

Wabash WI, Kent

This group held an Appreciation Night simply to thank all the women in their community who have helped in any way in their fundraising efforts, whether it was serving at suppers or making pies to sell. A local florist demonstrated flower arranging and speakers talked about Canada's food policies. What great public relations for the WI!

Bowen Road WI, Niagara

During this "International Year of the Volunteer," several members from the Bowen Road WI were honoured for their volunteer work by The Hon. Tim Hudak, Minister of Tourism, Travel and Culture. Margaret Russell, Barb Wilkie, Joan McNeil, Elva Leadly, Darlene Levere and Bev Jewson were presented with pins for their volunteer work. The group also launched a new cookbook entitled *Millennium Masterchefs*. The group has also held another successful annual lawn sale and participated in the popular three-day Ridgeway Festival. People from all over Canada and the United States come to Fort Erie to attend the weekend Festival and experience re-enactments at the site. Bowen Road members serve the "Siege Breakfast" for the two mornings of the event.

Lanark South District WI

Guest speaker Betty Giffen of Victoria's Quilts, Canada, recently spoke to this District. "A little leprechaun of a lady climbed into the pulpit and gave us one heck of a 'Ministry of the Quilt,' as she calls it," said District PRO Eleanor Bradley. Giffen relayed stories of the comfort provided by the handmade quilts to cancer patients across Canada. She has over 200 volunteers who come together once a month to create the much-needed quilts. The group can create as many as 50 quilts in a day. The quilts are then taken home and either quilted by hand or machine and then distributed to hundreds of cancer sufferers. Many Lanark South District Branches are keen to participate in this worthwhile cause.

River Valley WI, Hastings West

The River Valley WI arranged a meeting for farmers and interested citizens to hear Dr. Douglas MacLeod, District Veterinarian for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and Nancy Necker, Cow/Calf Specialist in Kemptville, speak about the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Great Britain. Participants learned that this disease is highly communicable, which affects a country's cloven-hoofed livestock, as well as some rodents.

Middlesex East District WI



This District hosted a ROSE Health Program at the Thorndale Community Centre under the direction of Wellburn WI members Audrey McCutcheon (far left) and Eva Lamond (far right) and in partnership with Mary Ann Stewart (second from left) and Jackie Wells (second from right) from the Middlesex Providers Alliance. Approximately 200 people viewed the displays set up by the 30 health providers to promote the services available in the area. A variety of desserts supplied by all the Branches in the District were available with a free will donation to cover expenses. Guest speaker Eleanor Wood related humorous stories of her life on a dairy farm with her family. Her message – you must focus on the positive things in life to be able to feel good about yourself, and you must learn to laugh!

Submitted by Ruth Ann Haves, Wellburn WI, Middlesex East.

Cornell WI, Oxford



Cornell WI member Audrie Boughner received an Ontario Volunteer Service Award for her 20 years of outstanding leadership to 4-H groups. Audrie was one of over 70 volunteers who were presented pins and certificates by Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman as part of the "International Year of the Volunteer" recognition celebrations.

Submitted by Bonnie Smith, Secretary, Cornell WI, Oxford.

Elder's Mills WI, York Centre



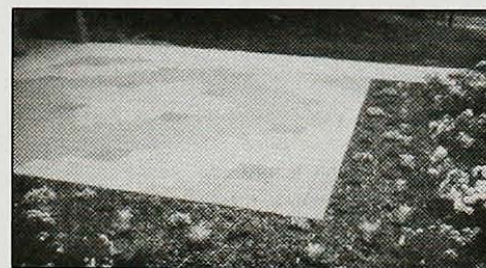
As their millennium project, the Elder's Mills Women's Institute published a history of their community entitled *Remembering Elder's Mills*. Members of the Book Committee are shown with the Mayor of the City of Vaughan at the Book Launch and Community Reunion. From left to right are Fern Wardlaw, Margaret McClure, Mary Burton, Mayor Lorna Jackson, Connie McCallum and Agnes Foster.

Submitted by Margaret McClure, Tweedsmuir History Curator, Elder's Mills WI, York Centre.

Camilla WI, Dufferin South



Isabel Ireland and Ann Somerville (back row, far left and second from left) from the Dufferin Oaks Redevelopment Committee accept a cheque from Camilla WI members – Dianne Hopkins and Marg Coulter (front, left to right) and Judy Lansing, Pat Hodgins and Joan Brailley (back, right to left).



The group also completed their millennium project – a patio, designed to look like the traditional Log Cabin quilt pattern - as part of the expansion of the Community Centre in the Town of Mono. These are just two of the many projects that the 23 members of the Camilla WI have recently worked on.

Submitted by Patricia Hodgins, PRO, Camilla WI, Dufferin South. Top photo courtesy of Sharon Foote, *The Banner*.