



This group is shown "hamming it up" while donning the hats from "The Pink Tea" performance. Shown from left to right are Billie Power – Past Chair, Central Ontario Area WI, piano player from the Pink Tea cast, Margaret Yetman – FWIC President and Blaunshe Ciach – First Vice Chair, Central Ontario Area WI.

be made into lap covers for distribution to nursing or seniors' homes throughout the Central Ontario Area.

Highlights of the 24th Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Triennial Conference held in Hobart, Tasmania, in March were presented by several who attended. Arthena Hecker, Chair of the Quilt Show Committee, gave an update of the "Quilts, Quills and Bears" Quilt Show to be held at the International Centre in Mississauga from September 16 to 18, 2005. The Leisure Workshops were organized for the afternoon and feedback from the participants was positive.

Saturday evening's keynote speaker Ken Knox, former Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in Ontario, challenged members by asking, "Are you finished yet? Because as members you still have lots to do!" The Ginger Group then presented "The Pink Tea," a concert of the story of "The Famous Five." Judge Emily Murphy, the first woman magistrate in the British Empire, invited four other women to join in her appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of England, Canada's highest court of appeal at the time, to declare that women were indeed persons.

On October 18, 1929, it was unanimously decided that the word "persons" in Section 24 of the British North America Act included both males and females.

Sunday, June 13 – An Interfaith Service was held, including the Bells of Bowmanville Choir. FWIC President Margaret Yetman addressed the audience, noting: "We must learn to communicate between generations." The special guests from Manitoba and Michigan provided some insight into their group's work. The flags were retired and FWIO President Elsie Stephenson gave the closing remarks. An invitation to attend Conference 2006 was extended by the London Area Women's Institute.

Viola Ashton was the Public Relations Officer for the FWIO Conference 2004.

Note of Thanks

To everyone who participated in the FWIO Conference 2004, the organizing committee extends thanks and appreciation. The response to the knitted squares was overwhelming! There will be a follow-up report noting how many lap covers were made and where they were distributed. Christine Reaburn, Chair, Conference 2004

Competition Winners

Swedish Weaving

- 1st – Muriel Wotton
Shirley WI, Ontario
Central Area – bag
- 2nd – Joan Folkard
The Maples WI
Dufferin South, Central Area
– table runner
- 3rd – Doreen Riggan
Violet Hill WI
Dufferin North, Central Area
– wall hanging

Ladies Crocheted Sweater

- 1st – Lucy Hesse
Majestic WI, Huron East
Guelph Area
- 2nd – Roseanne Gilchrist
Balsam Hill WI
Renfrew South, Eastern Area
- 3rd – Lila Smiley
Greely Manotick WI
Carleton, Eastern Area

Ribbon Embroidery

- 1st – Allison Kubiseski
Balsam Hill WI
Renfrew South, Eastern Area
- 2nd – Muriel Wotton
Shirley WI
Ontario, Central Area
- 3rd – Lila Smiley
Greely Manotick WI
Carleton, Eastern Area

Baby Quilt

- 1st – Doreen Brethour
Bethesda Reach WI
Ontario, Central Area
- 2nd – Celine Kollmer
Hampstead WI
Perth Centre, Guelph Area
- 3rd – Myrtle Reid
Coningsby WI
Wellington Centre, Guelph Area

Historical Picture Tour of My Community

- 1st – Irene Robillard
Burnstown WI
Renfrew South, Eastern Area
- 2nd – Theresa Broeders
Wolfe Island WI
Frontenac, Kingston Area
- 3rd – Brenda J. Love
Grand Bend WI
Huron South, London Area