

### Washago WI, Simcoe East

Last year, this Branch organized a "Bloomin' Good Fundraiser." The public was invited to tour the grounds and gardens at ten different homes, including those of five WI members. The group raised \$555. The gardens of WI member Elsie Blay were part of the tour and considered an inspiration to the whole community.

### Beachburg WI, Renfrew North

The Beachburg Women's Institute recently awarded pins to their long-time members: Elsie Krose – 25 Year Pin; Edith Bennett, Irene Cyr, Lorna Farnel, Muriel Fletcher and Meryl Robinson – 30 Year Pins; and, Velma Hawthorne – 40 Year Pin.

### Avonmore WI, Stormont

The Avonmore Women's Institute recently honoured long-time member Ina McElheran for her 68 years of service to date.

### DeCew Falls WI, Niagara



This Branch voted to direct the \$275 made from selling items at a local flea market to the Focus High for WI project. Shown from left to right are Shirley Warner, Sylvia Wark and Sheila Sciarra.

Submitted by Margaret Lawrence, Secretary-Treasurer, DeCew Falls WI, Niagara.

### Alford & Park Road WI, Brant

Members of the Alford and Park Road Women's Institute enjoyed a mid-winter meeting at Smoke Hollow Estates, a cosy recreation hall surrounded by retirement homes. President Helen Doctor introduced two speakers from the Heart and Stroke Foundation who talked about heart health and good eating habits. This group has also hosted a "Bring a Friend Tea" as a way to reach out to new members. Branch members are shown with a special guest, 9 year old Lacey Hunter.

Submitted by Ivy Johnson, Alford and Park Road WI, Brant.



### Grand Bend WI, Huron South

The Grand Bend WI made money at a local Farmer's Market selling produce and "things" they made from their gardens – wreaths, pumpkin filled flower vases, corn swags and other crafts. They also made 100 apple and pumpkin pies. And small jars of pickles and jams sold well. The proceeds will be used for community projects. Some of the money was used to buy supplies to make "Pocket Pal Dolls" as Valentine Day tray favours at the Children's Hospital.

### Marburg WI, Norfolk



The Marburg Women's Institute in the Norfolk District proudly boast to have three generations of one family as members. Mother Eileen Wight (seated) is shown with daughter Carolyn MacKenzie (standing left) and granddaughter Allison MacKenzie (standing right).

Submitted by Marjorie Porter, Tweedsmuir Curator, Marburg WI, Norfolk.

### Pine Ridge WI, Simcoe North



The Pine Ridge WI recently honoured five of their remaining founding members, all of whom were presented with 40 Year Pins. Shown in the front row from left to right are Lorna Webb, Greta Hall and Grace Marcellus. In the back row are Agnes Blow (left) and Madge Holt (right). This Branch has faithfully supported agricultural, recreational and social activities in their community. They established and maintain a Centennial Garden, assist with the Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival and donate a history prize at the Wyevale Central Public School.

Submitted by Julie Barker, Pine Ridge WI, Simcoe North.

### Lambton North and South District WI



One hundred participants gathered together for the ROSE Health Session organized by Lambton North and South District in March. "Making Healthy Choices the Right Choice" was the topic, featuring diabetes (type 2) awareness and prevention through eating habits and exercise.

Submitted by Mary Janes, President, Lambton North.