

St. Vincent WI, Grey North



St. Vincent WI members have been busy each month filling handmade bags with personal items for the Grey Bruce Women's Centre. Shown in the front row from left to right are Margaret Clark, Donna Coleman, Helen Hudson and Ethel Clubine. In the back row from left to right are Grace Weylie, Helen Weaver, Irma Shortt, Luella Bumstead, Freda Skippen, Shirley Moore, Sheila Carmichael, Meri Diane Carroll and Isabel Burgess. Absent - Winnie Saddlebauer.

Submitted by Grace Weylie, St. Vincent WI, Grey North.

Penage Road WI, Sudbury North

The Penage Road WI in Whitefish, Ontario, recently held two quilting bees. They gathered to produce comfort quilts for the homeless in the Greater City of Sudbury. The group completed eight quilts. From left to right are members Ruth Svensk, Jean Ackwood and Helen Makela.

Submitted by Pat Brunne, PRO, Penage Road WI, Sudbury North.



Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds



Last November, five members of the Lincoln Centre Line Dancers entertained the Beamsville and Rosedene WIs. The event was organized as a ROSE Health Session under the theme of "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds." Beamsville member Angela Valli (front left) demonstrates this fun way to keep fit, along with WI members Audrey McCauley, Theresa Milne and Lynne Goodfellow (left to right in back row) and Director Joan Ruddy (far right).

Submitted by Angela Valli, PRO, Beamsville WI, Lincoln.

Brant District WI

Four members from Brant District were awarded Province of Ontario Volunteer Awards. The District nominated them for this Award. These four ladies - Donna Csonto, Carol Force, Helen Emmott and Elizabeth Young (from left to right) - can boast 160 years of volunteer service between the four of them.

Submitted by Carol Force, Board Director, Southern Region.



Hampshire Ardrea WI, Simcoe East



This group put on a Christmas Dinner at the Severn Bridge Hall for the Hammond Transportation Company. Fifty guests were served a hot ham dinner with homemade pies. Hampshire Ardrea members who helped with this fundraiser included (from left to right): back row - Dorothy Lockrey and Pat Hopkins; middle row - Karen Telford, Mary Schulz, Jean McMillan and Barb Clare; and front row - Betty Ayers, Marie Hewitt, Nancy Cranney, Lois Telford, Bonnie Stafford, Kay Fountain and Marilyn Shelswell.

Submitted by Nancy Cranney, Hampshire Ardrea WI, Simcoe East.

"A Berry Happy Customer!"

Russell Village Women's Institute members are "berry" happy with their Berry Sale Fundraiser they held last fall. WI members Ina Henry (left) and Diny Achtereekte (centre) are shown with a happy customer picking up her order of blueberries.

Submitted by Jean Williams, Russell Village WI, Russell.



WI Misconceptions

All too often the WI is thought of as an organization where women get together, raise funds for community projects and enjoy refreshments and a social time. The WI is, and always has been, much more than that. A story in the Mount Forest Confederate where "Damascus WI calls for a sludge ban" and the "Dromore WI wants a full public debate on garbage options" puts those misconceptions to rest. The Damascus WI wrote to Wellington North Council outlining its opposition to spreading treated sludge, calling for an all-out-ban of the practice. The Dromore WI, on the other hand, is calling for public input prior to an expensive new waste disposal plan being initiated in the Township of Southgate.

We congratulate both WI groups for taking the initiative on issues that concern us all.

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