

## SELF-PROFILE:



# Leila Pettigrew: WI Member on the Move

By Leila Pettigrew

I was born and raised in Haldimand County on a dairy farm. As a child, I was active in 4-H Homemaking Clubs sponsored by

the Riverside WI in Brant County. I exhibited cooking, sewing and crafts at the Caledonia fall fair, where my parents were very active. Later, I was a member of the Holstein Calf Club, the Junior Farmers and the Junior Women's Institute.

I met my husband, Don, through Junior Farmers, and after we married we settled in Caistorville in Lincoln County. There, I joined the Women's Institute with my mother-in-law. My husband joined the Ontario Provincial Police, which then took us to London and Lucan. First, I transferred to the Clandeboye WI, and then to the Thedford, Forest and Ravenswood Branches. I have held many positions at the Branch level, as well as on the North Lambton District and Southwestern Area WI.

My family consists of three sons and three daughters. Five of our children settled in Lambton County, while the youngest son has settled in North Western Ontario.

Our next move was to Prescott in Eastern Ontario, where I became a member of the

Maynard Branch. Our final move was to Thunder Bay. I joined the Jumbo Gardens WI and presently serve as Treasurer and President of the Thunder Bay District. From 1986 to 1989 I served as Board Director for Sub-division 31.

The Women's Institute has been a great learning experience and an excellent vehicle to become acquainted with neighbours and communities. Getting involved with the WI made relocating much easier because we are all like sisters in this organization.

I currently operate my own sewing business from my home. I teach sewing and serging at my home and at the local community college.

I look forward to the challenges of being the provincial Resolutions Convener and will work to the best of my ability to serve our organization.

*Leila Pettigrew is a member of the Jumbo Gardens WI in the Thunder Bay District.*

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## Emily Bushell Recipient of Heritage Award

Emily Bushell, member of the Bervie Women's Institute, received the Heritage Community Recognition Award for her work with the Bruce County Tartan. Kincardine Township Reeve, Gordon Jarrell, presented Emily with a pin and certificate issued by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. "We are proud of the work you have done," Reeve Jarrell told Emily. She reported that the Bruce County Tartan has been registered for thirty years. The Women's Institute originally sponsored the undertaking; Emily was a member of the Bruce County Tartan Committee for eight years. The WI still has the exclusive rights to produce, promote and sell the Tartan material and souvenirs.



Submitted by Margaret Harkness, PRO, Bervie WI, Bruce South District.

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