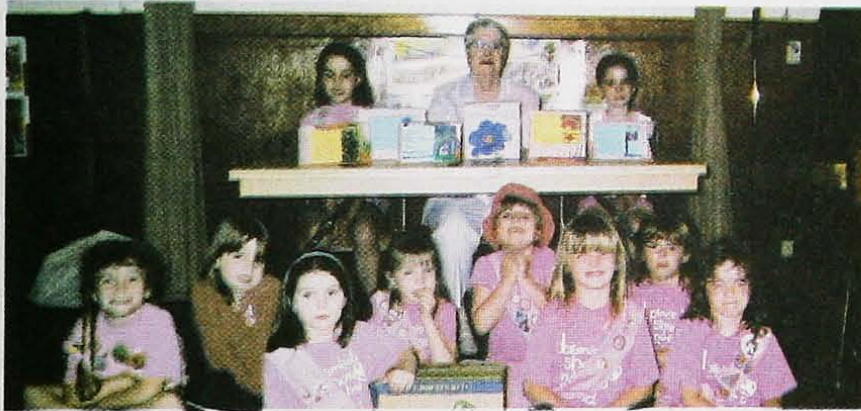


ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Working Together!

Rockton WI (Wentworth District) and 1st Rockton Sparks (and Brownies) filled and decorated individual packages for our Canadian Peacekeepers. The girls bought gum, wrapped candy, lip balm, peanuts, wrote postcard messages and illustrated each box. The WI purchased Girl Guide Cookies and postage to ship the items to the troops. Pictured here is Rockton WI President - Shirley McKnight and the Rockton Sparks on the shipping night. The groups are hoping to do this again in the fall with the Mint Girl Guide Cookies. What a great idea and a great way to work with the younger girls in your own area!



Diabetes and You

Brampton West WI (Dufferin Peel District) invited the community to a ROSE Session to hear Colett Sewell from the Diabetic Centre at Georgetown General Hospital speak on diabetes. The group was very pleased with the turnout which included 9 non-WI Members! They also had scrapbooks with pictures from their previous four ROSE Sessions to show people what they have been up to and to encourage new Members.



Making a Difference

The Lorne Sutherland WI (Carleton District) has been hard at work supporting the Arnprior & District Hospital this past year. The Branch donated a medical tray for the Operating Room and a palliative chair to the hospital in memory of one of their Members who passed away. Pictured here is Keith Collins from the Partners in Caring Foundation with WI Members Carol Lacroix, Berna McClure, Helen Dean, Ola Armstrong and Palliative Care Coordinator Vicki Murdock.

International Connections

We celebrate World Food Day, not World Rural Women's Day. Is there a distinction?

World Rural Women's Day (WRWD) falls on October 15 - the day before World Food Day. It is considered a practical way of obtaining recognition and support for the multiple roles of rural women who are mostly farmers and small entrepreneurs. Rural women make up more than a quarter of the world population. They contribute to the wellbeing of their families and the development of rural economies. The 2007 theme for WRWD is "The Right to Food - Rural Women Produce and Provide." For more information: www.rural-womens-day.org.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations celebrates World Food Day each year on October 16. The 2007 theme is "The Right to Food." Agriculture may have become a minor player in many industrialized economies, but it must play a starring role on the world stage if we are to bring down the curtain on hunger. Foreign aid for agriculture and rural development has continued to decline. An estimated 854 million people around the world remain undernourished. Most of the world's farmers are small-scale farmers. As a group, they are the biggest investors in agriculture. If they can make a profit with their farming, they can feed their families throughout the year and reinvest in their farms by purchasing fertilizer, better quality seed and basic equipment. For more information: www.fao.org