

The International Association of Women Police Heritage Award is an honour bestowed upon an individual member, or members, for their substantial and significant contributions to women police and the IAWP.

The honour records, recognises and appreciates outstanding and dedicated service to the IAWP. It is the highest tribute given by the association.

Heritage Award winners represent the legacy of the IAWP. By virtue of participating in its history, and having a resolve that the organisation evolves, these leaders confront core goals and serve as tangible evidence to the rest of us of the honour it is to serve the IAWP.

In 2014 the IAWP selected two members to receive the Heritage Award.

IAWP Heritage Award Winner 2014: Maureen L. Ing

Maureen L. Ing is in her 36th year with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD).

Her first role, in pre-computer days, was typewriting from hand written incident reports a daily bulletin and Crown Counsel reports for court. She moved to Quality Control reading reports to ensure the victims, suspects/accused, witnesses, property captured were coded for Statistics Canada. From there, she spent seven years in Traffic Records taking citizen filed accident or hit & run reports.

When VPD developed its own computer system to capture in-house statistical information, she was chosen to enter as many traffic tickets in a 3 hour test period – on a never seen before computer template. It took other staff members a year before reaching her totals!

While assigned to the Information Management Section her assignments included quality control; CPIC – NCIC adding, querying and removing warrants, probation orders, property and vehicles; data entry; contacting the registered owners of stolen vehicles and liaising with tow companies.

In 2012, she transferred to the Property Office, located in a new state of the art 80,000 square foot building. There is a dry cleaning style conveyer belt which can hold up to 400 bicycles; sealed garages for serious crime vehicle investigation; walk in deep freezer, refrigerator and blood drying locker room for forensic investigation;

moveable shelving holding evidence and recovered property; gun storage room and drug seizure room.

In 1981 she joined fellow Heritage Award winner Carol Ann Halliday typewriting 1983 IAWP Conference correspondence, making stuffed Teddy Bears for fund raising and selling raffle tickets for the bears.

She said: "At the time I thought I would never sell a book of 10 tickets, much less over 60 books at \$0.50 a ticket. During the 1983 conference I was in the background completing the delegate list by regions. It was at this time I made many lifelong IAWP and VPD friends.

"Through the years, I would arrive at the conference hotel, check in with the host committee and see what needed to be finished pre-registration : stuffing conference bags in Vancouver x 2, Pittsburgh, Birmingham, UK and Leeds, UK; unpack and sort IAWP ways and means goodies in Miami; help at the membership table during Board meetings or during most conferences - thanks Jeanette Taylor and Wendy Wilson for the time together."

Alongside her work for the IAWP Maureen has many interests. She has been taking lessons in Japanese folk dance since 1983. She said: "Lessons are held for six weeks before Bon Odori Festival in July and celebrates our ancestors. We are dressed in our finery, cotton yukatas (kimonos) and obis."

In 1992 she joined St James Anglican Church, and became its first sides' woman and greeter. For 15 years the



church priests hosted a Newcomers Dinner with a \$100 budget and Maureen would help to set up the tables, cook and wash up for a sit down served dinner for more than 30 people.

In 2005 the Vancouver Police Department executive sanctioned the first Police Lion Dance team in Canada, of which Maureen is a member; the other North American teams are in New York City and San Francisco. In conjunction with the Vancouver Chinatown Community Policing Centre (CCPC) volunteers, they practice once a week for 90 minutes doing warm up exercises and dance routines. Their performances include at the 2006 Chinatown New Year Parade along with New Year and St Patrick's Day Parades. In 2013 the Team was invited to be 'a challenge' in the Amazing Race Canada. The Team has been in the Vancouver Pride Parade, New Westminster Hyack Parade, Powell Street Festival, Vaisakhi Parade, Children's Festival.

Maureen's said: "I hold the IAWP very close to my heart and have adopted family in Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Himalaya, South Africa, United States, Canada and Britain."