

# Meet the Members



## Introducing... Margaret Killeen

When Margaret was a school teacher, she often took her class to entertain a group of women. When she retired, she discovered that all this time it was the Women's Institute she had been visiting. Living in Bowmanville, she found there was no WI, so she decided to invite some women to her home to discuss forming a Branch. On February 26, 1981, forty-four women showed up to this meeting and there was the nucleus of a very active Branch, one that is still in existence to this day. The Charter Meeting of Providence-Shaw WI was held on March 12, 1981 with 29 Charter Members in attendance in Durham West District. Margaret was the founding President for the first 3 years.

Margaret is a long-time WI Member and has played an important role in the formation of Branches in Trent Valley Area. She was nominated by Beryl Harris to be the First New Branch Organizer for the Area at the Convention in 1992. Margaret helped to organize and re-organize several Branches in the Area, including North Shore, Marlbank, Norwood, and Kawartha Woodlands WI's.

Margaret and her husband moved to the Peterborough area in November 1988 where she joined the Selwyn WI and has held numerous positions ever since. Margaret was President for 12 years and presently holds the positions of Tweedsmuir Curator and Program Coordinator. She had the pleasure of attending the ACWW Conference in Kansas during the summer of 1989.

In 1997, as District President, she convened the 100th Anniversary Celebration for the Peterborough District; a two-day event that was held in Lang Pioneer Village – a fitting place indeed!

As Convenor of the *Environmentally Friendly Hints* book, written by all Members in 1990, this was on the Best Sellers List for several months. It was sold to FWIO in 1994 and is still available for purchase from the Provincial Office.

Margaret's fellow Members appreciate all that she does and would like to acknowledge all of her hard work over the years in developing new Branches and recruiting new WI Members. Margaret's late husband drove her to numerous events, and their time and traveling costs have not gone unnoticed. Margaret has influenced many women to join the Selwyn WI. Still enthusiastic, she urges women to come and visit the Branch, as they may like what they see - and what they do with their lunches is always great! As she says, you will be very welcomed to join their 'family'.

## Introducing... Vi (Violet) Hayward

Vi was born in 1914 and raised in a farming community in the former Esquesing Township in Halton County. After her marriage in 1935 and three children later, they farmed for a few years, and then moved into Milton in 1945 and later Nassagaweya Township in 1956 where she joined the Busy Bees WI Branch which disbanded in 1963. Vi enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting, reading and her involvement in the local church. A few years later in 1973, they moved to Orangeville and Vi joined The Maples WI (Central Area) which she has been a Member of for 37 years. She served in various offices within the Branch, played the piano when called upon and helped out a great deal when the Branch had their community hall. In later years, Vi has been a part of the telephone committee and enjoys contacting the Members each month. She continues to live on her own in her condo and still enjoys reading with the help of a magnifying glass. Hopefully, Vi will continue to keep healthy to celebrate her 100th Birthday next year and, as well, The Maples WI will celebrate their 100th too!

