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Meet the Members

Frances Clements, Nelson WI

Frances Clements stopped driving a car at the age of 91. But that hasn't put the brakes on her hectic schedule. Now the 92-year-old Milton resident gets around thanks to friends who drive her to meetings and other events. Frances maintains a lifestyle that her daughter can only marvel at. Known to her youngest child as "the galloping senior," her life revolves around a packed timetable that includes visits to the seniors centre, social outings, playing cards and WI Meetings.



Back in the depression years, Frances was invited to a meeting of the Mountain WI by her future mother-in-law. It was 1933 and the fees as she notes were "either fifty cents or a dollar". "I felt it was an interesting meeting. I joined six months before I was married. I was Frances Cudmore then."

Life as a farmer's wife was hectic and Frances says she wasn't as involved with WI until her three eldest children were in school. Then she would take her youngest, Donna, to meetings with her. Later, she would also take her granddaughter. During the war years, Frances helped by sending care packages to soldiers.

By her own standards, Frances isn't as active as she once was. She has "two dummy fingers" that make it difficult to use her hands at times, although they haven't prevented her from playing cards or crocheting. Now, living in Milton, Frances depends on friends who will drive her to WI Meetings.

Taken from a story written by Jennifer Enright.

The contribution made by our Provincial Board Members is vast. January marked the conclusion of their term of office for some of our Board Members.

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We thank you for your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm to FWIO!

Watch for information on our recently elected and current Board Members in the next issue.

*You make a living by what you get,
but you make a life by what you give - Winston Churchill*