forward. Rosemarie reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring Social/Annual General Meeting which will be held in the same location, City of Ottawa Archives, 100 Tallwood Dr. on April 11, 2020. The colours were retired and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40.