

## Cross Country Happenings

### Hillier WI, Prince Edward, Trent Valley Area



During the "Loyalist Adventure Days" in Prince Edward County, Hillier members made and sold close to 600 apple dumplings as a fundraiser. In the front row from left to right are Nina Hilton, Carole Harrison and Betty Stapleton. Standing left to right are Peggy Burris, Pat Van Kreyten, Marilyn Rennie, Mary Darlington and Peggy's sister Pat.

Submitted by Rebecca Mackeller, PRO.

### Grand Bend WI, Huron South, London Area



Each year, this Branch makes fall decorations and crafts, baked goods and preserves to sell at the Farmers Market. The proceeds go to local organizations, the FWIO Headquarters Fund and the London Children's Hospital. The Grand Bend WI also participated in the Breast Cancer Quilt Show in Stratford. Several of their members are talented quilt makers, so they made a quilt - they stitched, they smiled, they socialized. They said that the satisfaction they gained from quilting this particular quilt was inexplicable.

Submitted by Brenda Love, PRO.

### Finch WI, Stormont, Eastern Area



Finch WI member Bernadette Beehler (left) presented a handmade quilt to Sherry MacMillan (right). The MacMillans lost everything in a recent house fire.

Submitted by Sandra MacMillan, PRO.

### Greenwood WI, Renfrew North, Eastern Area



This Branch hosted the August Birthday Party for the residents of the Miramichi Lodge in Pembroke last year. Branch PRO Elaine Hennessy introduced the group called The Red Hot Mamas. Sharon Cotnam and Vicky Duffy are members of the Branch and the singing group.

Submitted by Elaine Hennessy, PRO.

### Waterloo District WI, Guelph Area



This District organizes an annual fundraiser at a local horse show. Members sell homemade pie, sold by the slice, sandwiches, bacon on a bun and dirnks to help raise money to support District projects and to sponsor one of the awards presented at the show.

Submitted by Ann Snyder, Maplegrove WI, Waterloo, Guelph Area.

### Ingleside WI, Stormont, Eastern Area



Ingleside members came up with the idea of organizing a Trunk Sale to raise funds for a scholarship presented to a student from Rothwell-Osnabrock High School. Members sold their wares out of the trunks of their cars, parked at the local shopping centre. The necessary money was raised and a lot of fun was had in the process!

Submitted by Verla Gallinger, PRO.

## Mary Barr Honoured for her Efforts



Clachan WI member Mary Barr was inducted into the Kent Agricultural Hall of Fame last October. Mary was born in Norwich County and lived in Simcoe until 1945 when she married her husband George. She joined her first Women's Institute Branch in 1939 at the age of 18. She has held numerous positions at various levels of the organization, including Branch Secretary and President, District Director and Provincial Board Director. In 1973, Mary was honoured with a Life Membership. She loves to travel, quilt and cook. Clachan WI members are proud of her receiving this deserved award.

Submitted by Hilda Morden, Clachan WI, Elgin County, Southwestern Area.

Extracted from an article by Chris McGregor in *The Daily News*, Chatham.

### Pine Grove WI, Simcoe East, Simcoe Area.

Last fall, this Branch made a donation to the Junior Section School Entries at the Orillia Fall Fair. Oro Public School Grade 7 student Emily Graham won the most points in the Flower Section and received the special plaque sponsored by the Branch. To thank them for their support, Emily sent the Branch a thank you note, as well as a postscript from her mother. Thank you Emily, your recognition was greatly appreciated.

### Wellington South District WI, Guelph Area

Last October, members attended morning workshops organized by the District about the roles and responsibilities of Public Relations Officers, Secretaries and Tweedsmuir History Curators. An afternoon session, facilitated by Leone Foerter, Provincial Advisory Councillor for Subdivision 10, who provided an overview of the structure and objectives of the Women's Institute. This session was followed by a panel of six members - Glenna Smith, Margaret McMann, Irene Weber, Elinor Rau, Pauline Weiland and Cindi Rabstein - who outlined the pros and cons of the amalgamation of the three Districts of Wellington South, Wellington Centre and Halton.