

Mar W.I. report

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Nine members gathered at the hall for the Mar WI meeting. Reports from our fish dinner were positive. We increased the portions, there was lots of help and every thing went smoothly. We did well with the profits and the people served were pleased. Many want us to do one in the fall and a few first timers said they will be back for next year's fish dinner. Once the community realized we needed help, they responded graciously. A schedule is being worked on for the grass cutting over the summer including a few boys who want to do community hours.

Roll Call was to name something money can't buy. Kindness, health, happiness, love, hope, good friends, loving family, peace, God's creation as well as a good husband. The last one created some debate as to whether you could actually buy this one! Volunteer hours were reminded to be totaled for the latest fish dinner and luncheons. Roadside clean up is also being done by a few members and this always is an ongoing project. Thanks to those that do and I know that

many appreciate it.

We joined the Bluebell WI in celebrating 50 years. They have an interesting history starting from the need to help with the war time effort. They have kept many old articles of records, pictures and display of events and past families. To see the actual old pieces was amazing. Musical and funny entertainment was provided. Pins were received. All the surrounding WI's were represented.

Mar WI will be celebrating 100 years next year so this gave us some ideas on how to present ours.

On Friday we gathered to be part of Marion Clark's funeral in Hepworth. Marion was a dear member and WI was a big part of her life. She contributed many worthwhile ideas and was our secretary for years. The Mary Stewart Collect was read. President Susan White gave an eulogy. We all recited the 23 Psalm which was Marion's favourite. The Lord's Prayer ended our part. Reverend Audrey Brown did the service. Tea, sandwiches and sweets were served at the hall after the Red Bay grave side ceremony.

Mar W.I. visits Elk Farm

7 members and 4 guests met at the Community Centre for lunch and a brief meeting. It was great to see everyone as we do not meet as a group during the summer.

President Susan White opened the meeting the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The correspondence was read and treasurer's report was given.

A date of Wed. Sept. 22nd was chosen to meet at the community centre at 10 a.m. to put the bags together for the upcoming convention.

A "Come and Go Tea" is planned for Sunday Oct. 3rd for Ken and Kathy Peacock. They are leaving this fall and returning to New Zealand. All members were asked to donate a pan of squares for this tea.

An invitation from Colpoy's Branch was received inviting members to a play on November 4th.

Members then met at the Elk farm of Eric and Dale Robinson and Eric kindly gave us a very detailed tour of the facility. He explained

the importance of the antlers and how medicinal the properties can be for people suffering from certain health challenges. After viewing the barn where they are very well set up for performing certain tasks such as vaccinations, removal of the antlers, and overall maintenance of the animals we then ventured out to the field to view the elk.

Everyone enjoyed the outing and commented we need to have more of this type of activity.