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**Please see an important notice regarding the FWIO Provincial Conference on page 11.**

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**FALL 2012**

- July 1, 2012

**WINTER 2013**

- November 1, 2012

**ON THE COVER**

**Happy 115th Anniversary!**

On February 22, 2012, Members of Elgin District WI (London Area) gathered at the Dunwich Hall in Wallacetown for the annual Winter Picnic honouring the founding of Women's Institute. Wallacetown WI and Shedden WI hosted this ROSE Session with a Heart Health theme. The Women's Institute was founded on February 19, 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario. Commemorating the 115th Anniversary are (L-R) Mrs. E. D. Smith, President of the first Women's Institute Branch (Joan Jackaman); Mrs. Janet Lee, wife of Erland Lee, spokesperson of the Farmer's Institute and co-founder of the organization (Joanne Erickson); and Adelaide Hoodless, the inspiration for Women's Institute (Joan Mansell). Sitting at the table is Mr. Erland Lee, portrayed by Elgin County Museum curator Mike Baker.

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