

## CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Katherine Garwood

Excitement is building throughout Ontario for the super celebration of the 100th Anniversary in Hamilton in 1997. Areas across the Province have stimulated Branches with outstanding projects, and there seems to be no end to them!

The Tea Towel Competition was judged on March 31. The winning entry, designed by Joan Chalmers of the Melbourne Branch in Middlesex East District, will be printed on tea towels to be released for sale at FWIO Conference '96 at Ridgeway on July 12.

Many Branches and Districts are initiating plans for Fashion Shows next Spring, with the Fashion Show Booklet presented by Northern Area as their guide. This Booklet has been a resounding success. Branches are encouraged to buy extra copies to present to their local schools and libraries. These are available through addresses given at the back of the Booklet.

The Centennial T-Shirts have travelled worldwide, and many have been given to friends overseas. For visitors to the Erland Lee (Museum) Home in the summer, a view of the Women's Institute Rose in full bloom will be a special treat. Unfortunately, many Branches had to be disappointed this year, due to lack of supply. Information about the full release of these roses will be sent to all Branches this fall.

Branches have now received details of Centennial Awards to be given to 100 outstanding Women's Institute members at the Branch level. Please copy the original form if your Branch wishes to nominate more than one member. This is an opportunity to honour that member who has been there for her Branch over and above the call of duty! Please send the nomination form to Ena Skene at Box 424, Dryden ON P8N 2Z2, by October 1, 1996.

The Women's Institute



For Home and Country

Women's Institute members, their friends and family - 1,900 in total - came to Toronto by bus and car to the Blue Jays Game on May 25 at the Skydome. The emotion was overwhelming as Marg McInroy, a Women's Institute member from the Walton WI in Huron East, sang the National Anthems.

The Centennial Logo appears on many memento items produced by Branches, Districts and Areas throughout the Province as fund raisers. The Centennial Quilt can be seen on your visit to the Headquarters. The Centennial Song has been a hit with many Branches. In 1997, it may just travel from sea to sea!

The Women's Institute has been meeting the needs of women and their communities for the past 100 years. This is an outstanding record, which could only be achieved by the many dedicated volunteer hours contributed by its members. Apart from the worthwhile assistance to those in need, the books to local schools, the upkeep of local halls, the friendships made and the goals met, there has been lots of fun along the way enjoyed by all members... And, you haven't seen fun yet!

To help you remember this milestone, Centennial Plates, T-Shirts, Tea Towels and Rulers are available from Helen Duffield, Centennial Committee, P.O. Box 29038, 55 Windham St. N., Guelph ON N1H 7T8, Phone: (519)763-8984.

Submitted by Katharine Garwood, Secretary, Centennial Committee.

### The Roaring '20s

Members of the Ashgrove Women's Institute gathered for a 1920s party. Twenty-one Ashgrove members were joined by 38 others from neighbouring Branches in the Halton District. The group was entertained with songs, readings and recitations from the '20s.

Submitted by Doreen Wicks, President, Ashgrove WI, Halton District.



## Congratulations

### Anniversaries:

Scugog Island WI, Ontario South	25
Balsam Hill WI, Renfrew South	50
Bridgeport WI, Waterloo North	50
Payne's Mills WI, Elgin West	50
Riverside WI, Brant North	50
White School WI, Northumberland East	50
Victoria II WI, Lennox & Addington	60
Ashgrove WI, Halton	70
Copetown WI, Wentworth North	75
Springmount WI, Grey West	75
Kemptville WI, Grenville	80
Lynnville WI, Norfolk North	85
St. Pauls WI, Perth South	85
Stamford WI, Welland East	85
Thomyhurst WI, Lambton South	85
Onondaga WI, Brant North	90
Owen Sound WI, Grey West	90
York Road WI, Northumberland East	95

### Life Members:

Ashgrove WI, Halton
- Muriel Nurse
- Elisabeth Treviranus
Beckwith WI, Lanark North
- Barbara Carter
Bowen Road WI, Welland East
- Mildred Fraser
- Beverly Jewson
- Margaret Russell
Ice Lake WI, Manitoulin West
- Mary Matheson
Marsville WI, Dufferin South
- Joyce Beardmore
Victoria II WI, Lennox & Addington
- Lorraine Martin
- Ethel McKnight
- Mary Morey
Woodburn WI, Wentworth South
- Madeline Cross
- June Switzer

### Certificates of Merit:

Balsam WI, Renfrew South
- Mildred Reid
Beckwith WI, Lanark North
- Barbara Carter
Brigden WI, Lambton Centre
- Ethel Arnold
Victoria II WI, Lennox & Addington
- Marjorie Evans
Walsingham WI,
- Doreen Dedrich
- Frances Evans
- Janet Lacroix
- Betty Long
- Pauline Rockefeller
- Jeanne Robillard
- Pat Salembier
- Maria Temmer
- Mary Wiebe
- Myrtle Woolley