

### Bethel-Zion WI

Bethel-Zion WI (Trent Valley Area) held its first meeting on the brisk winter day of January 12, 1912. One hundred years later, over 60 guests, dignitaries and former Members joined in to mark this special anniversary. Congratulations and certificates were presented from Todd Smith, MPP; Jackie Denyes, City of Belleville; Cecilia Maines, FWIO Area Chair; Helen Thompson, FWIO Board Director; Evelyn Peck, FWIO President-Elect; Jean Wrightman, District President; and also from the office of Daryl Kramp, MP. Mrs. Hazel Tufts and resident poet, Mrs. Jean Sills, were honoured with Life Memberships, having both contributed actively to WI for more than 60 years. Phyllis Tummon, Phyllis Lott, Lois Ray and Betty Sills received 40 and 50 year pins, recognizing their years of service to WI. Also honoured, were Members with more than 25 years, Sandra Johnston, Cathy Sucee and Susan McConnell. Over the years, the Members have continued to uphold the WI motto of "For Home and Country" through a wide variety of community projects. As Jean Sills wrote in a recent poem, "And stay tuned in the future, for we're not finished yet!"

*Pictured at the May 26, 2012 celebration are Bianca Brown, Cathy Sucee, Mary Andrews Minigan, Jean Sills, Dawn MacCauley, Irma Chambers, Betty Latchford, Sandra Johnston, Phyllis Tummon, Betty Sills, Phyllis Lott, Lois Ray, Laura Rogers and Susan McConnell. Absent is Caroline Mulcaster.*



### Mount Brydges WI

The 100th Anniversary celebration of Mount Brydges WI (London Area) was held at the Caradoc Community Centre on September 29, 2011. WI displays and memorabilia, Tweedsmuir History Books and scrapbooks were viewed by guests. Greetings and certificates were brought by Barb Shipley, wife of MP Bev Shipley, MPP Maria Van Bommel, and Joanne Vanderheyden, Warden of Middlesex County and Mayor of Strathroy-Caradoc. Certificates and donations were received from the Mount Brydges Lions and Lioness Clubs. Various WI dignitaries brought greetings and Middlesex Northwest District President, Marg Harris, pinned 100 year pins on the 16 Members present. Entertainment and music was enjoyed by all. The event closed with lunch, cake, fresh fruit, tea and coffee.



*Pictured in the back row (L-R) are Dorothy Glover, Doris Wilson, Jannet Trewartha, Marg Snelgrove, Marg Barney, Mary Blomendal and Kay Whitbourn. Front row: Elizabeth Tothfalusi, Marian Clark, Phyllis Laughton, Fran Hyatt, Marion Harris, Doreen Smith, Audrey Meredith, Bonnie Pilkington and Gerry Northcott. Absent is Emily Faw.*

### Kirkton WI Marks 110 Years!

The Members of Kirkton WI celebrated their Branch's 110th Anniversary on February 19, 2012. A yellow carnation corsage with a blue ribbon was worn by each Member. Several displays were made by Members, including ones for FWIO, FWIC, ACWW, History of Our Branch, Farm Safety, What We Do, Quilts, Back 2 Basics and 4-H. Flower vases with the Branch's imprint were given to each guest at the afternoon Open House. A number of local WI Branches, along with community-minded personnel were in attendance. Cupcakes with yellow icing were served along with tea and punch. A catered dinner for Branch Members and special guests was enjoyed by 26 people to finish the celebration.



*Pictured in the back row (L-R) are Eleanor Williams, Elaine Stephen, Dorothy McCurdy, Orrie Hartwick, Joanne Blackler, Helen Shute, Louise Shier and Doris Spence. Front row: Marion Urquhart, Verna Blackler, Jean Copeland, Doris Denham and Rose Siddall.*