

## **2023 UELAC Dorchester Award Recipients**

## 1. Barbara Jane (Lane) Andrew, UE - (Assiniboine Branch UELAC)



In 1999, Barb began researching her family loyalist ancestors and joined the Manitoba Branch UELAC, making the drive from Brandon to Winnipeg to attend meetings.... and remember, there was no Zoom!

She held the position of President of the Manitoba Branch for the years 2006–2008. Following this, she became editor for the Manitoba Branch newsletter, *Loyalist Lines*.



From 2009 to 2013, Barb served as the Prairie Region Councilor, and in 2012, she was elected the UELAC Dominion Vice President. Also, during 2012, Barb undertook the volunteer role as Registrar for the UELAC Dominion Conference held at Winnipeg that year (Conference at the Confluence) and assisted the Conference development at many levels.

From 2013 to 2015, Barb was elected UELAC Dominion Vice President. Following the second term as president, Barb was further elected to serve a 3rd year as Dominion President.

In 2015, Barb helped to support the development of a new branch, the Assiniboine Branch UELAC, getting their charter that same year. The development of this Branch was to support people who may join and attend meetings in the western parts of Manitoba. Barb accepted the role of President for the Branch in 2020, which she continues at present. Barb is also chair of the UELAC Education and Outreach Committee and has spoken at past Dominion Conferences on the subject. Under Barb's leadership, she started the Cemetery Plaque project for the Assiniboine Branch.

From 2015 to 2017, Barb fulfilled the role of Dominion Past President under the presidency of Sue Morse-Hines.



In 2020, Barb was nominated and subsequently elected to the role of Prairie Regional Vice-President, a role she is still actively involved.

2021 was a difficult time for the UELAC Board of Directors and following the untimely death of Past President, Sue Morse-Hines, Barb assumed the role of Acting Dominion Past President to support the current President Patricia Groom.

2022 was another eventful year for Barb. In late April, she travelled to Ontario and assisted with the move of the Dominion Office, the UELAC Library & Archives to Cornwall – this included helping Trish and Carl sort, pack and arrange for the move.

At the vacancy of UELAC Dominion Treasurer in 2022, Barb assumed the role of Acting Dominion Treasurer.

Barb has presented research topics at the branch and regional levels, and at Dominion Conference. This year she is once again, presenting virtually, at the 2023 UELAC Conference. "Where the Sea Meets the Sky."

Her contributions to all aspects of the UELAC have been extraordinary to say the least and she has always been active with a keen sense for volunteering.



In 2022 Barb was nominated by the City of Brandon's Mayor, for Queen Elizabeth II's Jubilee Award which was presented last fall. This award recognizes individuals who have made great volunteer contributions to the community in which they live.

In all she does, Barb is an enthusiastic advocate for the UELAC and definitely 'Goes the extra mile".

Nominated by Liz Adair, UELAC Prairie Region Councilor and the Assiniboine Branch of the UELAC.