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LEAGUE NOTES

Marguerite Dow, UE 1926-2003



Marguerite Dow, UE and Drama at the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Education for 20 years) in a state of traumatic shock, incredulous that such a violent deed as murder could snuff out the life of such a caring and generous woman.

Consumed, since retirement, by her dedication to the care of ailing family members, she died, as one friend stated "a martyr to her own sense of ethical responsibility." For the past 15 years, she dutifully cared for her twin sister, Professor Helen Dow, during a prolonged, increasingly debilitating illness, and subsequently for her elder sister, Dr. Dorothy Walsh, whom she has visited daily in a care facility for the past three years, in addition to caring for Dorothy's husband in his quarters within the family home where she resided.

While sharing their grief, friends have described Marguerite as "generous, caring, kind and thoughtful", "outgoing, friendly and always in good humour", "a charming, very intelligent woman", "a gentle, sweet, delightful person to know", "a meticulous and dedicated teacher". "She was a very vital, warm, deeply spiritual person, devoted to the arts and all things beautiful, a shining example of all that is truly noble in the human spirit."

Marguerite Dow's life was dedicated to the countless worthy causes and organizations she espoused. An ardent monarchist, she was a Life Member of the Monarchist League of Canada and a recipient of the League's silver pin "for exceptional service". While living in London, she chaired the London Branch for three years in the early 1980s. During that period she also served as Branch president of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Subsequently, she was a great supporter of both these organizations in Ottawa.

Marguerite believed passionately in education and in supporting students financially, donating thousands of dollars to create university bursaries in several disciplines, and in establishing a Heritage Writing award. Marguerite was a devoted member of St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Ottawa where she donated a

series of commissioned icons in memory of her sister Helen. At her largely attended funeral service, the Rector summarized Marguerite's life by saying, "For elegance and excellence, for precision and perfection, for dedication and determination, no one matched Marguerite." RIP.

JAB

I last saw Marguerite several Springs ago, when Her Excellency so kindly invited some League members to the unveiling of The Queen Mother's 100th birthday stamp at Rideau Hall. How excited she was to be there! Yet equally characteristically she cut short her stay at the post-ceremony reception in order to keep her vigil of love beside her sister. At the League's suggestion, on May 28th CBC Radio 2's "Take Five" played Mendelssohn's aria and chorus "O Rest in the Lord" and "He that Shall Endure to the End," from his great Oratorio *Elijah* as a tribute to Marguerite. The first sentiment is the wish of all who decry the brutality of her death, and who will long remember Marguerite with deep affection. JLA

JOHN LATIMER: 1930-2003

As Ontario's Deputy and Acting Chief of Protocol in the early 1980's, John came to know members of the Royal Family. But his greatest contribution to society was in the indelible impression he had on young men, both in his 64-year relationship with his beloved Camp Kilcoo – he attended as a boy, bought the Camp, directed it as "Chief" for a quarter-century and then passed it on to his eldest son David, although he remained a constant supportive presence – and as Headmaster of one of Canada's great independent schools, Royal St George's College 1988-96. How delighted he was at the College's receiving the "Royal" designation, and then welcoming HRH The Duchess of Kent for a visit in 1992. John was a deeply loyal monarchist, indefatigably optimistic and always self-effacing. I last saw him at the League's Golden Jubilee Dinner for HRH Prince Michael of Kent in the Spring of 2002. Peggy and he spent some time with the Prince in my hotel suite prior to Dinner, and as always, John radiated life and energy. He died on April 22, leaving behind a lasting legacy. However briefly your life intersected with John's, you realized you had been in the presence of a great and good man. JLA

MORE MEMBERS RECEIVE GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDALS

After the previous issue of *Canadian Monarchist News* printed a list of 97 members of the Monarchist League of Canada known to have received Medals as of March 15, 2003, the League was



Sub-Lt Ken Duff, CD, received his Golden Jubilee Medal from MP Diane Ablonczy.



Hon Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, invests Vancouver Branch Chairman Christopher Trevelyan with Golden Jubilee Medal at ceremony held at Government House, Victoria, on April 23rd, at which Monarchist League and Victoria Branch Executive members Margaret Mace and Graeme Sorley were also presented with their Medals.

delighted to hear of the following, additional awards, bringing the total to 114. CMN will continue to update its list as news of additional presentations is received.

Congratulations to the following, listed together with the source of their nomination:

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Alison J.F. Collins, Victoria, BC

A MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT
OF CANADA

Sub-Lt Ken Duff, CD, Victoria, BC

Paul Pirie, Fort Frances, Ontario

THE LOYAL SOCIETIES OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Shawn Wade, Vancouver, BC

THE ROYAL HERALDRY SOCIETY
OF CANADA

Gordon MacPherson, Burlington,
Ontario

Bruce Patterson, Ottawa

John Wilkes, Toronto

OTHER PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Kirk Howard, Toronto

George Kinloch, Montreal

Frank Kozar, Edmonton

Edward A McNabb, Ottawa

John Medcof, Toronto

Lisa Mitchell, Toronto

Colin Moore, Wooler, Ontario

Betty Price, Toronto

Ivor Vavasour, Toronto

Claudia Willetts, Toronto

CMN FEEDBACK FORM: GENEROUS MEMBER WINS SALES CREDIT

About 30 readers returned the feedback form printed in the Winter-Spring issue of *Canadian Monarchist News*.



John Latimer (front, far right) with HRH Prince Michael of Kent and Chairman's special guests prior to Golden Jubilee Banquet 2002

LEAGUE NOTES



Ed Reid, co-Chairman of the League's SW Nova Branch, received his Golden Jubilee Medal from Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by HH Larry Freeman, at an Investiture held at HMCS Cornwallis on May 19

Their responses, for which we are grateful – and perhaps more significantly, the lack of reply from more readers – suggested a general satisfaction with the publication, although the sample was too small from which to draw firm conclusions, and the answers often contradictory! In any event, after shuffling the stack of replies 50 times in honour of The Queen's Coronation Jubilee, member **Norbert Krommer**, from Lindsay, Ontario, emerged as winner of a \$50 *Sales for Subjects* credit. He generously responded to the Chairman's message announcing his prize with the request that the funds be used instead for the League's work. Thank you, Norbert, for your generosity. And renewed appreciation to all who shared their views.

VICTORIA MEMBER ATTENDS CORONATION CONCERT IN PARIS

« **UN COURONNEMENT A WESTMINSTER** » **HOMMAGE à SM. LA REINE ELIZABETH II à l'occasion du 50^{ème} anniversaire de son couronnement**”

by Bill Wolferstan

On Thursday, the 22nd of May I had the opportunity to attend a marvelous concert to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Coronation of our Queen. What was unique about this concert was that it took place in the huge Eglise Madeleine near the centre of Paris, next to Place Concorde. All of the choral works were sung in English by a massed choir composed primarily of French speaking choristers, accompanied by French musicians. This “Hommage” was both incredibly moving and superbly sung. Although many Commonwealth expats were in attendance, the majority of the audience was French speaking. The concert started with original tapes of the background noises prior to the service outside the Abbey – church bells, roaring crowds, horses hooves on pavement, marching soldiers and military commands. It was punctuated by a running commentary in French, with the various moments of the Coronation ceremony described, and the meaning of the words sung explained. The programme included many of the anthems, hymns, psalms and instrumental music composed and performed for the Coronations of past Monarchs – such as Parry's « *I was Glad* » to which the future sovereign enters Westminster Abbey; Purcell's « *Hear my*

prayer », (composed for the Coronation of Queen Mary); « *My Heart is Inditing* », Handel (George II); Stanford's « *Te Deum* », and parts of the mass composed by Vaughan Williams (Elizabeth II).

The Choir was founded in 1987 to promote English cathedral music, by former Salisbury chorister Christopher Wells and his French wife Odile. They live in Paris and have four children. These children, and a handful of friends became the nucleus of the Choir, whose boys are trained to sing traditional English cathedral repertoire, adopting the style and vocal techniques of English choristers.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the adjourned 2002 and the 2003 Annual General Meetings of the Monarchist League of Canada, Incorporated, will take place at the Colonial Room, 133-9th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, on Friday, August 1st, 2003, at 5:00 o'clock pm MDT, for the transaction of the following business in respect of each fiscal year: a) to receive the report of the Directors; b) to receive the report of the Auditors; c) to appoint Auditors for the forthcoming fiscal year; d) to elect Directors; e) to approve amendments to the By-Laws. John Aimers, Director & Dominion Chairman

COLOUR LITHO PORTRAITS OF QUEEN AVAILABLE

FREE OFFER TO LEAGUE MEMBERS KINDNESS SHEILA COPPS

Canadian Heritage Minister Sheila Copps has kindly made available to the Monarchist League of Canada 5,000 copies of the Golden Jubilee photographic portrait poster of Her Majesty The Queen. The League is asking members to request copies, and then – according to one's means and the needs of the receiving organization – to have them framed or foam-core mounted, and present them to your local community centre, fire hall, school, place of worship, Legion Hall, hospital, library – anywhere where they will be visible! (*Remember, in Provinces participating in the federal Jubilee programme, all schools will be receiving copies from their provincial governments. Make sure that your principal displays the photo visibly and that it is not “lost.”*) POSTERS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. The modest cost of postage and mailing tubes is being partly subsidized by the League. Like the Minister, and no doubt, our members and readers, we hope that this portrait will receive the widest possible distribution, and hang for many years not only as a remembrance of the Jubilee but also as a reminder of Canada's status as a constitutional monarchy. *At this point, we are limiting distribution to five per member.* Please request only the number that you feel certain you can place visibly in your community.

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BY THEIR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

The Monarchist League of Canada gratefully remembers those departed members whose bequests over the last decade have assisted to provide for the maintenance of the League's work across the Dominion of Canada whose Sovereign they faithfully served in life and whose welfare they forgot not in death. R.I.P.

Ronald Roy Anger, Toronto, Ontario

William Atkinson, Ajax, Ontario

Walter Heslop Bilbrough, Toronto, Ontario

Kenneth Connolly, Stoney Creek, Ontario

Francis William Dollman, Victoria, British Columbia

William Vernon Goodfellow, Hamilton, Ontario

Ronald Powell Graham, Hamilton, Ontario

Reginald Gordon Harris, Kelowna, British Columbia

Isabel Louise Hill, Fredericton, New Brunswick

Ruth MacKay Kennedy, Halifax, Nova Scotia

James Milton MacDonald, Toronto, Ontario

Eileen Evelyn Parker, Calgary, Alberta

Natalie Platner, Markham, Ontario

Helen Ralston, Toronto, Ontario

Daniel Edward Sage, Corbeil, Ontario

Grace Smith, Toronto, Ontario

Murray W. Waterman, Calgary, Alberta

Elsie Wight, Ottawa & Toronto, Ontario

A prominent League member and benefactor, Mr. Alex Paton of Victoria, BC, has written a letter on the subject of wills, which he kindly gave permission for the League to circulate in any way that might be helpful. The Dominion Chairman sent it, along with a covering letter from the League, to all Life Members and to major contributors. If you would like to receive copies of this material, Mr. Aimers would cheerfully send them to you on request. In his final paragraph, the Chairman stated, “As I reflect on what, together, we have accomplished over this last quarter-century and more, nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to know that some of our most dedicated members will wish to help continue the work which we have endeavoured to do in life.”

Make Sure The Work Goes On!

Members who would like to ensure the continuation of the work of the Monarchist League of Canada in the years ahead, so that generations of the future may know the benefits of the Monarchy, are urged to consider the League's needs in making their wills. A suggested form of bequest, devised by the League's Honorary Solicitor, is provided below.

I give and bequeath (or, in the case of real property: I give, devise and bequeath) to the Monarchist League of Canada Incorporated, P.O. Box 1057, Oakville, Ontario L6J 5E9, the sum of _____.

Please send me ___ copies of the Golden Jubilee photo poster of The Queen For packaging and mailing, I enclose \$5 for the first photo and \$1 for each additional photo – to a maximum of five. TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____

Mail to: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CODE: _____