

ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

"Grandmothers to Grandmothers" Campaign (since Fall, 2006 issue)

In August 2006, the FWIO Provincial Board agreed that Branches would support two specific projects through the Stephen Lewis Foundation. At the January Annual FWIO Meeting, I learned that Penage WI in Whitefish had already raised over \$3500 for South Africa, and that the Navan WI had already raised over \$800. Well done, ladies! What a challenge for the rest of Ontario to achieve similar results! Any money for South Africa support should have been sent to FWIO before March 1, 2007.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation has changed its policy somewhat since FWIO made its decision last August. People are being discouraged from supporting a specific project and are being asked instead to identify areas of the mandate (orphans, women, grandmothers or AIDS carriers) and specific African countries. Therefore, FWIO is now supporting Grandmothers in Rwanda (March 1, 2007-March 1, 2008).

If you wish to feature this project at a meeting, the International Officer has two DVDs that she can provide – for the cost of return postage – a 15 minute "Introduction to the Stephen Lewis Foundation" or the 28 minute "Grandmothers: The Unsung Heroes of Africa."

See page 2 for information on how to contact Mary Janes, the FWIO International Officer.

HOT NEWS

The FWIO Provincial Office is proud to report that a cheque for \$8526.88 will be sent to the Stephen Lewis Foundation – this is the amount that WI Members across the province raised for this important project. Thank you and congratulations on all your hard work!

A great success!

Green Lane WI (Eastern Area) recently hosted a ROSE Session on making the transition from the community to a long-term care facility. Guest speakers explained the choice of facilities available and shared actual situations with practical solutions. More than 30 participants enjoyed their suggestions and collected interesting and educational handouts.



(L-R) Green Lane WI President Ruth MacMillan with guest speakers Judy Coleman, CCAC Cornwall and Christine Brunet, CCAC Hawkesbury.



For the Good of History

Members of the Rosedene WI (Hamilton Area) know there is history in old buildings and they often play an important role in ensuring the future of these significant structures. Pictured here from Rosedene WI is Treasurer Marg Ireson presenting a cheque to Bill Zimmerman, President of the West Lincoln Historical Society. The donation goes to the preservation of the Smithville Train Station – which is Rosedene WI's way of keeping part of local history. Also present was Rosedene WI Vice President Jean Acton, President Brenda Vaughn and Secretary Berry Martin.

Serving treats!

Each year, the Finch WI (Eastern Area) serves drinks and cookies at local flu clinics. Partnering with the OCSA, these volunteers are a welcome addition to the clinics held at the North Stormont Seniors Support Centre in Finch. Pictured L-R is Lois Dillabough of Finch WI and Carol Murphy, Carefor Health and Community Services.

