

Elgin District WI

Yarmouth Glen and Kingsmill-Mapleton WI's (Southern Area) hosted Elgin District's Winter Potluck Picnic on February 18, 2015 at St. James Presbyterian Church in North Yarmouth. After many decades, Elgin County continues to hold this annual winter picnic to commemorate the founding of Women's Institute. Thirty-one attended the event of which four were non-WI Members. A toonie table with items to choose from provided a fun time for all.

Gerry Costello, an accomplished pianist and his wife Mickey who gave readings presented enjoyable entertainment for the afternoon. Gerry was the last manager of the Stork Club in Port Stanley. A donation was presented to the Costellos towards the Costello Music Scholarship Fund, for secondary school students pursuing a career in music.



Pictured Above (L-R): Gerry Costello, Mickey Costello, Ilene Chesterman (Southern Area Secretary) and Glenna Ladell (Southern Area Voting Delegate).



Pictured (L-R): Margaret Ogar (Southern Area Co-President), Ruth Rueger (Elgin District Treasurer), Kathy Minnema (Elgin District President) and Joan Mansell (Elgin District Secretary).

Russell District WI

Russell District WI (Eastern Area) organized a wonderful afternoon tea to celebrate the 118th anniversary of the Women's Institute. North Russell and Russell Village WI's were hostesses to the five Branches in the District. About 50 Members gathered at the Church Hall in Russell to eat, drink, chat, and play! Hats were worn to top off outfits. Lola Larmour, from the Leonard WI, won for the most beautiful hat. It was a grand day for all who participated!

Pictured are Members of Navan WI. Back Row: Mary Dashney, Joyce Bradley, Karen Smith, Doreen Hardiman, Sue Woram and Sheila Minogue-Calver. Front Row: Pam O'Donoughue, Linda Dunn, Catherine Hyde, Juanita Vetter and Verna Cotton.



Lennox & Addington District WI

Lennox & Addington District WI (Kingston Area) participated in a day-long expo on March 8, 2015 for International Women's Day (IWD). There were many vendors who kept to the theme of bringing women together in harmony and celebrating our connection. The WI served tea and signed up interested women and handed out pamphlets.

There were several speakers and District President, Valerie Smith gave a talk on Women's Institute, emphasizing its work with ACWW and how WI projects empower women in developing countries. This was the first IWD held in Napanee.



Pictured (L-R): District President, Valerie Smith and Kingston Area President, Beryl Jacka.