

### Louise WI, Grey South

The Louise WI is proud of member Helen Weirmeir who was awarded an Ontario Volunteer Service Award last year by MP Helen Johns. A WI member for more than 40 years, Helen has served as Branch President, Secretary and Public Relations Officer, as well as having sat on numerous committees. She has been Program Coordinator for the District and Secretary for the Grey-Bruce Area. Helen is the current Provincial Advisory Councillor for Subdivision 14.

Submitted by Helen Bailey, Secretary, Louise WI, Grey South.



### Lorne Sutherland WI, Carleton

The Lorne Sutherland WI hosted a concert featuring the Kanata Children's Chorus in Arnprior. The evening brought in \$900 for the Brady Burnette Teen Assistance Fund. Susan Clarke (centre), the Resource Development Coordinator for the Fund and the Community Resource Centre, stated the Lorne Sutherland WI is a shining example of how a group of people can create positive contributions to a community. WI members Cathy Hunt (left) and Debbie Mohr-Caldwell (right) presented Clarke with the cheque.

Submitted by Joyce Headrick, PRO, Lorne Sutherland WI, Carleton.



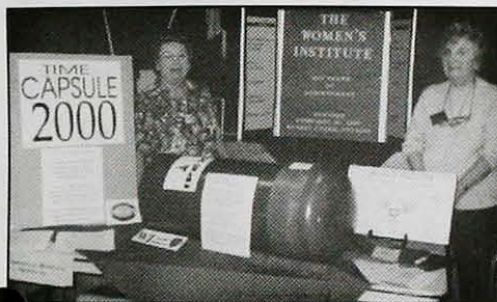
### Gordon WI, Manitoulin West



On behalf of the Gordon WI, President Bev Pickard (front left) presented a \$500 cheque to the Mayor of Gore Bay, Ruby Croft (front right). The money was raised as a Branch millennium project and will go towards purchasing rescue equipment for the town's medical centre. Gordon WI members (from left to right, back row) Bernadette Walker, Reta Hall, Sheila Slomke, Isobelle Lee, Doreen Burt and Eileen Sloan were also on hand for the presentation. The group also planted a rose garden at the Township Community Hall.

Submitted by Doreen Burt, PRO, Gordon WI, Manitoulin West.

### Beamsville WI, Lincoln



Beamsville WI volunteered to coordinate and collect submissions for the Town of Lincoln's Millennium Time Capsule during the year 2000. Members Eileen Turnbull and Nell Michener are shown with the Time Capsule. Items collected included histories of families, businesses and organizations, memorabilia, children's artwork and published works. The capsule will be buried in the Millennium Forest at the Vineland Campus of the University of Guelph. This Branch continues to hold monthly card parties, participate in the Adopt-A-Road program, organize the craft section of the Strawberry Festival each June and hold a craft workshop during WI week each February.

Submitted by Barbara Stones, PRO, Beamsville WI, Lincoln.

### Dufferin North District WI



Dufferin North District members fulfill their mandate of being active in the community; here they are shown helping with the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle Campaign. From left to right are Margaret Clark, Ruth Halbert, Billie Power and Isabelle Bates. District members also helped at the WI Booth at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Submitted by Billie Power, Dufferin North.

### Roseland WI, Essex

The December community project of the Roseland Branch was to work in shifts at the gift-wrapping booth in a local shopping mall. Signs designated the group on duty, enabling the Branch to promote the Women's Institute and their work to shoppers. The funds raised at the booth went to the Essex County Association for Community Living. Roseland President and Branch Treasurer stop for a photo before the hectic day of wrapping begins. This group closed the millennium year with a Victorian Soiree, where they wore elegant gowns, stoles, hats and gloves as they mingled to Minuet music.

Submitted by Ruby Robertson, Treasurer, Roseland WI, Essex.



### Apsley WI, Peterborough



Apsley WI President Lois Haines came up with the idea of organizing a community ball tournament, with local groups, organizations and the Reeve and councillors participating. Local merchants donated prizes for the event. There were games for the children and free pop and chips and cake and ice cream for all. What great public relations for the Women's Institute!

Submitted by Isabel Tucker, Secretary-Treasurer, Apsley WI, Peterborough.

### Ashgrove WI, Halton



The Ashgrove Branch donated a Hoopsie Blue Spruce tree to the Hillcrest Church, where most of their meetings are held. Completing the task, left to right, are Ashgrove WI President Verna Bird and members Marion Hunter and Mary Wilson. The dedication ceremony will be held in the spring.

Submitted by Doreen Wicks, CoPRO, Ashgrove WI, Halton.