Celebrating 100 Years of WI

Elmwood WI, **Grey South, Grey-Bruce** Area

Over 75 Women's Institute members and quests from 12 District and Area Branches attended the Tea for the 100th Anniversary of the



Elmwood Branch in February 2003. FWIO President Dianne Orr brought greetings and congratulations from the Damascus WI and from FWIO as she presented 100th Anniversary Pins to each member of the Elmwood WI. The Provincial President Dianne Orr (right) helps 50-year member Joy Fidler (centre) and Branch President Linda Miller (left) cut the 100th anniversary cake.

Submitted by Pam Fidler, Elmwood WI.

Hampstead WI, Perth Centre, Guelph Area



About 40 women gathered together in February at a noon luncheon entitled a "Century of Memories" to celebrate the 100th anniversary milestone and reminisce with former members and friends. Four 70-year plus members, shown with Branch President Helen Anderson (centre), were honoured at the gathering - Neola Makins, Lillian McTavish, Helena Zinn and Mabel Siegner (from left to right). FWIO President Dianne Orr, Guelph Area President Cindi Rabstein, FWIO Provincial Advisory Councillor Leone Foerter, Perth Centre District President Donna Shearer and Perth East Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz brought greetings and congratulations.

Submitted by Isobel Diehl, PRO, Hampstead WI.

St. George WI, Brant, Hamilton Area



Members celebrated the group's 100th anniversary by travelling back in time. The meeting was the same day, same time and same place as the inaugural meeting of the St. George Women's Institute. Most of the Branch's 65 members attended the celebration held in a recently restored mansion on Main Street in St. George. Many were dressed in period costume. One hundred years ago the mansion was home to Annie Kitchen, a country doctor wife's who hosted the inaugural meeting. The Anniversary Committee shown from left to right in the back row are Isobel Brubacher, Marie Lyons, Delores Eby, Guy-Anne Harris and Carol Ottman. Seated from left to right are Mary Derbyshire, Mary Wratten and Betty Ames.

Submitted by Betty Ames, PRO, Anniversary Committee, St. George WI.

Simcoe Centre District WI. Simcoe Area

Last summer, the Simcoe Centre District WI celebrated its 100th anniversary. Simcoe Centre District President Lorna McGrath welcomed a full house of members, dignitaries and guests.



FWIO President Dianne Orr was in attendance, along with special guest "Adelaide Hoodless," as dignitaries presented certificates to the District to mark this special achievement. A buffet dinner was served followed by lots of fun and entertainment, including skits and music. From left to right in the photo are Simcoe Area President Marjorie Bell, Simcoe Centre District President Lorna McGrath, FWIO Provincial Advisory Councillor Cindy Lockhart and FWIO President Dianne Orr. Photo courtesy of the Springwater News.

Wentworth, Hamilton Area

Westover WI,

Members of the Westover Women's

Institute gathered in the hamlet's community hall to celebrate their 100th anniversary. Seventy guests gathered in the newly renovated hall, owned by the Westover Branch since 1922. Highlighting the festivities were speeches, congratulatory letters and plaques, historical displays, songs, laughter, reminiscing and the presentation of 100 Year Pins to all 20 members. Shown in the front row from left to right are Marie McDonough, Jean Ferrier, Mabel

Nimijohn, Lil Moore, Edna Yovanov, Sylvia Pippard, Dorothy Ego and Maureen Emmerson. In the back row from left to right are Joan Gerritsen, Pauline Morris, Nimmi Khurana, Mary Boyd, Trish Taylor, Kerri Morrison, Linda McDonough, Jeanette McAndrew, Bert McDonough and Susie McDonough. Absent -Suzanne Grundy and Jeanette Labrie.

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