

Lakeside WI, Oxford

The Lakeside Women's Institute holds a bake sale at the St. Marys Farmers' Market each Father's Day weekend, offering a variety of treats. Those members working at the sale, from left to right, are Ida Ann Harris, Evelyn King, Ruth Gates, Linda McCorquodale, Helen Holden and Eleanor Ball. All proceeds were donated to Focus High for WI.



Submitted by Ruth Gates, Lakeside WI, Oxford.
Photo courtesy of Laura Payton, St. Marys Journal Argus.

Wabash WI, Kent

For many years the Wabash WI have sponsored the local Boy Scouts. Lenore Cracknell and her husband Art attend many of the meetings and keep the Branch updated. Several Scout leaders are shown with Lenore in the WI Hall where meetings are held. With community support, this group organizes a successful Chicken Barbecue and Quilt Draw each year. This Branch also hosted the annual Kent District Collector's Tea in June. Collections ranged from WI memorabilia to trolls, bells, elephants, crystal, china and pins.



Submitted by Kay Hooyer, Wabash WI, Kent.

Rylstone WI, Hastings North

Rylstone Institute member Marjory Finch is shown picking up two bags of garbage for Pitch-In Canada Week. In addition to helping clean up the roadsides, members of this Branch hold card parties every two weeks and volunteer at the Hastings County Museum of Agriculture in Stirling. Two members, Beverly Yye and Rea Findlay, facilitated an Antique Teddy Bear Workshop at the Museum. The group also enjoyed a tour of a sheep farm in July.

Submitted by Dorothy Thomson, Tweedsmuir Curator, Rylstone WI, Hastings North.



Balsam Hill WI, Renfrew South

Balsam Hill WI member Pauline Hughes was named Citizen of the Year for Admaston-Bromley Township at the Canada Day celebrations. Pauline's many community



activities include acting as a teacher at the Women's Institute Living History Museum, Assistant Tweedsmuir Curator, Co-chair of the Township's Citizens' Committee to deal with waste management issues and leader of home-composting workshops at schools and adult sessions.

Submitted by Lynn Clelland, PRO, Balsam Hill, Renfrew South.

"Beary" Generous

Some of the bears arrived in grocery bags and garbage bags. Some were tall; others were short. Some were knit; others crocheted. Some were



handmade of fur fabric, and others were purchased. They were every colour in the rainbow and some were not bears at all, but other stuffed animals. They numbered 230 in all and represented many hours of work and stitches of love from the members of 15 Branches from across Norfolk District.

After being distributed to various agencies across the District, including the Children's Aid Society and the local hospital, women's shelter, victim's services and a local nursing home, the bears brought smiles to the faces of many recipients.

What's in a name?

The Franktown-Numogate WI is still making the blue oval name pins, which include the WI symbol. They are 3" x 2" in size. The WI logo is centred above the member's name and their Branch name. Special orders are made for District and Area. The lettering is white on a royal blue background. The cost is \$6, with a postage and handling charge of \$5 per order. To order, contact Janice Campbell, RR 6, Smiths Falls ON K7A 4S7, Phone: 613-283-5940, Email: wcampbel@ripnet.ca