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**“IN THE LONG RUN,
 THE SHARPEST WEAPON
 OF ALL IS A kind
 and gentle spirit.”**
- Anne Frank

Grand Bend WI Celebrates 6th Annual Spring Awakening

Grand Bend WI (London Area) held their 6th Annual Spring Awakening Ladies Day Out on April 24, 2014 at the Grand Bend Legion. A fashion show, musical entertainment, a humorous motivational speaker and an informative speaker relating how to deal with adult bullying were well received by 150 ladies. Community donated raffle and door prizes were distributed throughout the day to those in attendance. Profit monies are directed to several local agencies.

At their Annual Meeting on May 17, 2014, Grand Bend WI honoured Barb Kilback, a valued Member of their Branch. Barb worked diligently in arranging several Ladies Day Out programs, ROSE Sessions, and helped with Thanksgiving Markets. Barb is relocating to London and will be missed.



Pictured: Karen Waters arranges dessert cupcakes made by Grand Bend WI Members.

Pictured: Barb Kilback is adorned with a tiara while enjoying cake and ice cream, the highlight of the Branch's potluck luncheon.



70 Year Membership for Dublin WI Member

Maisie Lasby of the Dublin WI (Guelph Area) was presented with a 70 year membership pin by her Branch at their May meeting. Presenting Maisie with her pin is Sarah McLean, a Dublin WI Member who is currently President of the Wellington-Halton District. Maisie joined WI at Arkell in 1944 where her mother and grandmother were both Life Members. She then joined Eden Mills and later Dublin and continues to be an active Member at all levels. She has held most offices at the Branch and District levels and some at Area. She served as Provincial Board Director for Halton District in 1989-90.

Letter to the Editor

I just returned from a fabulous weekend in Ridgetown at the FWIO Provincial Conference. I did hesitate to go, but decided to take my walker along, as I don't walk so well anymore. I am writing to thank so many people for all the help they gave me over the weekend. People showed me where the ramps were, told me about the elevator in the dining hall, offered to give me rides, opened doors, carried my meal plate to my seat, brought me a cup of tea, and so many other acts of kindness. With special thanks to my roommate and driver, Marian, who certainly was my right hand person through it all. Women's Institute ladies are very special people, and certainly know how to lend a hand when needed. Thank you friends!

Helen Young,
 Marburg WI, Norfolk District, Hamilton Area