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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Mr Barry Mackenzie,
Co-Chairman and Communications Officer,
New Brunswick Branch,
The Monarchist League of Canada.

I send my grateful thanks to the Members of The Monarchist League of Canada, New Brunswick Branch, for their kind message of congratulations, sent on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of my Accession to the Throne.

In return, please accept my good wishes for a most memorable and enjoyable Diamond Jubilee year.

ELIZABETH R.

16th April, 2012.

**Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
1952-2012**

Message from Your Chairmen



Co-Chairmen Dan Taylor and Barry MacKenzie

DIAMOND JUBILEE FUNDRAISING MEMBERSHIP

The Branch has held and participated in several very successful Diamond Jubilee events so far this year. Our largest was the Royal Party at the Plaza, held on May 27th at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. Right from the moment the doors opened the crowds kept c o m i n g .

We have one last event planned for September 15th at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. This event will feature a guest speaker (Robert Finch, Dominion Chairman), entertainment, and a three course meal. So mark your calendars for the last of our events celebrating our Queen's 60 years on the throne.

As you know by now we have launched our major fundraising initiative for 2012. Our 2012 raffle tickets (two booklets) have been mailed to each of our members, asking you to help us raise much-needed funds. The only revenue we receive to carry out our day to day activities are from fundraising. Membership renewals go back to the Head Quarters in Toronto. Therefore, it is important that we raise enough money throughout the year to carry on our goal to protect the Crown in New Brunswick. We hope we can count on you, our members, to assist us in our fundraising goal of raising \$2000.00. Deadline in September 20th.

The Branch has hit an all-time high for membership. We're now approaching 150 members from across the province. Hardly a week goes by without a new membership application arriving in the mail! We are extremely happy with the number and how we are growing as a Branch.

We are currently planning for our AGM. As part of the planning we are also looking at making some changes to our executive. Now that we have grown in size it is time to bring in some new blood and take the Branch to the next step in its evolution. If you are interested in serving the executive please contact us.



Lyndsay Jay-Keating, District 16 winner of the QEII DJ Award

Worthy Students Honoured with Award

One of our major Diamond Jubilee projects has been the establishment of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award for presentation at Regional Heritage Fairs across New Brunswick for the best project in each school district on a topic related to the Queen's Jubilee. Many excellent projects

were awarded this special prize, and each student was given a plaque, special package of literature, and an offer for a free one-year membership in the League. Among the many winners was one of our new members. Lyndsay Jay-Keating, of Maple Glen (Miramichi), whose project was so superbly done that His Hon-

our The Lieutenant Governor has asked for it to be displayed at Government House for the duration of the summer. There is also the possibility that the project will be sent to The Queen as a Diamond Jubilee gift from the province! What an honour! Congratulations to Lyndsay and to all winners!

CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE!

Diamond Jubilee Gala

15 September 2012

*Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, Fredericton
Reception at 6:00pm; Dinner at 7:00pm*

*Special Guest Speaker: Mr. Robert Finch,
Dominion Chairman, Monarchist League of Canada*

Diamond Jubilee Medal Presentations

Tickets available now.

*\$60/person for members; \$70/person for non-members
Special Rate for Students: \$30*

Call 457-0310 Now! Most methods of payment accepted.

Major Fundraiser Now Underway; Please Help!

Each member should by now have received two books of raffle tickets in the mail. Please consider selling or purchasing these tickets - all proceeds will go towards the continued successful operation of the Branch, much of which consists of outreach and promotion of the Crown in the province.

If you do not wish to sell the tickets, please consider making a donation to the Branch instead.

Please return all tickets and monies by 20 September.



The Diamond Jubilee in the UK: A Perspective



Co-Chairman and Mrs. MacKenzie in London for the Diamond Jubilee

Co-Chairman MacKenzie and his family were privileged to spend 10 days in London last month and to take part in the UK's principal Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

There are really no words to express the great excitement which we could feel in every part of the British capital in the days leading up to the Central Jubilee Weekend. Everyone one went, bunting and flags were hung in abundance as the whole of the city and the Commonwealth seemed poised to celebrate our Queen's milestone.

Marielle and Henry and I, along with members of Marielle's family, to take in the Derby at Epsom Downs on June 2nd. The Derby was a highlight for us because it was so un-

like anything one sees in Canada. We enjoyed a wonderful view of the Royal Grandstand from our place in the Lonsdale Enclosure.

On June 3rd, we arrived early at Battersea Park, where we had tickets for a special Jubilee Festival and were afforded a wonderful view of the Thames River Pageant. I can say that one felt as though one was witnessing something very historic, for not since 1652 had such a spectacle been seen on the Thames. It was really quite astonishing how many boats and vessels were part of the procession. A few days later I had the pleasure of running into Bishop Ralph Spence, one of our Heralds, and who was on the ship carrying the British

and Canadian Heralds. He informed me that he noticed countless Canadian flags along the riverbank as his vessel sailed along the Pageant route.

My family and I watched the Concert and Beacon Lighting from the comfort of my sister-in-law's home, but we were in Hyde Park on June 5th to watch the Royal Family returning to Buckingham Palace after the Luncheon following the Service of Thanksgiving and were thrilled to watch the RAF fly-past as it filled the sky above us with red, white, and blue vapour trails.

We were honoured to have been given the chance to witness this historic royal milestone and shall never forget all that we saw and took part in. God Save the Queen!



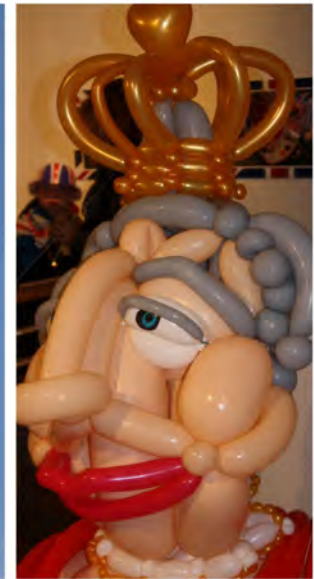
These three young ladies were among the 100+ children who attended our 'Royal Party'

Royal Party at the Plaza a Huge Success

The League's principal Jubilee celebration, the 'Royal Party at the Plaza' on May 27th, was an unmitigated success! We were prepared with enough food and craft supplies for about 100 people and were therefore overwhelmed when over 200 adults and children filled the ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Lord

Beaverbrook Hotel to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Activities included a colouring contest, matching games, a scavenger hunt, craft tables, and a station at which children could write letters to the Queen. Prizes were supplied by Canada Post and many generous members volunteered their

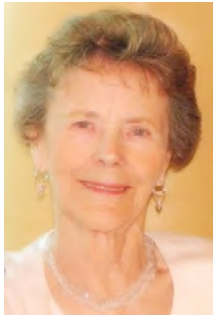
time to help with the activities. The best verdict on the day's success was given by a four year old participant who told one of our volunteers: "This is the best day of my life!" A report and photos have been sent to the Queen along with the letters written by the children.



Co-Chairman MacKenzie's Jubilee Highlights

BRANCH MOURNS LOSS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Last month the Branch Executive lost a faithful member in the person of E. Yvonne (“Bonnie”) Christian, who lost a courageous battle with a lengthy illness . She will be missed.



Requiescat in Pace.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT A DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT IN YOUR AREA?

Tell us about it! The Branch is compiling a list of all Diamond Jubilee events which have taken place and which are still upcoming in New Brunswick. The list continues to grow. If you know of an event in your community, let us know! We’re interested in hearing about it (and seeing photographs) whether it is/was a community garden party or tea with friends.

More Miscellaneous Monarchist Memorandums

- Co-Chairmen MacKenzie and Taylor were in Miramichi in May to host a reception following a tree planting in honour of the Diamond Jubilee which was organized by the Miramichi Garden Club.

- The Branch recently presented a copy of “Canada’s



Constitutional Monarchy” by Nathan Tidridge to the Fre-

derickton Public Library’s “Adopt-a-Book” campaign. The book is accessible through inter-library loan at libraries across the province.

- The next article in a series on the Scottish roots of the Royal Family, focusing on Scotland’s celebrations for the Diamond Jubilees of Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II, appears in the July issue of the NB Scottish Journal.

- Don’t forget to use postage bearing the image of our Sovereign on all of your correspondence. This year Canada Post has made available a beautiful assortment of stamps to

commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

- In the interest of posterity, the Branch executive recently created a fonds for League files



(including minutes, correspondence, photographs, etc) at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. The collection will be added to annually.