

Lambton Districts Host Michigan Chapters

Last summer, Lambton North and South District Women's Institutes entertained 56 members of the Lapeer and Macomb County (Michigan) chapters of the Family & Community Education Association (FCE). A potluck lunch was followed by a theatre presentation of "Menopause," the musical at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia. Catherine McKinnon, who starred in the show, was the surprise luncheon speaker. Shown in the photograph from left to right



are Mary Janes - Lambton North District President, Joyce Weiss - FCE Michigan President, Judy Lamphere - FCE International Convenor and Mona May Thompson - Lambton South District President.

Submitted by Mary Janes.

West Shore WI Honour Member Ethel Mallett



West Shore Women's Institute members, family and friends gathered at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Orillia to honour Ethel Mallett. She was born and raised in Kitchener, Ontario. After marrying her husband Charlie in 1940, they settled down to married life in Brantford. Ethel devoted her time to homemaking and Charlie worked on farms throughout his life.

Ethel and Charlie moved from Brantford to Markham, and then to Orillia in the early 1960s. After Charlie's death, Ethel worked as a live-in caregiver and housekeeper for several seniors in the area. Ethel is always busy with her hobbies of knitting, sewing, crocheting, quilting and other crafts.

As a 30-year Women's Institute member, Ethel has held many offices, including Resolutions Convenor, Tweedsmuir Curator, Treasurer and Coins for Friendship Convenor. As a WI project, Ethel is currently making lap robes and woolen hats for the residents of the Orillia Care Center and for the Red Cross.

Ethel can be seen early in the morning shopping in downtown Orillia or at the Farmers' Market. Ethel is a very active senior, who is an inspiration to all her friends.

Submitted by Wilma Carter, West Shore WI, Simcoe East, Simcoe Area.

Christmas Around the World

The International Affairs Committee of the New Dundee Women's Institute presented a program called "Christmas Around the World." Members wore costumes from numerous countries and each read a brief report, which touched on traditions and Christmas carols of that particular country. Shown from left to right are Isabel Kozicki - British Isles, Becky Heck - Nigeria, Jean Weber - Judea, Linda Stoltz - Bolivia, Patricia Zimmerman - France, Blanche Simpson - Australia and Ruth Howling - Canada.

Submitted by Becky Heck, New Dundee WI, Waterloo, Guelph Area.



Apple Pies Sell Like Hot Cakes!

Their first ever apple pie sale was a great start to the Kawartha-Woodlands WI's Christmas Hamper Fund. Members gathered on several occasions to roll out the dough, pare, slice and spice apples and put it all together. Over 160 pies were made for customers who ordered the pies in time for Thanksgiving delivery. Over \$475 was raised that went toward helping area families have a better Christmas. This Branch also hosts an annual shopping bus trip to Toronto in support of the Hamper Fund.

Submitted by Karen Woolley, Kawartha-Woodlands WI, Peterborough, Trent Valley Area.



"Thinking of You"

One of the many projects that the Russell Village Women's Institute takes seriously is their "Thinking of You" Gift Basket. For individuals going through periods of intense emotional or physical stress, it sometimes makes their burdens easier to bear just knowing that people around them care and take notice. Whether it is someone experiencing loneliness after the loss of a companion, undergoing major surgery or dealing with business failure and financial strains, it can all be so emotionally and physically draining.

As a group that is involved in many facets of community life, we know of and learn about individuals who could use a reminder that someone cares. Accordingly, we make up a "Thinking of You" Gift Basket appropriate to the situation. We are trying to minister to our community in this way. The need is out there and the response has been so very gratifying! Indeed, this is a project that other Institutes could quite easily take on!

Recuperating patient Lydia Nyenkamp was presented with a "Thinking of You" Gift Basket from Russell Village member Diny Achtereekte.

Submitted by Jean Williams, PRO, Russell Village WI, Russell, Eastern Area.

