

100 Years to Celebrate!

Wellington South District WI

In celebration of Wellington South District's 100th anniversary last May, nearly 100 members and guests sat down to a roast beef dinner at the Puslinch Community Centre. FWIO President Dianne Orr was in attendance along with the Mayor of Puslinch. All Past Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers were recognized with a flower, which made three beautiful bouquets. Each of the eight Branches in the District set up a display depicting their past accomplishments. A spruce tree was planted at the Puslinch Community Garden, with a stone plaque which reads Wellington South Women's Institute, 1902-2002. The official tree planters from left to right are Betty Lambert - earliest serving President, Lorraine Scott - earliest serving Secretary-Treasurer, Lyla Hayden - oldest member of the oldest active Branch, and Edith Eedy - President, Wellington South.



Submitted by Ann Burrows, Secretary, Wellington South.

Waterloo District WI

One hundred members and guests, including FWIO President Dianne Orr, gathered for a District Rally last August at the New Dundee Community Centre to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Waterloo District. A potluck supper was enjoyed followed by a program of skits presented by Branch members depicting five 20-year periods in the history of the



District. The District collected \$300 to be split equally between the Erland Lee Home and the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead. Shown from left to right are Waterloo District President Elinor Rau, member Margaret Schnurr and her mother Marie Tilt, one of the oldest members in Waterloo District.

Submitted by Elaine McCutcheon, PRO, Waterloo.

Kent District WI



Selkirk WI, Haldimand

The Selkirk WI celebrated its 100th anniversary last spring. About 100 people gathered at the Selkirk Community Hall for an afternoon Anniversary Tea. Greetings and certificates were received from all levels of government. FWIO President Dianne Orr presented 100 Year Pins and extended congratulations, as did the Area and District Presidents in attendance. The Hall was decorated with displays, WI projects and crafts completed during past years and numerous quilts. Gathered around the cake from left to right are Lorna Williams, Eunice Lindsay, Shirley Mitchell, Jean Lamb, Doris Fess, Marguerite Sherk and Karlane House. Absent - Jackie Nicklin.

Submitted by Lorna Williams, Secretary, Selkirk WI, Haldimand.

Solina WI, Durham West

Solina Women's Institute celebrated its 100th anniversary in January 2003. Members Pat Best and Bernice Watson (seated, left to right in photo to right) were honoured with Life Memberships. Fifty Year Pins were presented to members (standing, left to right) Loraine Knox, Marjorie Cryderman, Lois Yellowlees and Eileen Knox (absent - Doris Hills) and a 25 Year Pin went to Dorothy Snowden.

Submitted by Viola Ashton, Solina WI, Durham West.



Last September, Kent District WI members, former members and friends joined together to celebrate the founding of the District. All who attended the gala enjoyed an evening of music and songs, reminiscences, recognitions, good food and fellowship. The booklet 100 Years of History created for the occasion is still a work in progress. It is hoped that memories have been tweaked and that more information will be added. With 100 years invested in the community, Kent District members strive to provide educational programs, advocate for social and economic change and work towards the goal of personal growth and empowerment of all women. Shown in the back row (l to r) are Ruth McDonald, Marg Smith, Verna Smith, Eileen LaPatourel, Elsie Howes and Janet Richards. In the front row (l to r) are Bea Reinhardt, Peggy Roger, Mary Barr and Marg Eberle.

Submitted by Peggy Roger, Kent District.

