

Avonton: "Having the annual meeting as a dinner meeting really gets members out and joining." **Carlingford** "got a good turnout" at their annual meeting by starting with a pot luck dinner at noon.

Laurentian View has gained new members in two ways: by getting non-members interested in the local leader project — it was Focus on Finishes this time, and by inviting them to the family night where they had a pot luck supper and crokinole afterwards.

Cobden: Some women joined the Institute because they had taken the millinery course.

Hawkestone: "We hope to have programs of interest to young women."

Cain's Corners hopes to attract young mothers by being friendly and encouraging them to bring their children to the meetings.

Duntroon besides trying to have interesting programs, plans to have more meetings at night when young mothers can attend. **Union Street** has evening meetings from June to October.

Here is something interesting. **Mill Creek** reports: "Our Institute has passed on literature received from the County Home Economist to a 'Neighborhood Club.' These women live mainly in a suburban development in the Mill Creek district and are younger women. They are carrying on a 'homemakers' club' but they have no desire at present to become involved in the red tape of any provincial, national, world wide women's organization."

Stamford: "We are planning to invite non-members to our potluck luncheons and to take the local leader project and our short course with us this year."

Millgrove has a new housing development nearby and the women are being invited to the Institute.

King's Forest Branch says: "We are going to contact former members. Perhaps their reason for not renewing membership has passed and only a nudge would be needed to bring them back."

Markham will invite all previous members to their sixtieth anniversary; will also send them copies of the year's program.

Comments and Suggestions

Clavering: "Any Institute not having a family night should try one. Our roll call was 'Why I belong to the Institute' and a roll call for the men: 'Why I like my wife to belong to the Institute.' It was a compliment to the women to hear all the nice things the husbands said." . . . "A school committee is a must in our community and we believe it would help teachers in most schools."

Greely Manotick Station: "We highly recommend neighboring branches getting together at least once a year for a meeting as well as a social evening."

Kars: "We find that it makes a nice beginning to a meeting to follow the official opening with music, singing, poetry or a short reading."

Monteith recommends as a way to raise funds in small branches, an auction of new and used jewelry.

Blue Lake and Auburn: "We find that a 'flyer' sent out a few days before a meeting brings the members out if there is to be something 'special' at the meeting which happens with us quite often."

Amherst Island: "We have six afternoon meetings and six evening meetings as the young mothers prefer the evening meetings and the older members the afternoons. We have most of our meetings in members' homes with a committee to arrange for the lunch so the hostess just has to give the use of her home."

Ilderton: "We have quite a few older members and we are trying to work our new members in as program conveners. They have new ideas."

Mount Elgin: "The past two years we have held our annual meeting at a dinner party in a restaurant with many more attending than formerly." **Sandhill** has a buffet lunch on annual meeting day.

Summerville: "Our birthday jar provides pennies for friendship and helps pay delegates' expenses . . . We do not solicit members but we find that invitations to special events, remembering both members and non-members when they need a friend, generally gets the desired results."

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CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS (Ecclesiastes 11:1)

By Jean S. Fawcett

Dear Lord,
The manna which Thou sendst each day
Upon my undeserving head
Will mould and spoil if gathered
And laid by to keep.
Out of Thy generous bounty,
Thou knowst I do not need it all.
It cannot be that I,
Well fed and cosseted in every way,
Need all that has been laid before my door.

And so, dear Lord,
Help me each day to see the one
Whose need is greater far than mine;
His need, so far exceeding his supply,
Could so well use what I would gladly spare.

Then, only then,
As my bread floats upon the waters —
(Guided, I pray, by Thy just hand
To show where it should go) —
Then can I share with Thee the joy of giving;
And turn with thankful heart
To my remaining part
To find, behold! It has been blessed
And now is truly mine —
The heavenly repast of bread and wine.

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