

Cross Country Happenings

Maple Ridge WI, Lennox-Addington, Kingston Area



Maple Ridge WI honoured long-time member Fran Pringle in recognition of her receipt of an Ontario Volunteer Service Award from the province last fall. On behalf of the Branch, President Marion Thompson (left) presented Fran with a bouquet of flowers.

Submitted by Margaret Winter, PRO.

Eastern Area Members Honour Bernice Noblitt



A former FWIO and FWIC President, Women's Institute member Bernice Noblitt was honoured by the management of her new home, the Island View Retirement Suites in Arnprior, with an Afternoon Tea. About 70 members from the Renfrew South District and the Eastern Area attended the January event. Everyone enjoyed listening as Bernice related her WI experiences, as a small farm girl in the western provinces, to a young housewife in Combermere and later in Kars, to her many achievements at the Ontario and national levels of the organization. Bernice is shown with her daughter Shirley Walker, from Arnprior.

Submitted by Jo-Anne Camelon, PRO, Renfrew South, Eastern Area.

Plainfield WI, Hastings East, Trent Valley Area



This group proudly donated \$1,000 to the Tsunami Relief Fund. The money was raised through the sale of plants, shrubs and perennials. Presenting the cheque to Quinte Branch Red Cross representative Lois Hodgins (second from left) are Tweedsmuir Curator Wilma Huffman (far left), President Marilyn Hall (second from right) and Secretary Harriet Rhode (far right).

Submitted by Wilma Huffman, Tweedsmuir Curator.

Blackstock WI, Durham West, Central Area



Blackstock Women's Institute members cater to the local Lions Club four to six times a year as a means of fundraising. The WI members shown from left to right are Eileen McLaughlin, Jean Van Camp and Carol Thornton.

Submitted by Dora Martyn.

Lorne Sutherland WI, Carleton, Eastern Area

This Branch hosted an historical story night entitled "The Kingdom Mines," which included music, song and dance. Member Kathy Hunt wrote the script and she is also a member of the historical society. Books and videos were for sale to the public to learn about the history of the booming mines and the area in and around the community of Galetta between 1914 and 1950. Proceeds helped build a handicap ramp at the local community hall.

Lorne Sutherland members also host several Diner Club Luncheons providing a meal, fellowship, entertainment, speakers and fun! The luncheon provides an outing for many of the participants who would otherwise have the meals brought to them. The cost of the lunch and transportation, if needed, is minimal. The Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre organizes the program and the Branch provides the hall and the meal.

As part of their Christmas gathering, the local high school jazz band and choir entertained the Branch. The group enjoyed creating Christmas decorations and cards for the sick and shut-in.

Prince Edward District WI, Trent Valley Area



Prince Edward District was proud to show off the new FWIO display board at its annual Art and Craft Show. The more than 200 high quality vendors at this one-day event attracted approximately 5,000 people. The proceeds earned from renting the spaces and from admission at the gate were donated to local schools, hospitals, museums, libraries and the fire department. Cherry Valley Branch member Madeleine Plourde (left) is shown with Mountain View member Thelma Coulter (right).

Submitted by Dini Terpstra, District PRO.