



**HEADQUARTERS FUND UPDATE**

The Headquarters Fund currently sits at **\$645,177**  
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 long into the future.*

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**“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”**

~ *Maya Angelou*

### Minister’s Roundtable on Women’s Economic Empowerment

To celebrate International Women's Week and to mark the 30th anniversary of the Ontario Women's Directorate, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, and Liz Sandals, Minister of Education hosted a dialogue with community leaders on how the Ontario government can continue to increase economic opportunities for women, with a particular focus on the role of education. The event took place on March 7, 2014 at the Holiday Inn Guelph Hotel & Convention Centre, with approximately 100 people in attendance.



*Pictured (L-R): Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Margaret Byl, FWIO President-Elect; and Liz Sandals, Minister of Education.*

### Northumberland East District Branches Participate in Brighton Heritage Weekend



*Pictured (L-R): Sharon Rusk (Community WI), Dot Connolly (event coordinator) and Margaret Nairn (Community WI).*

Three Branches from Northumberland East District – Codrington, Community and York Road WI’s – took part in the 2nd Brighton Heritage Weekend this past February at the King Edward Arena in Brighton, Ontario. The event coordinator was Dot Connolly from the Brighton Heritage Society. Members worked together to set up tables and provide food for the luncheon. Approximately \$700 was raised from the luncheon and shared among the 3 Branches. On display were beautiful quilts – some over 100 years old and some present day masterpieces. Each Branch set up its own promotional table and Members enjoyed chatting with the many visitors who stopped by to see the displays of heritage pictures, tools and projects underway in the area. Local historian, Dan Buchanan, spoke about Dr. Billy King who was hanged in 1859 for the murder of his wife. He was buried on his family’s farm in Codrington, as he was denied burial in a public cemetery. Each Branch dedicated over 40 volunteer hours to the event, which welcomed more than 1,100 visitors.

### Walton WI Celebrates on WI Day

Walton WI (Huron Perth District, Guelph Area) celebrated the 117th Anniversary of WI on February 19th at our regular meeting held at the home of our Secretary/Treasurer, Helen Craig. We explored both the FWIO website and the FWIO Facebook group. Congratulations to the masterminds behind these two tools that get current information to the grass root members in a speedy manner! FWIO is already in the future!

- Margaret McInroy

*Pictured: Members Brenda Perrie, Ruth Axtmann, Marjory Humphries and Helen Craig are shown with the anniversary cake. Margaret McInroy is behind the scenes photographing, while Marion Godkin and Mary Humphries were absent.*

