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**Sent:** March-30-15 9:17 AM

**To:** John Manougian

**Subject:** Re: Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Award

Hello Mr. Manougian:

RE: Nomination for the 2015 Phillip E. M. Leith UE Award

The Thompson-Okanagan Branch of the UELAC is nominating Patricia Kelderman UE for the Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Award in 2015.

Pat joined the Thompson Okanagan Branch in 1997. She served as the Branch President from 2000 to 2002 and as Past President 2003 to 2013. Pat is currently the Branch's Vice-President and Social Convener. She hosts the Thompson Okanagan Branch's annual potluck every August.

Moreover, Pat has hosted numerous Dominion Presidents and Pacific Regional members and partners at her own home. Pat was instrumental in UELAC Conference held in 2010 in Vernon, BC. She also started the Branch's tradition of planting red geraniums in May in Vernon at the Cenotaph to honour our fallen Loyalist ancestors.

In addition, Pat served on the Dominion Committee of The Loyalist Burial Project. She has attended many Dominion Conferences. Overall, Pat is a devoted member of Thompson Okanagan Branch UELAC and therefore deserving of this award.

Thank-you,

William Adams U.E., President,  
Thompson-Okanagan Branch  
United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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To: Vancouver Branch Leith Award Committee:

I am very honoured to be nominated and chosen for such a wonderful award in the name of Phillip E.M. Leith for 2015. I would be happy to accept this award. Time has been so busy with all of life's trials and tribulations. My sister Beverley Balch UE, now Past President of the Grand River Branch is finally on the road to recovery and possibly going home soon. It has been a long arduous journey for her. The death of our Mom, Lola J. Timson UE was a trying time for all but it has opened many doors and given us as siblings a greater sense of family. We must come from good Loyalist stock.

My ancestors are Adam Young born 1717 in Stone Arabia, New York. He and his 5 sons fought with Butler's Rangers and settled along the Grand River in southern Ontario. The Young family descendants have an Adam Young Memorial plaque along the Grand River erected in 2000 to honour our Loyalist heritage. It was a very proud moment.

Daniel Secord UE was born in Westchester County , New York. Daniel was with the Indian Department, married a Mohawk woman and settled near the present day Mohawk Chapel in Brantford, Ontario.

I joined the Thompson Okanagan Branch in 1997 and have had a very great Loyalist discovery journey. I found it gave me a greater sense of myself. My journey has taken me to many parts of my family.

I have written a book "Adam Young UE, A family History 1717-2014". The proceeds from my book help to restore a Young family cemetery in Caledonia, Ontario.

As it turns out this year the Adam Young and Catharine Elizabeth Schremling family descendants will be honouring Adam Young's son Daniel Young and grandson Peter Young for the part they played in the War of 1812. Ceremonies will be held at the Young family reunion this July. I am indeed very proud of my Loyalist families.

Thank you for the honour. I will not be attending the Conference sadly but we will hold our Branch's 20th Anniversary luncheon in June so maybe we can set a time and date for the occasion.

Loyally Pat Kelderman UE