



HEADQUARTERS FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Headquarters Fund currently sits at **\$715,764**

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"The most important trip you may take in life is meeting someone halfway."
 ~ Henry Boye

WI Members Honoured as Citizens of the Year

A singular honour was bestowed on Members of the WI, past and present, who reside in the Township of Oro-Medonte - they were presented with the Oro-Medonte Citizens of the Year Award for 2011. Usually, the award is reserved for one person; however, the Women's Institutes were recognized as the collective recipients of the honour in acknowledgement of the significant contributions that their Members have made within the Township for many decades. Members of Simcoe Centre-West, Simcoe East, Simcoe Kempenfeldt and Simcoe North Districts were in attendance to support the four ladies



Photo courtesy of the Township of Oro-Medonte.

who accepted the award on behalf of their District. They were Cindy Lockhart (Centre-West), Ruth Fountain (East), Twyla Banbury-Campbell (District President of Kempenfeldt) and Helen Bell (North). A large plaque, on which the name "Women's Institute of Oro-Medonte" is engraved, is hung in the Administrative Centre for the Township. Each of the four Districts, and each Branch in their respective District, received a separate framed certificate. Mayor Harry Hughes of Oro-Medonte congratulated the WI's of the Township on being selected to receive this prestigious award. He thanked each and every Member for their countless community-building efforts throughout the Township.



Carry-On WI Gets FOOTLOOSE!

This past June, Carry-On WI (Guelph Area) organized a ROSE Session with 150 people in attendance. The event was a performance of "FOOTLOOSE" by the Almost Famous Players (AFP) from Wingham, Ontario. The AFP is a group of 27 performers all labeled with a developmental and/or physical disability and an amazing group of volunteers with unlimited energy. The Branch raised \$1,300 which was divided 3 ways among the AFP, Youth for Christ and the June McCann Fund. The Branch found this to be a great ROSE Session that let many people know this program is available in the area.

Lynedoch WI Pays Tribute to Charter Members

On June 9, 2012, an annual cemetery and garden tour was held in the village of Lynedoch. Mrs. Fay Linn, a long-time Member of the Lynedoch WI (Hamilton Area), placed a crest and gold and blue ribbons on the grave of Mrs. George Jefferies (Ellen P. Clark), one of the Branch's Charter Members. The burial sites of 20 of the original ladies who formed this long established group have been identified. The Lynedoch WI has long been a great supporter of all that has gone on at the Evergreen Cemetery since its charter was granted in 1914. It was one of the Branch's Charter Members who first suggested the idea of an annual decoration day at the cemetery. There was a tremendous turnout this year and the weather cooperated very well.

