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"The difference between TRY and TRIUMPH is just a little Umph!"

- Mawin Phillips

Glasgow WI Nominates Youth for Prestigious Medal

Glasgow WI (Renfrew South District, Eastern Area) nominated Paige Dillabough for the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers. The medal is to recognize youth in Ontario who understand the importance of volunteering and who demonstrate leadership, initiative and perseverance. Paige was one of seven youth to receive the award in 2014.

At a recent meeting, Paige spoke of her battle with cancer. Since the age of eight, she has undergone many surgeries and has had to learn to walk and talk all over again. She appreciated the love and support received from the Children's Hospital so much that she wanted to give back to help other children. Paige volunteers over five hundred hours a year at fundraising events and inspires

her peers as well as many others. Her favourite saying is, "Cherish your yesterdays, dream your tomorrows, but live your todays."

Pictured (L-R) in front: Paige Dillabough and Laurie Gauvreau, President of Glasgow WI. Back row: Jacqueline Gauvreau, Marie McCallum, Grace Yantha-Blimkie, Gloria Hamilton, Shirley Forrest, Lillian Collins, Ellen Martin, Sandy Miller and Alma McNulty.

Lennox & Addington District Receives Municipal Heritage Award

Lennox & Addington District WI (Kingston Area) was presented with the 2014 Municipal Heritage Award at the October council meeting for the Town of Greater Napanee. This award for Heritage Leadership, was given in recognition of the accomplishments the District has made in historical work and community efforts for over 100 years.

Pictured: Mayor of Napanee, Gord Schermerhorn (L) and members of the selection committee with representatives from the Branches in L&A District. Holding the certificate is District President, Valerie Smith and to her left, Cora Reid, who has worked tirelessly for many years compiling Tweedsmuir Histories and researching genealogies.





Pictured (L-R): Mary E. Barr receives a vase from Evelyn Peck (FWIO President, 2013-2014) in honour of her 75 years of service to WI.

75 Year Membership in Women's Institute

Mary E. Barr of Chatham, Ontario and a Member of Kent Bridge WI (Kent District, Southern Area) was recently honoured for her 75 years of service to Women's Institute. Evelyn Peck (FWIO President, 2013-2014) presented Mary with a special vase on behalf of FWIO.

Mary joined the Simcoe WI in 1939 with her grandmother and mother. She later joined Lynn Valley, Thames River, Kent Centre and lastly, Kent Bridge WI. Mary continues to offer her knowledge to the Women's Institute. She has held offices at the Branch, District and Area levels. She also served as Provincial Board Director for Southwestern Area during 1976-1979. Congratulations, Mary on this tremendous milestone!