

Clute WI, Cochrane-Temiskaming

The Clute Women's Institute co-hosted a "Bone China Tea" with the Anglican Church in Cochrane in March. Over sixty people came to enjoy calcium-enriched sweets and savouries, share a pot of tea and listen to the advice of the local dietician. A silver collection was donated to the Osteoporosis Association.

Perth Centre District WI

This District sponsored a Branch Officers' Workshop entitled "Put Your Best Foot Forward." Workshop facilitator, Dianne Josling, challenged participants to "get involved - get a handle on your position." Josling's presentation included many motivational phrases, such as: believe in yourself; don't give up; hang onto your dreams; just do it; keep on trying; make it happen; and, take control of your destiny.

Fisher's Corners WI, Simcoe South

Members of the Fisher's Corners WI celebrated WI Week in February by inviting other Branches in Simcoe South to join them in commemorating the 102nd anniversary of the organization. Betty Veitch, Provincial Advisory Council member for Subvision 13, joined them. Everyone enjoyed the extra special program, and especially the fellowship.

Ferguson's Falls WI, Lanark South

This Branch honoured member Helen McEwen with a 50-year pin for 50 consecutive years of membership in the Ferguson's Falls WI.

Hawkestone WI, Simcoe Kempenfeldt

Fifty year members of this Branch were recognized recently for their years of service to the WI. In the past year, the Hawkestone WI has donated to a number of local causes, including the Salvation Army, Royal Victoria Hospital, Orillia Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Green Haven Shelter and the Barrie Crisis Center and Soup Kitchen.

Fairfield WI, Leeds

A brief history of the Fairfield Women's Institute Hall was compiled by Hazel Clark, PRO, and Chris Stesky, Tweedsmuir History Curator, for the Branch. The Hall was acquired for \$200 in 1932. Unfortunately, the cost of maintaining the Hall grew and its usefulness decreased; it was demolished last fall.

Branchton WI, Waterloo South

The Branchton Women's Institute honoured 80-year member Florence Oliver. Florence became a member at age 16.

Camilla WI, Dufferin South

Camilla WI member Ruth Halbert was honoured at a recent luncheon and presented with a 60-year pin.

Bloomingtondale WI, Waterloo North

Two members of this Branch - Irene Weber and Wallee Rellinger - were presented with 50-year pins for their support and dedication to Women's Institute.



Ingleside WI celebrated WI Week in February by presenting a one-act play entitled "The Census Taker at the WI Meeting," from the FWIC Tweedsmuir Competitions, 1994-1997. The Branch also sent news releases to local papers and placed brochures in schools and libraries. Ingleside members Mary Hiscocks (left) and Patricia Hanscolm (right), First Vice-President of Eastern Area, are shown here.

Submitted by Verla Gallinger, Ingleside WI, Stormont South.



Literacy was the topic of discussion at a recent Alma Women's Institute meeting. After viewing the video distributed by FWIC last fall, Lindsay Kennedy (centre), a representative from the Wellington County Literacy Program, spoke to the group. She stressed the need for one-on-one volunteers, as well as the need for financial assistance. One member of the Alma Branch decided to become a one-on-one volunteer and four opted to help with fund-raising for the literacy program. Alma President Ruth Grose (left) and Public Relations Officer Lillian Balla (right) presented Lindsay Kennedy with \$100 on behalf of the Branch.

Submitted by Pat Salter, Alma WI, Wellington Centre.



Armed with a Shamrock for Luck

At a recent meeting of the Warwick Women's Institute, Maaike Aarts, a student at East Lambton Secondary School in Watford, added some fun to the evening by tattooing a shamrock on one arm of each member and guest! Guests included the children and grandchildren of members. The meeting also featured a former Rotary exchange student who spoke about her experiences adjusting to life in a foreign country.

Submitted by Mary Janes, Warwick WI, Lambton North.