

## Fonthill-Singer's Corners WI

One hundred Members and friends gathered on April 20, 2013 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fonthill-Singer's Corners WI (Hamilton Area) with a Victorian Tea. It was an elegant event with ladies wearing decorated hats.

Greetings were received from other Branches, Districts and the Area, as well as politicians. Guest speakers included Mayor of Pelham Dave Augustyn and FWIO President-Elect Margaret Byl, who were both active participants in the event. Pam Bronn, a Branch Member, gave a most interesting history of WI and the Branch. Around the hall were displays of Tweedsmuir Histories, items that Members have made at short courses and items made by Branch Members to be sent to Canada Comforts this year. Caring for the environment is a special focus of the Branch, so native plants were given to take home and plant, to attract butterflies.



*Pictured (L-R): Pam Bronn, Diana Knight (Branch President), Margaret Byl (FWIO President-Elect), Dave Augustyn (Mayor of Pelham) and Dorothy Hare (seated) – who is 100 years young!*

## West Lorne WI

On January 29, 2013, West Lorne WI (London Area) celebrated its 100th Anniversary with an afternoon of fellowship, entertainment and refreshments. Seventeen current Members and invited guests heard greetings from local dignitaries. Included were Bernie Wiehle (Mayor of West Elgin), Mary Ann Caughell (President of Elgin District), Jeff Yurek (MPP), Karen Vecchio (representing MP Joe Preston) and Cameron McWilliam (Elgin County Warden). The history of the West Lorne WI was provided by Leola Lawrence. Bill Graham, a local musician, entertained the group. On display were WI memorabilia, Tweedsmuir History Books and 100th Anniversary plaques and certificates. The Branch would like to thank all for making this such a special occasion.



*Pictured (L-R): Olive Chambers, Theresa St. Pierre, Frances Graham, Twila McWilliam, Barbara Popham, Donna Driver, Gwen McLain, Bonita Berge, Mary Liepenn, Doris Sweitzer, Nancy Lashbrook, Leola Lawrence, Dorothy Japac and Shirley Walker. Photo courtesy of Patrick Brennan, West Elgin Chronicle.*

## Guthrie WI

Guthrie WI (Simcoe Area) celebrated its 100th Anniversary twice this year. Back on February 19th, the Branch celebrated with a sleigh ride, followed by a lunch in Elmvale where some of the Craighurst WI Members joined them. It was a perfect sunny day with fresh snow on the trees, and the horses seemed to enjoy trotting through the snow with jingle bells ringing just as much as the Members did!

The second celebration was on July 10th when they held a Garden Party in a large garden on Nancy Partridge's farm. There were many visitors, including WI Members from other Branches, community members and the local MP, MPP and Mayor. Members June Sanderson, Carolyn Campbell, Edwiene Campbell and Corinne Anderson received their Life Membership certificates and pins from FWIO President Evelyn Peck. Many wore long skirts and fancy hats of the 1913 era and though the sun shone, it was a bit windy, which was a challenge to keep on the large hats! Dainty sandwiches and punch were served to the background of live Caribbean music. This was followed by tea and two celebratory 100th Anniversary cakes. Several neighbours and other community folk got together to share old stories and what the future would hold for them. It was a happy time for all.

