



## Baltimore WI Marks 100th Anniversary

The Baltimore Branch of the Women's Institute (Trent Valley Area) held their 100th Anniversary celebration on June 7, 2012 when Members and guests gathered at the Baltimore Community Centre for an afternoon of friendship, reminiscence and fun. Everyone enjoyed the music of the Corktown Fiddlers as they played many familiar tunes. Greetings were brought from municipal, provincial and federal governments. District President, Alberta Johnston, presented 100th Anniversary pins to the 11 Members of the Branch. Marjorie Noble, the Branch's oldest Member, cut a lovely anniversary cake decorated in blue and gold, which was enjoyed with strawberries and ice cream, bringing to a close a lovely afternoon.



*Pictured: President Lois Crider and Marjorie Noble cutting the anniversary cake.*

## Solina WI Celebrates 110 Years

Solina WI (Central Area) was chartered on January 8, 1903 with Maggie Baker as the President. On January 9, 2013, Members treated themselves to a catered roast beef supper at Trinity United Church, Bowmanville. The ladies invited their husbands, as they are often an integral part of the projects they are involved in. They often refer to them as "honourary" members. Donna Barkey prepared a wonderful PowerPoint Presentation of the Branch's history. The people, the fun and the dedication to community and country were enjoyed as they took a trip down memory lane. There was also a display of memorabilia. For the Branch's 100th Anniversary, a book of portraits was compiled containing nearly all Members from 1903 to 2003. Under each picture they documented the executive positions they held throughout their time in Institute and the awards they had received. This continues to be a work in progress. Also, there were photocopies of interesting excerpts from the Minute Books, candid shots of Members at functions throughout the years, old programmes, and more. Lois Yellowlees, Eileen Knox, Marjorie Cryderman



and Loraine Knox received certificates for 61 years and Mary Millson and Alma Langmaid for 62 years in Solina WI. Congratulations to each and every Member and best wishes for many more years to come.

*Pictured (back row): Dorothy Snowden, Bernice Watson, Joyce Taylor, Donna Barkey, Rita Buder, Ann Roger, Peggy Darch, Jean Taylor, Lois Yellowlees and Doris Flett. Middle row: Marg Cryderman, Loraine Knox, Marion Broome, Margaret Ford, Pat Best, Eileen Knox and Mary Millson. Front row: Karen Dair and Jenny Bowman.*

## 230 Years of Service in Brooksdale WI

You may have done a "double take" when you read the title, but 4 Members of Brooksdale WI (London Area) share a combined total of 230 years of service with their Branch. What an incredible way of looking at the dedication of your membership. Margaret Green, Rosina Morris, Helen Piett and Ruth Matheson have all been WI Members for over 50 years and were recognized for this accomplishment at the Branch's 90th Anniversary on January 26, 2013. To celebrate, a catered luncheon was held at the Brooksdale United Church. Guest speaker was Debbie Bauer from Dungannon, while the Tweedsmuir History Books were on display for community viewing until 8pm.



*Pictured: Margaret Green, Rosina Morris, Helen Piett and Ruth Matheson*

*Just for Fun:*

**At your next meeting, try adding up the years of service among Members in your Branch – the numbers could be shocking!**