

Anything for a Good Cause

In June the Penage Rd. WI decided, at the urging of one of our Members Margo Oliver, to support Go-Go Grannies of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We hosted a "talent" competition – each person started with \$10.00 and was encouraged to multiply it as many times as possible by the end of October. Margo, who is a well-known local Artist offered to give a prize of one of her paintings to the Member who raised the most money. About a dozen Members decided to accept the challenge and by the end of October over \$3,000 had been raised! The grand winner was Barbara Smatlanek who picked blueberries, made jam and sold it at the local Farmer's market, she raised over \$900 dollars, second was the instigator who raised over \$800, by selling fudge and cookies. Other ideas including picking blueberries and making pies for sale, lunch parties, a tea party, exercise groups, sunset cruises on a "party boat", selling exotic pickle, selling dried flowers and many more! The rest of our WI Members went to everything, bought everything and ate everything! We were delighted to get an interview with one of the two Sudbury newspapers. The Penage Road WI is very proud to have taken the Go-Go Grannies challenge!



Helen Makela, Pat Brunne, Margo Oliver, Gillian Catto, Barbara Smatlanek, Ruth Svensk, Kaarina Maki and Dorothy Pattison all helped raise funds for Go-Go Grannies.

Women of Excellence

Blackstock WI celebrated as they presented Jean Van Camp with the Durham West District First Annual Woman of Excellence Fair Award. Jean was honoured for her dedication throughout 48 years of service at the Blackstock Fair. Shown in the photo are (L-R) Carol Thornton, Jean Van Camp and Mary Ann Found. The ladies were proud to honour such a deserving woman!



Congratulations to Lennox-Addington District WI who had two recipients for the same award in their area. President Joan Walsh and Secretary Valerie Smith presented the award to Marion Thompson at the Napanee Agricultural Fair. They also awarded Helen Brown at the Centreville Fair in September. Both ladies had glowing letters of recommendation from their respective Branches, Maple Ridge WI and Reidville WI.

Linda Sutherland of Reynold's Creek WI was also presented with the Woman of Excellence Award at the Dorchester Fair. Linda is a devoted worker and is involved in many community organizations.

Congratulations to all who received this special award!



Thorndale WI,

In November the Thorndale WI brought gifts to the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario. As you can see in this photo, Berniece Harris went above and beyond making twelve beautiful crib quilts and three stunning afghans. Children's Hospital of Western Ontario provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care for children from birth through age 17.