

Singer's Corners WI, Welland West

Seven garbage bags of rubbish and three blue boxes of cans and bottles were collected by members of the Singer's Corners Branch from along the rural roads in their area as part of the Pitch-In Canada campaign last spring.

Morrison WI, Wellington South

This Branch reviewed its year's activities and guest speakers. Their activities included: touring the Campbell Soup Company in Listowel; gathering for supper with husbands and friends, followed by a slide show of the Orient and a penny sale; enjoying an evening of Christmas music and readings; and, appliqueing silk flowers on shirts. Guest speakers spoke on a variety of topics, including: the history of the Puslinch Fire Department; the benefits of reflexology; early childhood education; living with war in Lebanon; and, the different carpets on the market today.

Millgrove WI, Wentworth North

Members of this Branch planted a tree in their community in honour of one of their members - Edna Alderson. Edna has been an active member of the Millgrove Branch for 60 years and has held various positions at both the Branch and District level.

Bluewater WI, Grey West

Bluewater WI members are very creative in their ideas and efforts to help others. Over the course of a year-and-a-half, this Branch worked with the Bruce-Grey Health Unit developing a calendar. It was geared towards the elderly; each month provided them with new information on how to prevent falls. Memos alerting people to the same information were also included with the hydro bills. This group has also been busy producing their own cook books; the profits were used to help purchase blue boxes in their area.

Consecon WI, Prince Edward

Local history was revived as residents searched for family names on an old quilt presented by the Consecon WI to their local United Church Women (UCW). The quilt was made in 1902 by the Ladies Aid of the Consecon Methodist Church as a fundraising project. The quilt is centered by an embroidered outline of the church surrounded by the names of contributors. The quilt was presented to the UCW by Consecon President Rena Cunningham and unveiled by donors Mr. and Mrs. Garrettsee.



Members of the Vickers Heights Women's Institute in the Thunder Bay District helped organize an educational workshop on how to recycle your lawn chairs. Pictured above, from left to right, Peggy Munro, Leila Pettigrew, Agnes Atkinson, Jean Rubin and Ellen Kotyk display their finished products. Old-fashioned home-made noodles is up next on their workshop menu.

Remember the Environmental Posters?

At the November Board meeting, we judged all entries and sent three posters to the FWIC Convention in Truro, Nova Scotia. Well, congratulations! All three won a prize.

- 1st prize - Bernice Helmen, Queen's Line WI, Renfrew North
- 2nd prize - Pat Barnes, Pittsburgh WI, Frontenac
- 3rd prize - Rosella Clansey, Stirling WI, Hastings West

Thanks to all those who participated. That's what makes a competition!



Rainham Centre WI, Haldimand East

This group of Women's Institute members recently took a Heart/Health Course and now actively participate in moderate exercise classes and line dancing on a regular basis.



Motherwell WI, Perth South District, wanted to give more than their meter of loonies to the FWIO Headquarters Fund. They sold International Year of the Family Pins and presented the profits - a cheque for \$750 - to their Provincial Board Director, Laurine McIntosh.

Perth North District WI

Members of this District donated 200 preemie sets to be distributed to hospitals through the Guardian Drug Stores' Guardian Angel Program. Many more are in the works to be donated at a later date.

Vandorf WI, York Centre

Loreen Ambler from the Vandorf Women's Institute Branch has received the Senator Cairine Wilson Trophy for her essay on "A Little Known Historical Event."



Chief Gerry Slade (right) and Assistant Chief Doug Smith (left) of the Puslinch Fire Department attended a meeting of the Arkell Women's Institute in the Wellington South District to welcome a new family into the Puslinch Fire Department. The new family consists of six large puppets which the Department will use in their fire safety programs. The cost was donated by the Arkell Women's Institute and the puppets were made by Ruth Laking (centre), an experienced seamstress in Arkell and also a member of the Arkell WI.