

### Cherry Valley Members Encourage Local Students



Cherry Valley Women's Institute have been encouraging the children of Athol Central School in their essay writing and public speaking for 34 years. Here are this year's finalists for the Annual Oral Communications Competition. Cherry Valley WI presented the Grade 4 to 8 students with certificates and gold-ink pens for their excellent speeches.

Submitted by Joan Laurie, PRO, Cherry Valley WI, Prince Edward.

### Sunnyside WI, Algoma East

This Branch honoured long-time member Marjorie Mills. Having joined the WI at the age of 16, Marjorie was recognized for her 61 year membership. Surprised and moved by the recognition, Mills said the WI has been her one main and enduring community commitment.

### Beechwood WI, Middlesex North

Members from the Beechwood WI in Middlesex North recently enjoyed hearing from guest speaker Angela Wisnoski, who talked about the pros and cons of homeschooling her two children.

### Beechwood WI, Kent

The Beechwood Women's Institute was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Councillor Wayne Schnabel from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent for their many accomplishments and community work.

### Simcoe North District WI

The Branches of Simcoe North were proud to learn that their local MPP delivered a statement in the legislature in February on the history and importance of the Women's Institute in Ontario communities.

### Stayner WI, Simcoe West

In recognition of "The New Millennium" Stayner WI held a Games Day in February. Euchre, Bid Euchre and Cribbage were featured, with over 50 people participating. Because the event was held on Ground Hog Day, the prizes were ground pork sausages!

### Wallace Goodwill WI, Perth North

Wallace Goodwill WI members Alma Adams, Marg McIntosh, Edith Mason, Norma Hilpert, Edna Musty and Mabel Ferguson were presented with 50 Year Pins for their dedication to Women's Institute work.

### Woodford WI, Grey-Bruce

With only six members, one member from this Branch has come up with a unique fundraising project. She resides in a condominium and arranges the use of the Common Room in the building for a bake sale. When members come to her condo for the regular monthly meeting, they bring baked goods to sell. At this time, she arranges to have her brother-in-law sell the pre-priced baked goods and other items to interested residents. The project keeps the Woodford Branch in funds, and the seniors in the building appreciate the home baking, jams and pickles.

### Embro-West Zorra WI, Oxford North

Members of this Branch enjoyed a Christmas Dinner Theatre together in December. Following the dinner, two members - Florence Ross and Myrtle McCorquodale - were presented with their 60 year pins for their years of WI involvement.



### Hawkestone WI, Simcoe Kempenfeldt

Hawkestone member Joan Banbury spoke at a recent Branch meeting. Having just returned from Thailand and Hong Kong, she spoke of her experiences and displayed numerous photos and mementoes of the journey. At another recent Branch gathering, the motto was "People are like fire, they take on brightness if you stir them up a bit." And this is exactly what members did as they answered the Roll Call "Bring Something for the Auction." A lively meeting followed, as they auctioned off all the items brought by members.

### Niagara District WI Sponsors Housing Program



The Niagara District Women's Institute sponsored a benefit Card and Games Luncheon for the West Niagara Second Stage Housing, a housing program for rural women and their families fleeing abusive home situations. Fonthill United Church Outreach Committee and Lincoln District WI also supported the event. From left to right are Marion Egarter - WI Benefit Convenor and Outreach Committee member, Doryne Levere - Niagara District WI President, Joan Tovenati and Eleanor Hall - Public Relations Officers with West Niagara Second Stage Housing, and Jerinne Porteous - Lincoln District WI President.

Submitted by Marion Egarter, Singer's Corners WI, Niagara.

### Coleridge Union Supports Hospital Initiative

Coleridge Union WI presented a \$1200 cheque to the Headwaters Health Care Centre in support of the purchase of a CAT Scanner. Making the presentation to hospital representative Mr. G.I. Scott is (from left to right) Secretary-Treasurer Anne Horsley, President Mary Hawthorne and Charter and Life Member Belle Braiden.