

## Lonsdale WI Member Becomes Warden

Lonsdale WI member Margaret Walsh, Reeve of Tyendinaga Township, was sworn in as Warden of Hastings County in December 2002. This makes Margaret the first female Warden in the County's 133-year history.



Margaret has lived in Tyendinaga Township since 1952, where she and her late husband Bill farmed and raised three children. She retired from elementary school teaching in 1985. Margaret was first elected to Tyendinaga Council in 1994 and became Reeve of the Township in 1997, a position she still holds.

As an active and caring individual, Margaret has been diligent in all aspects of her commitment to WI, the community, the education system and municipal council. Congratulations Margaret and much success in your new position as Warden.

Submitted by Monica McGuiness, Secretary-Treasurer, Lonsdale WI, Hastings East.

## You are now entering Brigden....



On a cold and blustery day, members of the Brigden WI gathered in front of their new sign at the entrance to the village. Members (l to r) in the back row are Jean Ellenor, Marjorie O'Neil, Darlene Pepper, Muriel McCallum and Pat Blackman. In the middle row (l to r) are Dorothy Neal, Catherine McKenna, Peggy McGregg, Joan Bogaart and Norma Wilson. Shirley Miller is kneeling in the front.

Submitted by Dorothy Neal, PRO, Brigden WI, Lambton North.

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and Community Education (MAFCE), noted Reaburn, added another "international" dimension to the Provincial Conference.

In September members from most Societies across Canada gathered in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, for the ACWW Canada Area Conference. With ACWW President Hilda Stewart, Deputy World President Ursula Goh and the Chair of ACWW's United Nations Committee Sandra Broderick-Allen in attendance, members heard first hand how effective they are in influencing and supporting rural women.

Recently, the Ontario Home Economics Association (OHEA) felt they could no longer administer the FWIO International Scholarship because of the time commitment involved. In response, the FWIO Board asked ACWW if they could utilize the \$2,500 in interest from the International Scholarship Fund within their own Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund. ACWW World President Hilda Stewart replied that they would be happy to receive and administer the International Scholarship, beginning in 2003. The full criteria for the Lady Aberdeen Scholar-

ship can be found in ACWW's Constitution, which is available from London at a cost of 3 pounds, plus postage.

### Elections

Congratulations to the following individuals on being elected to their respective positions.

- Regional Board Directors
  - Eastern – Cecilia Maines
  - Northern – June Feaver
  - Southern – Glenna Ladell
  - Western – Joy Trimble
- Lobbying Coordinator – Ruth Kennedy
- ROSE Coordinator – Gillian Catto
- Tweedsmuir Coordinator – Peggy McLeod
- FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC – Arthena Hecker
- Incoming Provincial Advisory Councillors - Cindy Zorgel, Mary Ellen Closson, Joyce Payne, Victoria Hargrave, Wilma Young, Glenys Hepinstall, June Petch, Lynda Brooker, Ruth Axford, Marlene Webb, Verna Laphish and Gerd Hamilton

**NOTE:** Coordinators reports are for 2001-2002.

### Recognitions

FWIO President Dianne Orr thanked several outgoing officers for the energy and endless number of hours they have given to the Women's Institute organization during their term of office. These individuals include the Board Directors Angele Oberg, Ruth Crump, Evelyn Peck and Fran Farrell, the FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC Marg Eberle, the Interim ROSE Health Program Coordinator Gail Murdock, the Interim Lobbying Coordinator Anne Dyas and the numerous Provincial Advisory Councillors. All were extended heartfelt thanks!

### Wednesday's Workshops

As in previous years, a series of workshops was organized for the Provincial Advisory Councillors, the Coordinators, the Committees of the Board and the Provincial Board of Directors. The roles and responsibilities of each position were reviewed and concerns were clarified. Once again, Board had the opportunity to meet and talk with their Provincial Advisory Councillors and likewise, Coordinators met with their committees.