

**Rylstone WI, Hastings North**

Rylstone members visited many seniors in their community in December, delivering musical Christmas cards at the same time. They collected toys and canned goods for the Salvation Army to distribute to the needy. The group also collected blankets, candles, matches and food for those hit by the ice storm. One member's daughter took the supplies, and many more collected in Belleville, to those in need in the Kingston area.

**Magnetawan WI, Parry Sound South**

This Branch donated a copy of their book, *Looking Back with the Magnetawan Women's Institute*, to the local library. It was presented to Librarian Lisa Gillette-Haig by Branch President Ann Dehnicke and District Director Carola Penrose. A copy was also presented to Sylvia Cameron, the Principal of the Magnetawan Central School.

**Peace WI, Perth North**

Vola Purcell of the Peace Women's Institute was honoured by the Guelph Area for receiving the Golden Book of Recognition Award from the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. This award recognized the grassroots member for their continuous major contributions to their own Branch.

**Tec-We-Gwill WI, Simcoe South**

Five charter members of this Branch were presented with 50-year pins on a FWIO Tartan badge holder. The members included Gladys Bell, Ruth Milligan, Emlyn Westlake, Marguerite Ramsay and Ella Langford. They said they formed the Branch so they would have something to do while their husbands attended Junior Farmer meetings. Today, they boast a membership of 45, including second generation family members. They say they are a "going concern" in their community and are proud to look after the Institute Hall which provides a place for the community to get together.



**Perth South District**

This District honoured the following individuals for their contribution to the Women's Institute: Bessie Thomson - recipient of FWIC's Golden Book of Recognition Award, Jack Matthison - recipient of the Erland Lee Award, and Laurine McIntosh and Elizabeth Monteith - recipients of the Centennial Award.

**Birr WI, Middlesex East**

The Birr Women's Institute promoted an essay contest in the London and area schools entitled "Things I Am Grateful For in My Life." This Branch felt that writing an essay on this topic was one way children could be positive about their lives. The contest is open to students from Grades 4 through 8.



*Four of the sixteen Camilla Women's Institute members proudly display their quilting talents. Pictured from left to right are Marjorie Speers, Julie Makin, Wilma Young and Doreen Sacerty.*

Submitted by Patricia Hodgins, PRO, Camilla WI, Dufferin South.

**Langton WI, Norfolk South**

Langton Women's Institute members donated a total of 3,155 knitted squares to the Zambia Project.

**Rideau WI, Lanark South**

Several members of the Rideau Branch were presented with pins for their years of service to the Women's Institute. Ruth Ranger received a 10-year pin, Pansy Woods, Marguerite Lucas and Evelyn Drummond received 20-year pins, Joan Porter and Gladys MacFarlane received 25-year pins, and Florence Porter and Margaret Hunter received 40-year pins.

**Northern Area WI**

Arthena Hecker, FWIO President-Elect at the time, presented Centennial Awards to three worthy recipients at the Northern Area Convention last fall. Jean Johnson from the Kipling WI, Gertrude Stephen from the Phelps WI and Bernice Gates from the Rousseau WI proudly accepted this 100th anniversary award.

**Hamilton Area WI**

This Area proudly presented two of their Area members with the Centennial Award. Jerinne Porteous, Lincoln District President and a member of the Community Builders WI, received her award from Edna Ward of the Carluke WI. Barbara Stones of the Beamsville WI received hers from the FWIO President at that time, Marg Harris.

**Niagara District WI**

This District celebrated "Founders Day" by holding a Potluck Luncheon, followed by the video "Indebted to the Past - Committed to the Future." In support of FWIO's partnership with the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of Canada (PMAC), a local Shopper's Drug-mart Pharmacist spoke on the proper use of medication. A display of WI accomplishments was on view. The exhibit, produced for the Niagara Heritage Day celebrations in February, will be at local libraries throughout the year.