

### Hawkestone WI, Simcoe Kempenfeldt, Simcoe Area

This Branch held their Annual Potluck Dinner in April, with 44 members and guests present. The evening included a fun auction, with articles donated by members, and a raffle for a gift basket and other items. Everyone went home with a copy of each of the recipes served.

### Renfrew North District WIs, Eastern Area

Meeting topics organized by the Branches - Alice, Greenwood, Queen's Line and Snake River in this District included:

- immigrating to Canada and what immigrants have to do to become Canadian citizens
- mission work in Guatemala, including establishing schools and constructing homes and medical clinics for the poor
- "poor taste" in the advertising industry
- how to improve your memory
- speaking with an Engineering Technologist about the necessity of local bridge repairs
- discussions on the declining membership and how to recruit new members
- the Nutrient Management Act

### Hastings West, Hastings East and Hastings North District WIs, Trent Valley Area

Congratulations were extended to Jackie Jarrell of Corbyville for winning the Hastings County Women's Institute Scholarship for 4-H members. Jackie was the first recipient of the newly formed scholarship. The scholarship was made possible through the generosity of the three Women's Institute Districts in Hastings County. Jackie also had the honour of being chosen the winner of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Sixtieth Anniversary Scholarship for post-secondary studies. Hockey, one of her many talents, earned her a Gold Medal as a member of Team Ontario at the Canadian Winter Games in New Brunswick last March.

### Sunnidale Corners, Simcoe West, Simcoe Area

The Sunnidale WI presented three long-time members - June Giffen, Betty Patterson and Betty Specker - with 50 Year Pins and plaques.

### Woodhouse WI, Norfolk, Hamilton Area

The Woodhouse Women's Institute recently honoured member Elva Reichheld who has been with the group for 71 years. Over the years, Elva has served in every office, some more than once. To recognize her years of dedication, Elva was presented with a certificate and roses.

### Waterloo District WI Offers Educational Workshops

More than 50 members and friends from the Waterloo District WI gathered for the annual Education Workshop in March in New Dundee. The group took part in various sessions - quick and easy appetizers and creative pastries presented by professional pastry chef Alissa Stolz; how to etch a faux stained glass window sun catcher instructed by Michelle Rae from Michael's; ribbon embroidery under the guidance of Donna Uttley and Joanne Piper from the Guelph Embroidery Guild; natural gardening by Ann Morgan of the K-W Garden Club and an information session from volunteers with the Canadian Cancer Society who outlined the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre facilities.

### Clute WI, Cochrane, Cochrane-Temiskaming Area

Charlotte Johnson, a community volunteer for many years, was the recipient of a Queen's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Medal last winter. Johnson has contributed to her community in a variety of ways. She has held several offices in both the skating and curling club. Through her church, Johnson took part in Sunday School teaching, the choir and the council. She was a member of the Clute Agricultural Society until it dissolved and taught 4-H clubs for 35 years. While her community involvement is far reaching, upon receiving this prestigious award, Johnson said, "I never did anything unless I wanted to and believed in it, and you don't volunteer without people along side of you. They are just as deserving of this type of award, if not more so."

Extracted from an article by Nora Egan in the Cochrane-Post Times.

### Hunta WI, Cochrane, Cochrane-Temiskaming Area



Members of the Hunta Women's Institute made and then presented the residents of South Centre Manor in Iroquois Falls with eight lap quilts. Branch President Irene Blackburn (standing, left) and Manor staff member Donna Desjardins (standing, right) are shown with three of the residents.

Submitted by Evelyn Shier, Hunta WI.

### Harrietsville WI, Middlesex East, London Area



The eight dedicated members of this group gathered to honour long-time members Helen Rath - 68 years, Violet Driesman - 50+ years, and Jean Garton - 50+ years. Standing from left to right are Norma Shackleton - Secretary-Treasurer, Grace Jackson, Ruth Axford and Flora Rath. Seated left to right are Violet Driesman, Marilyn Harvey - President, Helen Rath and Jean Garton.

Submitted by Norma Shackleton.

### Frankville WI, Leeds, Kingston Area

This WI Branch proudly boasts a three-generation family as part of their membership: Henny and Ashley Vanderlinden and Lammy Schapelhouman (left to right).

Submitted by Margaret Cooke, Frankville WI.



### Big Lake WI, Manitoulin East, North Central Area



The Big Lake Women's Institute was pleased and excited to discover that one of its members received a highly esteemed award. Last winter, Secretary-Treasurer Rita Moody was one of 14 local recipients who were awarded a Queen's 50th Jubilee Medal and Certificate. She received the award for the significant contribution she made to her community, to Canada and to her fellow Canadians. Congratulations Rita!

Submitted by Moira Eislely, Acting PRO.

