



Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP Sean Conway awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Award to many long-serving members of the Women's Auxiliary. Each had more than 50 years of service.

Jubilee medals recognize WI service

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More than two dozen long-time members of Renfrew South Women's Institutes have been honoured with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for their dedicated volunteer work.

Many of the recipients received their medals from Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP Sean Conway at a ceremony at the Admaston-Bromley municipal office Jan. 31.

"You are here to receive

what you richly deserve," said Admaston-Bromley Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe, noting there was more than a millennium (1,000 years) of volunteer service in the room.

Conway explained that the medal, struck to mark Queen Elizabeth's 50 years on the throne, recognizes significant contributions to community and/or Canada. The WI recipients honoured all have at least 50 years of volunteer service.

Conway also presented a medal to his own nominee,

former Bromley Reeve Clarence McBride, for his involvement in a "whole host" of community and farm organizations and initiatives. "He's a very active community leader," said Conway ... I can't think of a more fitting honour."

Renfrew South WI president Karen Pender and public relations director Jo-Anne Camelon helped Conway present the medals.

Pender noted that the WI had the distinction of receiving the most Jubilee medals of any organization

in Ontario. The WI, with its decades of service, is a great example of why the medals are being bestowed, Conway said.

"You've set an enormously good example," he said, adding their commitment provides a challenge and encouragement for younger people to volunteer.

The WI members not able to attend the ceremony or send a representative had the medals presented in their homes or at the Grove in Arnprior.