



**HEADQUARTERS FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

The Headquarters Fund currently sits at **\$760,351**

*Your support will ensure that WI continues long into the future.*

**To make a donation, contact the FWIO Provincial Office at 519-836-3078**

*"We do not quit playing because we grow old. We grow old because we quit playing."*

*~ Oliver Wendell Holmes*

### **Picnic Grove WI Travels Far for Calendar Girls**

The Members of Picnic Grove WI (Eastern Area) in Williamstown travelled to Toronto on May 25th to attend a matinee performance of "Calendar Girls." The ladies took an early morning train to the city and arrived almost four hours later, just in time to enjoy lunch and then walk to the theatre. They all wore blue and yellow ribbons, but failed to see any other WI Members wearing this distinguishing emblem! They thoroughly enjoyed the production, but hasten to add that Picnic Grove WI has no immediate plans to emulate the Yorkshire ladies in their fundraising efforts! After purchasing post-show refreshments on their way back to Union Station, they boarded their return train at 6:30pm and arrived back in Cornwall at 11pm, tired but thrilled with their long day out.



*Pictured: The Picnic Grove ladies pose for a photo outside the theatre in Toronto.*



### **Newington WI Hosts Victorian Lunch**

On June 14th, St. Luke's-Knox Presbyterian Church in Finch was the setting for a Victorian Lunch, served by the ladies of Newington WI (Eastern Area). The ladies decorated the hall with lovely floral displays, blue hats and items reminiscent of Victorian times. Elaine Hutchinson had the honour of pouring tea from a silver service tea set. The first to be served were the River Rubies Red Hat group, followed by WI Members from Winchester WI, Williamsburg WI, Chesterville WI and Finch WI. Seven door prizes were won by lucky diners. Everyone enjoyed eating fancy sandwiches and squares while listening to live keyboard music.

*Pictured (L-R) in the front row: Ruby Presley, Shirley Aitken and Inez Simpson. Back row (L-R): Elaine Hutchinson, Pauline Flegg, President Bonnie MacIntosh, Beth Short, Leona St. John, Donna Leowen and Iva Wylie.*



### **Hillier WI Helps Preserve History**

One of the 3 ROSE Sessions that Hillier WI (Trent Valley Area) offered last year took place when the Branch invited friends and neighbours to learn about the historic Christ Church Cemetery. The cemetery is located outside Hillier Village and began burials in the 1840's. Their speaker, Michael Korn, provided the group with many stories and pictures, including some very unusual incidents that have occurred over time at this site. After lunch, Michael led the group on a tour of the site.

At a special occasion, Life Members Mabel Wright (L) and Jean Alexander (R) unveiled a commemorative plaque, newly installed on the stone entrance gates. This plaque recognizes Hillier WI's funding to erect the beautiful stone gates in the 1920's. Hillier WI continues to support this site with financial assistance to repair vandalized stones.