



We Call Our Story 'ROSE'

We are the gals from the BWI
 Here to give you the news
 Through the ROSE Program
 You'll get the shez-zam
 Be in the know...not a jam.

FWIO's ROSE...is a special one
 And you'll know what we mean when we're done
 For ROSE, spelled out touches all of you
 A scene in your head with a healthy view.

R...is for Rural...this place where we meet
O...'s for Ontario...each person we greet
S...is for sharing the good news and bad
 While
E...means education...now that's not sad!

ROSE comes from our hearts
 To all women we appeal
 Age, status, environment,
 We reach out to heal
 Through workshops, seminars, meetings and talk
 Our words offer knowledge, love and support.

By Burgoyne WI



BRANCH PROFILE: Stoney Creek Charter WI

Since the membership of the Stoney Creek WI – the “Mother Institute” – was having difficulty finding enough Members to form a full executive, the Branch approached their District about the problem. A plan was formed to replace the Stoney Creek WI with the formation of the Stoney Creek Charter WI. To make it a permanent set-up, a Member bill was passed in the Ontario Legislature at Queen’s Park in Toronto, signed by the Honourable John Newman in 1978. The Branch’s constitution was set-up and each Member paid an annual fee of one dollar. The Branch does not have voting privileges at the District or Provincial levels.

The first meeting of the Stoney Creek Charter WI was held at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home on June 7, 1978 at 7pm. In the 1978-1979 year, the Charter WI had 43 Members.

Today, the Branch consists of 24 Members and continues to help raise funds for various causes within the community. This past February, the Branch marked the 115th Anniversary of Women’s Institute by meeting for a special lunch at Village Restaurant in Stoney Creek. Laura Lennie of the Stoney Creek News joined the ladies to take a lovely photo of the historic Stoney Creek Charter WI.



Back row: Ruth Ann Shuker and Marlene Weylie. Second row: Anne Bono, Maria Cirella, Joyce Mueller, Iolla Scott, Krista-Lee Stapleford and Margaret Ann Hilts. Front row: Estelle Baxter, Mary Lewis, Mary Dean and Vera Crowder.

