

children. She did no criminal law.

She also served on the federal Status of Women's Council and the provincial Hospital Appeal Board while in Toronto.

Butler closed her law practice in 1990 and returned to Belleville. Butler served on the Loyalist College board of governors for three years and other community boards. She has also been busy collecting nativity sets, paper weights, masks, decorated eggs and small boxes.

She is renowned for her collection of more than 100 nativity sets gathered from around the world. Loyalist displays some of her nativity sets every winter.

She's also proud of having had a Yorkshire by her side since 1965.

Butler has been involved with the university women's federation for many years. The federation awarded her with grants during her three years of law school "and I feel committed to doing whatever I could to help the individual club."

The "Quinte Women of Distinction" book has kept her extremely busy the past two years.

She said the book celebrates the lives of more than 70 Quinte-area women. It showcases their achievements and contributions to the social, educational, economic and cultural life locally, nationally and internationally.

Butler believes readers of all ages will enjoy the well researched, detailed stories. The book profiles pioneers, Loyalists, doctors, nurses, spiritualists, scientists, heroines, artists and musicians. They include Dr. Emma Connor, Olive Delaney, Ruth Burrows, Alison Kuglin, Polly Meyers, Susanna Moodie, Connie Burns and Phillipa Faulkner.

Some of the women profiled have earned the Order of the British Empire, Order of Canada, Order of Ontario and even a papal medal from the Vatican.

More than half the profiles are completed and will be at the Cobourg printers later this month while the remainder will be forwarded next month.

The book will be published in October with an official launch party in Belleville.

The book retails for \$35 but advanced copy sales are now available at \$30 by calling Butler at 962-0214.

Proceeds from the book are earmarked for the CFUW's Belleville and District Scholarship Fund. The fund dispenses \$3,000 a year in grants to high school graduates entering community college and university.

Working on the book has been a real learning experience, Butler said.

"The computer work on this project has been overwhelming and that surprised me because computers were supposed to make everything magic. But they don't.

"We have all learned so much through this project and forged friendships...every hour has been well spent."