

## Uttoxeter WI Celebrates 100th Anniversary

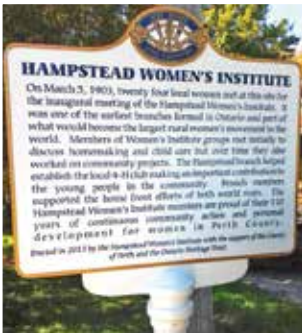
Uttoxeter WI (Lambton District, Southwestern Area) celebrated their 100th Anniversary on July 17, 2013. Members and guests gathered for a roast beef dinner at the Forest Agricultural Building. FWIO President, Evelyn Peck, presented 100th Anniversary pins to the Members. Greetings were brought from Plympton-Wyoming Mayor, Lonny Napper, and Provincial, Area, District and Branch levels of WI. Larry Armstrong provided a lovely atmosphere with his piano selections, as they enjoyed visiting and looking at the various displays throughout the afternoon.



*Pictured (L-R): Rose Stewardson, Norma Ross, Barbara Steven, Norma Steven, Colleen Brush (Branch President), Fern Sutton and Barbara Brush. Absent from the photo is Hazel Higgins.*

## Hampstead WI Marks 110 Years with Special Dedication

On September 24, 2013, Hampstead WI President, Winnie Trachsel, addressed a crowd gathered to celebrate the Branch's 110 year history in the community. "Today we are here to recognize the site of Hampstead Women's Institute's beginnings by unveiling this Ontario Heritage Marker" said Trachsel. More than 1,200 plaques have been unveiled in Ontario and, as Trachsel stated, "they make Ontario's history come alive by telling stories of the people, places and events that have shaped our province."



Isabel Diehl, the current Hampstead WI curator, who records the activities of the Branch in their Tweedsmuir History Book, was given the honour of unveiling the plaque. Diehl has been an active Member of the Branch for more than 60 years and happens to be the granddaughter of the Branch's very first President, Mrs. Dougal McMillan.

It was a lovely ceremony, followed by refreshments and exchange of greetings at Hampstead United Church.

*Pictured: This Ontario Heritage Marker is now situated at the site of Hampstead WI's (Guelph Area) first Meeting.*

## Brock University Celebrates 50 Years in 2014

Brock University opened in 1964 but, as the institution proclaims, "the seeds of the University were sown long before the doors first opened. Brock's story is about a community that rose up and built the institution it wanted for its future." It all began in the late 1950's when public dialogue grew over the need for a university in the Niagara region. The idea was that young people should not have to leave the area in order to further their education. In November 1957, the Allanburg WI (1903-2009) turned this discussion into a movement when they asked the Ontario government to consider establishing a university in the Niagara Peninsula. It took many years of meetings, fundraising, administrative and academic planning, but in September 1964, Brock welcomed its first students.

As the university celebrates this special milestone in 2014, we recognize the Members of Allanburg WI. Though the Branch is now disbanded, its Members deserve to be remembered and celebrated for this tremendous achievement. Through the mission of the Women's Institute they helped to create

an establishment through which generations of individuals have obtained knowledge and skills, in turn, enhancing their contribution to both home and country. Congratulations to all Members who belonged to the Allanburg WI, and thank

you to those who are still carrying on WI's mission with other Branches.



*Pictured: A meeting of the Allanburg WI. Seated from left, Flora Egerter, Ethel Batty, Alice Dougherty, Edith Zieman. Standing from left, Agnes Kinnaird, Helen Baufelt, Oread Vanderburgh, Freda Geroy, Mae Stephenson, Edna Egerter, Jean Harley, Freda Hagar, June Egerter, Marge Harley and Jean Egerter. Undated.*

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