

Maple Keys JWJ

After putting their gardens to bed last fall, Branch members raised funds by buying bulbs and perennials from each other. New developments in good nutrition and a discussion about comfort foods was enhanced by 4-H members who prepared a recipe from their fruit and vegetable project. Healthy ways to handle the stress of the Christmas season was the topic for their November meeting. And the tradition of auctioning hand-made items and donating small gifts or cash to women in need was continued.

London Area WI

In honour of the newly elected President, approximately 300 people attended a "Friends of Marg Harris" evening at the Komoka Community Centre. The event was sponsored by the London Area WI. Entertainment was provided by "The Peppertones. A "Tribute to Marg in Song," written by Dorothy Dobie, was performed by Dorothy Sutherland and Irene Hansford. The South Lobo Women's Institute performed a skit - "The Trial of Marg Harris." After tributes from her family, Middlesex North WI and Peggy Knapp, ACWW Area President for Canada, Marg was presented with a Life Membership from her Branch, South Lobo WI.

Dufferin North District WI

Two members from this District were noted to have received pins for sixty or more years of service to the Women's Institute; they are Gretta Brown and Bessie Stewart.

Amherst Island WI, Lennox-Addington

An annual fund raising ham dinner put on by this Branch was well supported by members of their community, as was the Christmas dinner for the local seniors. The Amherst Island WI is also pleased to report three new members, bringing their membership to fifteen. While this dedicated and enthusiastic Branch is small in numbers, they actively support other local group events.

Ashgrove WI, Halton

Members of this Branch were pleased when their quilt - "Canadian Rose" - won third prize in the applique category at the Centennial Prelude Quilt Show. One of the members bought the quilt and has made sure that all Ashgrove members names are on it. The quilt is still available for displays and programs.

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Donna Russett (right), President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (at the time), shared a light moment with University of Guelph President Mordechai Rozanski during the opening of an addition to the Family and Consumer Studies Building last fall. A cheque for \$25,000 was presented on behalf of the WI. In total, the WI provided \$50,000 towards the project. The money was promised from the FWIO 75th Anniversary Project.

Photo courtesy of Mary Dickieson, University of Guelph.

Festival of the Islands

Four Kingston Area Branches - Pittsburgh, Joyceville, Fairgrove and Landsdowne - participated in the Heritage Days organized as part of the Festival of the Islands celebration last year. Two members of the Fairgrove WI, Ruby Galway (left) and Eileen Cunningham (right), dressed in period costume, displayed heritage artifacts. They attracted a number of visitors to their display with the free draw for a knitted shawl donated by a WI member.

Submitted by Pat Barnes, PRO, Pittsburgh WI, Frontenac District.



A Close Knit Group



Members of the Zion Amabel Women's Institute, Bruce North District, are pictured above with a collection of afghans they crocheted and donated to Gateway Haven Manor, a seniors' home in Warton.

Submitted by Rita Napier, President, Zion Amabel WI, Bruce North.

Maynard WI Honours Long-Time Member



Mildred Weir, a charter member of the Maynard WI in the Grenville District, joined with her mother when the Branch was first organized in 1909. The 25

cent fee at the time covered them both. Mildred was honoured with a Life Membership in 1979 for her Women's Institute work. She helped through two World Wars, organized many social events and courses, aided local schools, cared for the local cemetery, and numerous other activities. At 94 years of age, Mildred still maintains her interest in the Women's Institute.

Submitted by Goldie Connell, Tweedsmuir History Curator and President, Maynard WI, Grenville District.