

# Women's Institute Celebrates 114 Years!

On February 19, 2011, Women's Institute celebrated its 114th anniversary. To commemorate the occasion, WI Branches across Ontario were asked by FWIO President, Carol Innes, to stop and have a cup of tea at 3pm and spend some time thinking about WI. Many Branches across the province participated by hosting tea parties and here are just a few celebrations that took place:



## Navan WI

In recognition of the founding Members, Navan WI (Eastern Area) got together at the home of Catherine Hyde. Many varieties of tea were served along with tasty homemade treats. A Navan WI flag from many years ago was given to the Branch by fellow Member, Helen Burns, who was unable to attend. Verna Cotton brought along the Branch's Tweedsmuir History Book and interesting photos from previous WI celebrations. Juanita Vetter read stories about Adelaide Hoodless and the first meetings of the Women's Institute.



## Vickers Gardens WI

Vickers Gardens WI (Northwestern Area) hosted a "Come and Go" tea party which was also a ROSE Session! A media release was circulated to all media in the Thunder Bay area and the community was invited to attend. The Branch had a WI information table, a Heart Health information table and also showed a video of Adelaide Hoodless. In total, 45 people attended this educational celebration!



## North Russell WI

North Russell WI (Eastern Area) gathered at the home of Mona Saunders and enjoyed different teas and coffee with delicious homemade cookies and cakes. A candle was lit in memory of Adelaide Hoodless and memories were recalled of past Branch achievements & Members.



## Waters WI

The Members of Waters WI (North Central Area) dressed in fun hats and enjoyed fancy sandwiches and cake at their anniversary tea party! Joyce Nelson also read a brief biography on Adelaide Hoodless.



## Salem-Nilestown WI

Elizabeth Thompson invited Salem-Nilestown WI (London Area) Members and friends for 3 o'clock tea to celebrate WI Day.