

100th Anniversary Celebrations!!

Halton District WI



Halton District Women's Institute celebrated their 100th anniversary in grand style. Outgoing President Marion McPhail (left) and outgoing Secretary Doris Calder (right) helped plant a tree at Mountview Institute Hall at Country Heritage Park in Milton. Each Past President and Secretary helped fill the hole with a shovel full of soil. Entertainment, games, presentations and an evening banquet rounded out the most excellent day.

Submitted by Eve Martin, PRO, Halton.

Hastings East District WI



The Past Presidents of Hastings East gathered with other members in celebration of the District's 100th anniversary. The day began with a gathering and ceremony in the Village of Read, above the store where the first meeting was held. After lunch, the Past Presidents were presented with copies of the Mary Stewart Collect to commemorate their years of service. The Tweedsmuir History Curator read a short history of the District. Cake and tea was served, followed by presentations of 50 Year Pins.

Submitted by Jean Deshane, PRO, Hastings East.

Cookstown WI, Simcoe South

Members of this Branch were surprised when ACWW President Hilda Stewart arrived at their 100th anniversary gathering to bring greetings and best wishes. Stewart commented: "Cookstown, Ireland, was my birthplace where my mother was a founding member of that community's WI. To come to Cookstown, Ontario, is a unique experience for me. Thanks to Joan Drysdale from Tec-We-Gwill, whom I met earlier, I was given this opportunity to attend this special event and visit our sister Cookstown in Canada." Other special guests included FWIO President Christine Raeburn, local Councillor Lynn Dollin, farmer/historian/columnist Brian Baker and Cookstown and District Chamber of Commerce representative Bev Nix. Tweedsmuir Curator Joan McLean gave an interesting synopsis of the Branch history. Pictured from left to right are Cookstown members Helen Little, Olive Parker – Treasurer, Stella Webster – President, Mabel Riley – Secretary and Joan McLean.



Submitted by Stella Webster, President, Cookstown WI, Simcoe South.

Millbrook WI, Durham East



Last March, approximately 50 people joined with Millbrook WI members to celebrate their 100th anniversary. Greetings and certificates were received from all levels of government. As well, representatives from numerous local organizations attended and brought greetings. Central Area President Bernice Andrews presented 100 Year Pins to the members and Provincial Advisory Councillor Paula Williamson brought greetings and certificates from FWIO. Robert Winslow, founder of the Fourth Line Theatre, introduced playwright Leanna Brodie and actress Adele Finney, who performed two scenes from a play called "Home and Country" that was part of the Theatre schedule this past summer. From left to right in the back row are Jean Larmer, Lola Thexton, Dorothy Olan, Opal Nelson and Maxine Hopkinson. In the front row from left to right are Helen Corfe, Jessie Larmer and Barbara Munneke.

Submitted by Jean Larmer, Secretary, Millbrook WI, Durham East.

Wyebridge WI, Simcoe Centre



An afternoon Tea was held last July to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wyebridge WI, with 106 in attendance. Four past members, including two centenarians, were honoured guests. WI dignitaries and representatives from four levels of government extended congratulatory greetings. Members from all Branches in Simcoe Centre and from two Branches in Simcoe North shared the afternoon. The community centre was decorated with displays of antique china, quilts, furniture, clothing, utensils and tools. A timeline highlighting the Branch's accomplishments through the years proved it has reached out to those in the local community, across Canada and around the world. From left to right in the front row are Marg Thomson, Lorna Dorion, Mamie Reynolds, Joan Metcalfe, Mary Hargrave and Marian Fallis. From left to right in the back row are Annie Middleton, June Butler, Joy Reynolds, Hazel Guthrie, Ruth Curry, Anita Newman, Marg Mulroy, Peggy Withers, Kay Doyle, Doreen Luffman, Yvonne Preston and Antje Clarke.

Submitted by Cindy Lockhart, Simcoe Centre.