



Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship

Since 1947, FWIO has presented the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship to students studying in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences at the University of Guelph. The scholarship is awarded in recognition of the women who pioneered the Women's Institute in Ontario.

Home for the Embro Fair, Kathryn Walton, a 4th year student in the Applied Human Nutrition program at the University of Guelph, told her Grandma Mary Walton that she was awarded the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship valued at \$1000. Kathryn found the award on the FWIO website, had the qualifications, so she submitted her application.

In her application, Kathryn wrote that her Grandma Walton was a Life Member of Braemar Women's Institute and that Braemar WI (London Area) was her sponsor for the Embro Fair Ambassador competition in 2008. She was also a past 4-H member in Oxford County.

Kathryn plans to obtain her Masters in Nutrition to become a Registered Dietitian working in the area of Paediatrics. One of her current courses involves working on a professor's research project called "Nutristep" at the Stratford General Hospital.

Congratulations Kathryn and best wishes in all your future endeavours!



BRANCH PROFILE

Burnstown WI

In 1911, Burnstown WI (Eastern Area) became the first Branch in Renfrew South District, and they've been going strong ever since! Their 26 Members live in the towns of Burnstown, Calabogie, Springtown, Mount St. Patrick, Renfrew, and White Lake, and the Branch just keeps growing. Last year they welcomed 7 new Members!

With Members ranging in age from 30 to 90, Burnstown WI thrives on the diversity and unique talents that each woman brings. At every meeting, they make a point of incorporating the talents of new Members, who revitalize the Branch with their fresh ideas. They also work hard to incorporate the principles of the Mary Stewart Collect in everything they do, which is evident through the genuine kindness and respect Members show one another.

Historically, Burnstown WI is very proud to have introduced hot lunches at schools in the 1930s and helped a local church hook up to running water. Today, they care for their community by cleaning a stretch of highway twice a year. They make financial contributions to a local school program, the hospital, and Home Support and actively participate in and make items for the Arnprior Fair, the Ottawa Exhibition, and the Renfrew Fair.

Burnstown WI is looking forward to celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2011. A committee is currently making plans for the upcoming celebration, while several Members meet weekly to work on a commemorative quilt. Congratulations and best wishes, Burnstown WI!

