

## **Phillip E M Leith Memorial Volunteer Award**

*Nomination for:*

**Jan Ouellet, Chilliwack Branch**

Janice Ouellet has been a member of Chilliwack branch for over 24 years. During that time, she has contributed in so many ways.

She first appears in the branch history reports in the Fall 1997 announcing her joining. She immediately jumped in, volunteering for many things including overseeing refreshments at our Regional Heritage Fair at Cooks Presbyterian Church. Then another event in 2000, where she oversaw a St. Patrick's Day dinner for a large branch group attending.

She appears yearly thereafter in this capacity providing a valuable service for almost all branch events.

In addition, Jan has attended most UELAC Conferences across the country since 2000 in Niagara Falls. A special tradition has evolved where she always has a picture taken at every conference with Carl Stymiest UE, who is a good friend.

Jan hosted a garden party in spring 2010 at her home, in honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Navy, in which both she and her late husband Rene served. Rene passed in the fall of 2009.

In 2014 Jan was front and centre ensuring our refreshments at the special branch celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the UELAC were beautifully set and served to over seventy-five people.

And again during 2016, at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch, Jan was led the way, ensuring the refreshment table was in order and served sixty plus people.

More recently at the Robbie Burns luncheon in 2019, Jan made and served our "Haggis" look-alike to rave reviews. In addition, she also, set up a beautiful table display of items from Scotland that she had collected over the years.

Jan served as Chair of the Hospitality Suite at the Victoria 2015 Conference and has again accepted this task for 2023. She has overseen our branch refreshment arrangements at every meeting for over 20 years. Jan quietly goes about these tasks with efficiency. She is to be admired for her work.

This type of dedication is often overlooked, other than a “thank you” at the end of a meeting.

We would like to see Jan’s contribution in this regard be recognized for the valuable service she is to our branch and to the Pacific Regional conferences.

This is important work and very much appreciated.

**Nominated by:**  
**Marlene Dance UE**  
**President,**  
**Chilliwack Branch UELAC**

**Nomination seconded by:**  
**Judy Scholz UE**  
**Secretary**  
**Chilliwack Branch UELAC**



*Jan Ouellet (Chilliwack Branch) receiving the 2021 Leith Award Trophy & Medallion*