

Perth South District WI

On behalf of Perth South District WI, President Elaine Thomson expressed concerns in the area of health care, education and OMAFRA cutbacks at a recent Political Awareness Meeting in Perth County. All the commodity groups and organizations within the County were invited to take part and express their concerns to the MP and MPP. The concerns were also printed in *The Rural Voice*.

Hudson WI, Temiskaming South

Members of the Hudson WI are proud of their recently published history of Hudson Township. Members spent countless hours researching, pouring over photographs, listening to tapes and making phone calls. The Branch is especially grateful to Margaret Arnott for her efforts. Positive feedback has been received about the book.

Selwyn WI, Peterborough

Members Della Bell and Isabelle Blewett were presented with 50 Year Pins for their half century of dedication.

Enniskillen WI, Lambton Centre

This Branch had a guided tour of the local McCaw Family Centre and learned about the activities of the YMCA. Members were also involved in a Seniors' Information Fair sponsored by the Lambton Seniors' Association and the Scotiabank. In addition to running a beverage and snack booth, members gathered information on a number of topics, including fitness, health, travel, hobbies, retirement living and recreation.

Hawkestone WI, Simcoe Kempenfeldt

Members from this Branch gathered in front of the Hawkestone United Church to have their photo taken alongside the spruce tree, which the Institute donated as part of their Millennium 2000 Project. They also donated shrubs to the community hall and the Anglican Church. As well, the group has recently purchased a metre of the Oro Medonte Trail and presented an award to the top male and female students at East Oro Public School.

Eastern Area WI

More than 300 Eastern Area members joined to celebrate the new millennium in the Renfrew Armories. The theme was the Associated Country Women of the World. Twelve countries were represented in displays, a five-minute presentation and a fashion show. Fifteen dolls were submitted in the Doll Competition.

Blackstock WI, Durham West

The Blackstock WI, with the help of the Blackstock Lions Club, hosted an information night to alert seniors of the growing problem of phone fraud. Ontario Provincial Police Detective Gus LaForge, also a member of the special unit known as **PHONEBUSTERS**, spoke to the group.

Salem WI, Dufferin South

Two members of this Branch, Betty French and Violet Pearson, were presented with 50 Year Pins for their WI work. Selling pies at the Orangeville Farmer's Market raised \$225, which the Branch donated to the Dufferin County Museum.

Crowland WI, Niagara

This Branch organized a Spring and Easter Tea last April. The Crowland Central School Choir sang for the group; in return, the Branch gave a \$50 donation to the school library. President Janet Clayton presented pins to: Arlein Banner, Janet Clayton, Muriel Cramp, Sandra McKenny and Betty Sauder – 10 Year Pins; Marjorie Smrek – 20 Year Pin; Lucy Klingender – 25 Year Pin; Violet Coghill, Frances Deane, Mary McCutcheon and Georgena Schisler – 30 Year Pins; Ina Alexander and Marie Tufts – 40 Year Pins; Peggy Daradick and Nellie Kinnaird – 50 Year Pins; and, Grace Cullimore and Dorothy Harvard – 60 Year Pins.

Bridgeport WI, Waterloo

The Bridgeport Branch honoured long-time members Erma Drudge and Beatrice Ziegler for 50 years of service to the WI, Adell Bauman for 40 years and Ruby Gillespie for 30 years. Each received the appropriate pins. Recently the Branch displayed three of their nine Tweedsmuir History Books at the Bridgeport Public School, which was celebrating their 50th birthday. The books were also on display at the Bridgeport Free Church and Cemetery Historic Building.



For many years, the Woodhouse Branch has participated in the WI Competition at the Norfolk County Fair. This year, the fair competition has adopted the theme "Oh Canada, Everything is Coming Up Red and White." To get into the spirit of the theme and help plan their display, members took part in a strawberry social and dressed in red and white. From left to right and from back to front are Dorothy Blazey, Liz Barath, Frances Woolley, Linda Feere, Josie Klitzke, Winnie Walker, Dorren Schaeffer, Elva Reichheld, Phyllis Neidrauer and Myrtle Stone (seated, front).

Submitted by Linda Feere, Woodhouse WI, Norfolk.



Massie WI made a quilt and sold tickets on it with proceeds going to the Grey County Archives Fund. Massie WI members Dona Norton, Irene Tribble and Elizabeth Crannie (from left to right) are shown presenting a cheque for \$1600 to Roger Renton, President of the Grey County Heritage Alliance.

Submitted by Dona Norton, Massie WI, Grey North.