

Vittoria WI

Vittoria WI's annual Christmas potluck lunch was held at the Town Hall on December 12, 2012 with 32 Members in attendance. Sixteen invited guests from around the community were treated to a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Guest entertainer was Susan Drayson who has had a long connection with Vittoria. Susan led the group in a Christmas sing-a-long, including the Twelve Days of Christmas (pictured below). Everyone was feeling a little Christmas spirit afterwards. Every year, Members of the Branch put together gift bags to give to local shut-ins and to members or friends of the community who are in local nursing homes. One Member puts together a large gift basket for a local family in need and gives it to them before Christmas.



The Branch's January Meeting focused on Scams, Fraud Prevention and Identity Theft, with a presentation given by the O.P.P. It certainly opened a lot of eyes and was a good reality check for everyone. The Branch highly recommends this presentation to others!

Vittoria WI (Hamilton Area) will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in November 2013. A committee has been formed to begin plans for this important event!

Lakelet WI

The Members of Lakelet WI (Guelph Area) turned a very special occasion into a ROSE Session! Guest speaker, Fran Dawson, spoke on the "Benefits of Exercise" as Lakelet WI celebrated its 60th Anniversary on November 6, 2012. The celebration was marked with a Victorian Tea at Fordwich Hall in Fordwich. Guests were encouraged to wear hats and were served tea biscuits, whipped cream and strawberry jam. Tea was served in beautiful china cups. Laurine Wright, a 96 year old Charter Member, was recognized with a special pin.



Pictured: Laurine Wright receiving her 60 year pin from Lakelet WI Secretary, Esther Hallman.

Mount Brydges WI

The Members of Mount Brydges WI (London Area) held a ROSE Session on Water Conservation. Irene Peters gave a very informative presentation to more than 30 participants, instilling in everyone that we must all do our part and not waste water. Middlesex Northwest District President, Marg Harris, also attended this event and presented a Certificate of Merit and 60 year pin to Emily Faw, as well as a Life Membership pin and Certificate to Marian Clark.



Pictured: Inta Lizinski in her beautiful native costume.

River Valley WI

River Valley WI's newest Member is Inta Lizinski who is a native of Latvia. Dressed in her colourful costume, Inta described the history and culture of her native land. She showed her fellow Members of River Valley WI (Trent Valley Area) beautiful hand embroidered clothes, crafts and amber jewellery that is found in abundance in Latvia. Inta also taught a folk dance. Roll call asked everyone to state something you

know about Latvia. Among the facts learned from Inta was that Latvia was the world's first country to initiate socialized medicine, known in Canada as Medicare. Latvians celebrate St. John's Day on Midsummer Night's Eve where everyone stays awake all night to sing, dance and eat their favourite foods.