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## **LUCILLE ONO AWARD**

For many years our top award has been named in memory of Lucille Ono. Lucille's story is filled with emotion and reminds us what it means to be a New Democrat.

Lucille was born in Canada to Japanese-Canadian parents and lived her first 25 years in British Columbia.

Lucille's husband passed away in 1940 in an industrial accident. In 1941, Lucille, her two daughters, and her parents were incarcerated in an internment camp. This was Lucille's first encounter with politics in Canada. She and her family noted that the CCF was the only party speaking out against the internment

After their release, Lucille and her family, having been stripped of all property and possessions, moved to Manitoba where she immediately involved herself with the CCF and eventually the NDP.

Selling homemade baking, donating to and running garage sales, Lucille volunteered her time to further the cause of social justice through the CCF/NDP. A dedicated and tireless volunteer, Lucille spent many hours in people's homes selling Party memberships and was a regular at Provincial Office. Her daughter Pat married Al Mackling who was a cabinet minister with the Ed Schreyer and Howard Pawley governments.

In 1981, in what remains an unsolved murder, Lucille was slain in her St. James home. In a move so typical of Lucille the majority of her estate was left to the NDP. The Lucille Ono award is our top award proudly presented at each and every annual Convention.

The Lucille Ono Award is given to **long-term members** who have worked at several different levels of the organization and who have demonstrated steadfast support of the party and its principles.

### STANLEY KNOWLES SOLIDARITY AWARD

Stanley Knowles epitomized the special relationship between party and labour that this award is intended to recognize.

As a lifelong member of the International Typographical Union, a founding member of the CCF/NDP, a member of the Canadian Labour Congress Executive, and a long-serving Member of Parliament, Stanley Knowles worked tirelessly to advance the cause of social justice for working people through both labour and party.

The Stanley Knowles Solidarity Award is given to a **trade unionist** who has shown a deep commitment to working people and the achievement of social justice through recognized contributions to the union movement and the Manitoba NDP.

# **DAVID WOODBURY AWARDS**

The David Woodbury Awards are presented at each Convention to members who have a demonstrated history of activism and supporting the work of their constituency association.

A long-time party activist, organizer, and former Provincial Secretary and Party President, David Woodbury left a monumental impact on our party. David is remembered for his astute political sense, impressive organizing skills, and his unwavering dedication to the Manitoba NDP and social democratic values.

Following his passing in 2021, his commitment to our party was memorialized through the naming of the David Woodbury Award. Recipients of this award are the **longtime constituency volunteers** who are grassroots heroes of our Party, stepping up at the local level to do the work that makes our movement successful.

Note: several of these awards may be presented at each Convention.

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# NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations should take the form of a letter detailing the reasons for nomination (including a biography, if possible) and forwarded to the Provincial Secretary, 878 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3G OP1 or emailed to convention@mbndp.ca.

Nominations for the Lucille Ono and Stanley Knowles awards may be submitted by individuals, constituency associations, or affiliates. Nominations for David Woodbury Awards must be submitted by constituency associations. The deadline for award nominations to be sent to the Provincial Secretary is **Thursday, April 11**.