



# Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario

## Jean Scott

In November, Jean Scott branch sponsored a creative cookery demonstration featuring Japanese, Italian and Mexican food. Other educational programs include a woman lawyer speaking on family law and for the future, a meeting on the clean water for all project, a tour of a funeral home, and a teacher to speak on special education are planned.

## Hastings

As a money-making project, Hastings is selling cook books this year. Each member has contributed favorite recipes and by the end of 1983, the branch hoped to sell 500 copies. Member Alison Cooke took the women on a tour of France and England with slides from a recent vacation at Hastings' October meeting.

## Maple Keys

Maple Keys is hosting the District Three spring meeting on Saturday, April 7. The theme is Sugaring Off. A tour of the Maple Keys sugar bush is planned.

## Norfolk

In November, Norfolk's guest speaker was Ms. Jo-Anne Guindon, a family therapist from the Lynwood Family Centre in Simcoe. Her topic was self-esteem. She encouraged all members to participate in exercises on self-esteem and the women enjoyed a stimulating evening.

## West End

Members of West End were involved in a number of different activities in 1983. At one meeting they learned about outdoor gardening and at a Christmas meeting they learned how to make a gingerbread house. The branch is working on a scrap book of their activities which they hope to have completed before the end of the 1983-'84 year. West End JWI gave a donation of \$50 to a group who are renovating an apartment building in Guelph to accommodate the physically disabled. The renovations will include lower elevator buttons, the installation of ramps, floors raised, cupboards lowered and doors widened, for example.

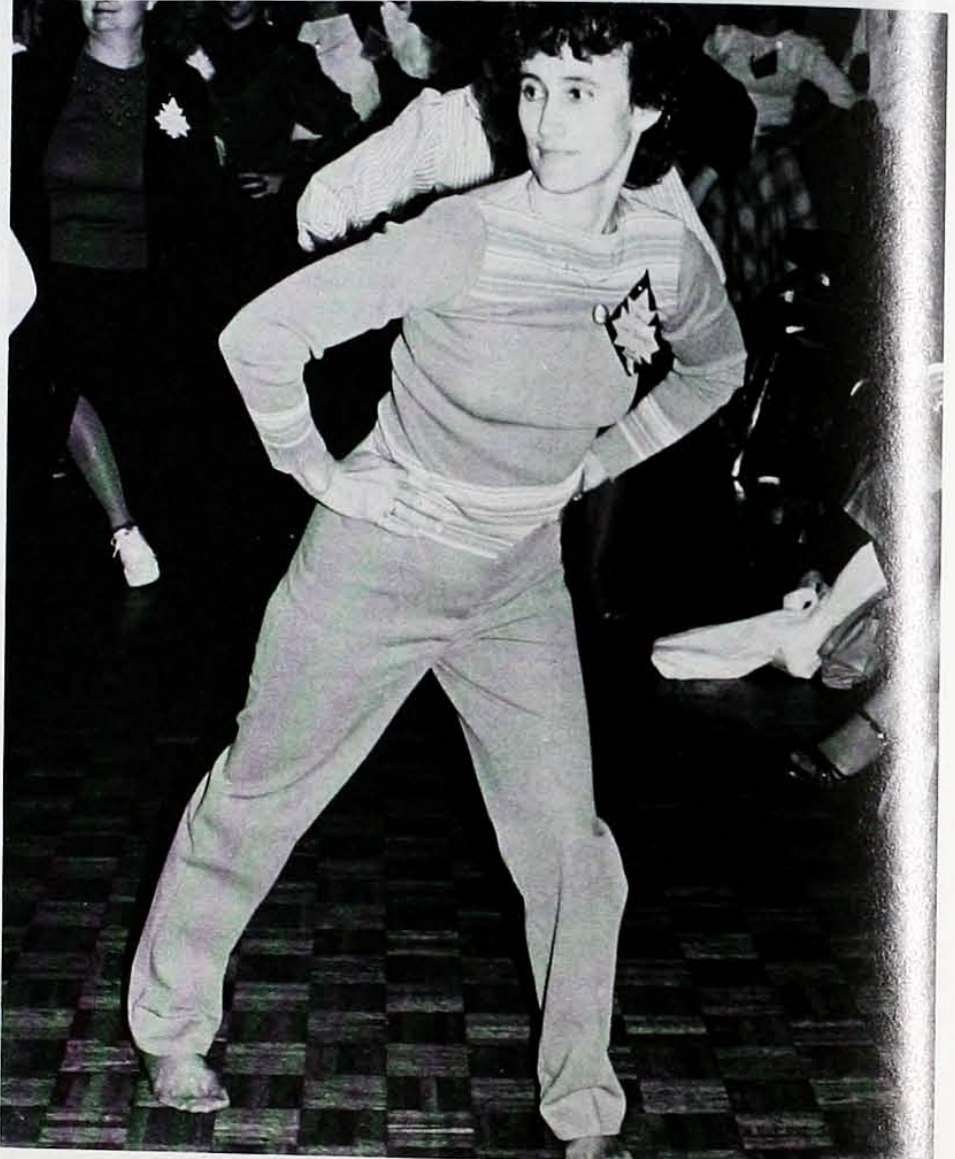
## Haldimand

Haldimand reported a very busy 1983. Members heard a legal secretary discuss the importance of wills and legal contracts for women and had an informative presentation on the architecture of local homes. A toy shop owner came to one meeting with a large display of educational toys and gave an interesting talk on the history and benefits of toys. A trip to a local dairy gave members a close look at milk processing and the women enjoyed a trip to the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake in June. This past summer, Haldimand JWI held their first annual family picnic and it was a success. Money

raised catering at banquets was donated towards two infant car seats which are rented out from the community hospital. Other money was donated to the Haldimand Adult Opportunity Centre.

## Aberdeen

Although this branch was only formed in June, it is already taking an active part in its community. In November, the branch had a bazaar-craft table at the community fair held in Durham and donated all proceeds to the Durham Hospital. There are currently 10 members in Aberdeen, but lots more are expected!



*More than 100 delegates attended the JWIO annual conference in October. The annual business meeting was held Saturday morning, followed by a lunch with guest speaker Dr. Kathleen Brown, a family economist from the University of Guelph. After lunch, women participated in a stimulating exercise program, as you can see here, and then chose two out of four workshops for the rest of the afternoon. Next year's conference will be held in Belleville.*