

# Cross Country Happenings

## Russell Village WI, Russell, Eastern Area



The Russell Village WI organized an in-house fundraising auction. Auctioneer extraordinaire is shown in mid-bid with an auction item. The items were donated and purchased by members as an evening of fun and entertainment. Giggles and strategy bidding added to the endeavour, which collected \$80 to go toward the Branch's highly successful "Thinking of You" Gift Basket Program.

A recent topic of discussion for this Branch was "The Children of Chernobyl;" the guest speaker gave a riveting talk and slide show on the process involved in delivering donations of food, clothing and supplies to Belarus and the families of Chernobyl. Russell Village member Mary Inglis was praised for her efforts in raising \$400 toward the cost of flowers for the village's beautification project. Never missing an opportunity to advertise, Mary wrote two articles for the local paper promoting the project. Well done Mary!

Submitted by Jean Williams, PRO.

## Hawkestone WI, Simcoe-Kempenfeldt, Simcoe Area

The Hawkestone Women's Institute was proud to present a television

and a sump pump to the village's Fire Department. The television will be used for viewing training programs and the sump pump will be used in areas where flooding is a problem. The Hawkestone WI appreciates their local Fire Department and give them a great deal of credit for their good work.

## Elmview WI, Northumberland West, Trent Valley Area

This Branch honoured their eldest member Beatrice McClelland for her more than sixty years of dedication to the organization. The group invited local freelance writer/photographer Selena Forsyth to interview Beatrice and write an article for the Port Hope Evening Guide. The youngest Branch member, 13-year-old Stephanie Sanders wheeled the trolley with the celebration cake.



Submitted by Marguerite Huggins, President.  
Photo courtesy of the Port Hope Evening Guide.

## Dunrobin WI, Carleton, Eastern Area

Several Dunrobin WI members – Eleanor Groot-Koerkamp, Doreen Clarke, Ruth Borden, Ethel Wilson, Venetia Moorhouse and Pam McKinley - received Life Membership Certificates and Pins for serving for more than 30 years.

## Tyendinaga East WI, Hastings East, Trent Valley Area



At a recent celebration, long-time members Geraldine and Irene Mower were presented with 60 Year Pins. Helen Parker, Marguerite Abbott and Betty Stapley were presented with 25 Year Pins. The group recalled their many achievements in the community, including initiating the building of a library, arranging and paying for the immunization of children, supplying the local schools with first aid kits and equipment to serve hot lunches, leading and sponsoring numerous 4-H Clubs, working on Red Cross projects, catering events and supporting the "Stop the Dump" initiative. Geraldine Mowers presented guest speaker Ken Brown, former teacher and local researcher, with a gift of appreciation for his talk on the history of the area.

Submitted by Bernice Thompson.

## Louise WI, Grey South, Grey-Bruce Area

Louise WI member Phyllis Dodsworth is appropriately dressed in vintage clothing as she sits behind the tabletop Antique Display, the group's contribution to Elmwood's Homecoming held in July. Part of the display was a quilt that member Phyllis Howie helped create in the 1940s as a young bride with the help of her mother-in-law.



Submitted by Helen Weirmeir.