

## A New Year's Levee



Moore Centre and Birkhall WIs hosted a New Year's Levee in January. About 75 people from the communities and surrounding areas attended. The afternoon included a reenactment of the first Institute meeting at Stoney Creek and a portrayal of Lady Tweedsmuir. Local Tweedsmuir History Books were on display, along with artifacts from the Victorian era from the Moore Museum. A Victorian Tea followed with members dressed in period costume. Pictured from left to right are Janet Smith - President, Moore Centre WI, Queenie McBean - Tweedsmuir History Curator, Birkhall WI and Carol Thompson - President, Birkhall WI.

Submitted by Marilyn Shaw, PRO, Birkhall WI, Lambton Centre.

## Welland West and East District WI

The Educational Project for these two Districts was a presentation by "Coco," a local gourmet cooking expert, on Victorian Teas. It featured a sampling and study of many teas and fancy sandwich techniques, scones and other goodies. At Niagara's Heritage Day celebration, Welland West set up a large display featuring both past and present WI endeavours. District Tweedsmuir Histories were on exhibit, as well as a special display on the centennial of the Women's Institute. Welland West donated copies of *For Home and Country* to five local libraries.

## Castleton WI, Northumberland East

Like many, this Branch reviewed its accomplishments over the years. Some of the more recent contributions to their community included donations to local ball diamonds, farm safety, CATscan equipment, bicycle racks, flags and picnic tables, and a trophy given annually to the most improved student in Grade 4, 5 and 6.



This District entered a float in the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival parade in St. Catharines and the Santa Claus parades held in Stoney Creek, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Virgil. It not only promoted the founding of the Women's Institute, it served to publicize the upcoming centennial as well.

Submitted by Lena Byl, Virgil WI, Lincoln District.



The Lansdowne and Fairgrove Women's Institutes in Leeds District were honoured in February for their outstanding community service over the years. Formed in 1909, Lansdowne WI grew in numbers until it was deemed necessary to divide it in 1947 and form a new Branch known as Fairgrove. On behalf of the Front of Leeds & Lansdowne Historical Society, Glenda Olivier (centre) presented a plaque to Beatrice Webster (left) of Lansdowne WI and Margaret Gray (right) of Fairgrove WI.

Submitted by Pat Barnes, PRO, Kingston Area.



Six members of the Bethel-Zion WI Program Planning Committee are admiring a blue and yellow bow that will adorn all WI members mailboxes in June. These bows will not only identify WI members homes, they signify June as WI month and the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Women's Institutes.

Submitted by Susan McConnell, PRO, Bethel Zion WI, Hastings East.

## Congratulations

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Scugog WI, Ontario South	25
Lakelet WI, Huron East	45
Edy's Mills, Lambton South	50
Kent Centre WI, Kent West	50
Niagara Falls WI, Welland East	50
Peace WI, Perth North	60
Cedar Brae Newington WI, Stormont	75
Copetown WI, Wentworth North	75
Oliphant WI, Bruce North	80
Bethel Zion WI, Hastings East	85
Buriss WI, Rainy River	90
Vandorf WI, York Centre	90
Chesterville WI, Dundas	95
Winterbourne WI, Waterloo North	95

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

Kent Centre WI, Kent West
- Margaret Maynard
- Madeline Snobelin
- Doreen Stewart
Lakeside WI, Oxford North
- Donna Kittmer
- Ruth Skillings

## The Women's Institute

Women's Institute members strive forth with dedication,  
Working hard for the community, filled with ambition.  
Committed to the job, volunteering many hours,  
Striving to make a better place, this land of ours.

At the hospital you'll see her, a smile on her face,  
Volunteering her time, with poise and with grace.  
You'll find her at Gateway Haven or at the Feeder Sales,  
Perhaps you'll find her gardening with hoe, rake and pail.

Women's Institute members are quite interesting to know,  
Their interests are quite varied and they have a lot to show.  
Time is well spent, each and every day well planned,  
Why, Institute members are always in demand.

Who else can you count on to pass a resolution,  
Or work very hard until they find a solution.  
They try to keep the community all pulling together,  
You'll find them working hard at it, no matter what the weather.

New members are welcome to become part of our family,  
To share ideas and thoughts and express your individuality.  
All working as a team, though we are all individually unique,  
So, if we've sparked your interest, come on out and take a peek.

Be an Institute member!

Written by Rosanne Voysey, Oliphant WI, Bruce North District.