



Hurondale WI

On October 31, 2012, Hurondale WI Members invited guests to attend a ROSE Session with the theme, "Make-A-Wish" and "Dealing with Children's Dreams".

The Branch arranged for Rose Rubin from the Make-A-Wish Foundation to give a presentation and show a film.

The Southwestern Ontario division of the Make-A-Wish Foundation was formed in 1986. They celebrated their 25th Anniversary in 2011, having completed 900 wishes and 100 wishes still in the works. The Mission of the Foundation is to grant the wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions and to enrich the experience with hope, strength and joy.

The Branch knew that this topic would be of interest to others and had a good turnout of 25. Before the program, dessert was served, along with a social time. Hurondale WI (London Area) made a donation of \$170 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



Pictured (L-R) in the back row: Barb Ratz, Leona Hern, Marian Dougall, Mavis Atthill, Anne Bray, Marjorie Oke, Margaret McCarter, Shirley Cooper, Agnes Bray, Rose Rubin, Margaret Stewart, Lorraine Alexander, Glenna Laddell, Helen Webber, Jean Mills and June Stewart. Front row: Jane Dearing, Anne Cottle, Marilyn Pym, Fern Dougall, Bev Campbell and Mabel Hern.

Russell District

The Russell Fair opening ceremonies were doubly special in 2012! Russell Village WI Member Diny Achtereekte was selected as the District's 2012 Woman of Excellence Fair Award winner! Congratulations Diny! Diny felt she had already been celebrated when she received her award at the District Convention, so on Fair Opening it was suggested that the two longest-serving Members of each Branch (Russell Village WI and North Russell WI) be the Official Ribbon Cutters and Openers of the 2012 Russell Fair!



Pictured (L-R) are WI Members Bep Staal (RVWI - 53 yrs), Ethel Hamilton (NRWI - 52 yrs), Irene Paul (NRWI - 58yrs) and Coby Bols (RVWI - 53yrs). Together that is 216 years of dedicated service to the Russell community!

Women's Institutes were also well represented in the Celebrity Cow Milking Contest at the Russell Fair! First Prize went to the Mayor of Russell Township, Jean-Pierre St. Pierre; second prize to Susan Dunfield, North Russell WI; third prize to Sheila Minogue-Calver, Navan WI; Ina Henry of Russell Village WI also participated. A video has been produced, complete with the crowd cheering on their favourite milkers.



Pictured (L-R): Susan Dunfield, Sheila Minogue-Calver and Jean-Pierre St. Pierre.

Pictured: Sheila had great fun milking this beautiful Jersey cow! Monies are going to the Russell District Women's Institutes for all the good work they do in their areas.

