

*Grand Opening*



*"We are indebted to the Township of Guelph for their co-operation and generosity... And, to our members, who have donated monetary gifts to the Furnishings ... and ... Headquarters Fund, we are most grateful."*

Donna Russett, President, FWIO

*The crowd gathered on the grounds of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) Provincial Office on Sunday, August 21, 1994. Hundreds of Women's Institute members came to witness the Grand Opening of the FWIO office nestled in the centre of Guelph Township Park.*

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*Carloads, and busloads, of women - 800 plus members - came together to celebrate. "They're like a close-knit family," said Margaret Atkins, Public Relations Officer with the FWIO, as women from across the province lined up to sign the register provided by Provincial Tweedsmuir Curator, Marcie Johnson. Board Directors, acting as hostesses for the day, were proud of their latest achievement. Four of them (from left to right) - Arthena Hecker, Hermina Koetsier, Renata Rose and Dorothy Beedham - handed out programs .*

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*"The smooth and successful transition period was the result of enthusiastic, dedicated volunteers."*

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