

Salem-Nilestown WI Rewrite History

The Salem-Nilestown Women's Institute has rewritten history. The Branch has just completed a history of the area for the second time.

The Institute's first Tweedsmuir History Book was stolen out of a member's car four years ago as she was delivering it to get a microfilm copy made. It was a great blow to the group, who had spent countless hours compiling the chronicle. Because the Tweedsmuir volume was stored in a box from the LCBO, the thief thought they were stealing a box of liquor; instead, they made off with irreplaceable pictures donated to the cause.

Members say it took them awhile to get over the shock of their loss, and even longer to think about tackling the project again.

So it is with great pride that the group shows a visitor the fruits of their labour. The attractive book illustrates the history of the Institute, which began out of the Salem Methodist Church in 1916. Eleven years later it became the Salem-Nilestown Women's Institute.



The committee charged with compiling the Tweedsmuir History of Salem-Nilestown are, from left to right, Myrtle Wright, Betty Lawson, Gwen Boles, Georgina Carroll, Elizabeth Thompson and Bertha Vanhie.

The history of Nilestown and area, its people, businesses, farms, schools and churches is all carefully detailed. It's a work in progress. There are lots of blank pages left for biographies and spaces left for pictures.

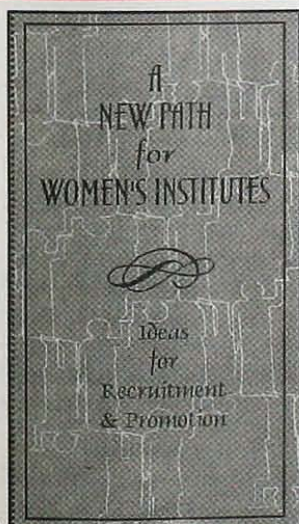
The Salem-Nilestown Women's Institute will make sure this written history is not lost again. It has all been saved on a computer disk that will be carefully locked away.

Extracted from an article that appeared in the March 4, 1998, issue of the Dorchester Signpost by Meredith MacLeod.

Burn Those Calories

Here are some popular leisure activities, and the energy they consume given in calories per hour.

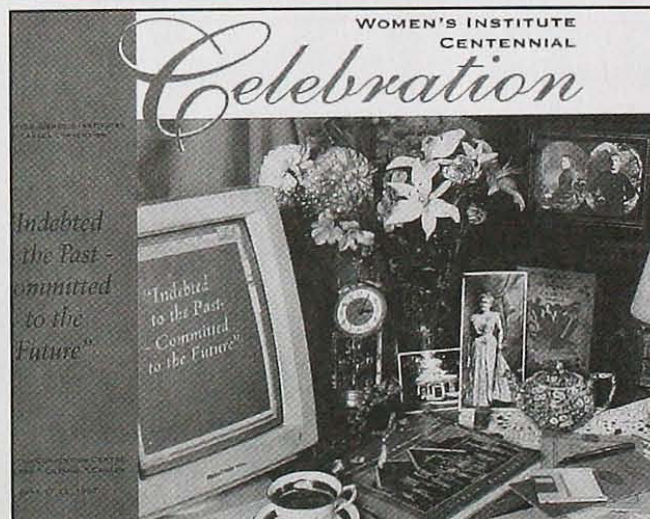
- making mountains of molehills (500)
- running around in circles (350)
- pushing your luck (250)
- jumping to conclusions (175)
- beating your own drum (150)
- dragging your heels (100)
- grasping at straws (100)
- swallowing your pride (50)
- tooting your own horn (50)
- flying off the handle (25)



A New Path for Women's Institutes: Ideas for Recruitment and Promotion

Several speakers express ideas about the value of WI, recruiting new members, ways of promoting WI and finding a niche.

Length: 60 minutes
Cost: \$35



WI Centennial Celebration & FWIC Convention - Commemorative Booklet

A day-by-day photo documentary of Convention '97 highlights. Over 300 black and white pictures, with 4 pages in full colour. The book also contains daily events and excerpts from convention speakers.

Length: 48 pages
Cost: \$10