

REBECCA BERNEY FRANCES FRASER UE

During a period of 25 years, Past President, Rebecca Fraser has taken on all the executive roles at least once if not more - often at the same time. She has been President, Treasurer, Genealogist, Secretary, and most recently Librarian and Membership. Feisty and steadfast, she is an absolute anchor to this branch.

People in the membership remember Rebecca in the forefront and the background. And it is from the background that she emerged and assumed responsibilities in areas where volunteers could not be found.

I am told "it was Rebecca who gathered the branch in her arms and kept it going when it tottered on the edge of disbandment. She kept it going, she did it all. Without her, the branch would have folded years ago".

This nomination comes not only from the roles Rebecca, capably performed, but mostly for the role she played that is not so self-evident. It is for stepping forward and holding the branch together until it passed critical moments and threat of disbandment. It is for preserving all the hard work begun by the founding charter members 1932 so that it could be passed to people willing to 'step up to the plate' of being good stewards of a legacy, still not well enough known.

If the membership is not aware of Rebecca's key input to the survival of Vancouver Branch, let it now be declared and acknowledged publicly by awarding her the 2009 Phillip E. M. Leith Award.

Many thanks and honour is due her.

