

Philip E.M. Leith medal presentation to Wendy Clapp.

The Philip E.M. Leith Memorial Award for volunteer excellence was awarded to Sandra Farynuk, UE of the Thompson Okanagan Branch and to Wendy Clapp of the Victoria Branch at the 2023 UELAC conference in Vancouver.

Wendy was not able to attend the conference due to a mishap during day surgery in Vancouver on May 8, 2023. Since then Wendy has spent her time in various hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria. She was released from the hospital in Victoria on January 26 and is now home where her healing process continues.

On February 11, many of the Victoria Branch executive got together at the Compeer residence in Esquimalt for the award presentation. Wendy arrived at the gathering and was surprised to see people other than the Compeers. Her husband, Jim, was in on the ruse.

The award was presented by Frans Compeer, the newly elected president of the Victoria Branch. Betty Compeer, UE read the nomination letter to Wendy. Both Betty and Frans were thrilled to be able to present the award and Wendy was even more thrilled to receive it.



Many thanks to the attendees for making this such a memorable event.



In a circle starting with
Jim Clapp
Wendy Clapp
Frans Compeer
(reflection)
Betty Compeer, UE
Lynda Curran
Barry Curran, UE
Judith McMullen
Brian McMullen, UE
Catherine Fryer, UE
Ruth Rogers, UE