

Richmond WI, Carleton West

To help celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of the village of Richmond, this Branch designed a wall hanging. The patchwork blocks depict the village churches and the Masonic Temple, which was the home of this group for many years. The hanging won first place at the Richmond Fair in the quilting category for organizations. The Branch also applied a maple leaf quilt to commemorate this special occasion. The quilt was raffled, with the proceeds presented to the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department by Branch President Alice Dupuis.

Selkirk WI, Haldimand West

Cheryl MacDonald, author of *Adelaide Hoodless: Domestic Crusader*, spoke to this Branch. The theme of the meeting was the history of Selkirk, and her new book, "Who Killed George?" was a fitting topic. The book is about a mysterious death in a local family and how the wife was tried for murder at the Court House in Cayuga.

Kemptville WI, Grenville

The Kemptville Women's Institute honoured seven of their members with Certificates of Appreciation for their many hours of volunteer work. Recipients of the award included: Millie Sommerville, Vera Folkard, Lois Sheppard, Phyllis Willis, Doreen Fairfield, Dorothy Gallagher, and Josie Seguin (President of the Branch).

Monteith WI, Cochrane South

This Branch has been busy knitting afghans for long-term care patients in the local hospital.



Grasshill Women's Institute member Marjorie Sunday is shown here with her book, "Through the Years," a history of pioneer life in Victoria County.

Milberta WI, Timiskaming South

Young blood, fresh ideas and a real spark! This is how this group feels about five new members to the Milberta Women's Institute. A recent meeting was followed by a baby shower for one of the new, young moms expecting twins.

St. Helens WI, Huron West

The St. Helens Women's Institute in Huron West District pay for the electricity to keep a light shining at the crossroads in their community. Each year, they host a pot-luck supper for the community and the donations received help with this project.

Picnic Grove WI, Glengarry

This Branch has held two auctions to raise funds for the FWIO Headquarters. The auctioneer was even the guest speaker at one of their meetings. After a very entertaining discussion on her career beginnings, she conducted an auction.

Chesley WI, Bruce East

The Chesley WI welcomed eighty women to an International Tea held in February at the Seniors' Centre. Flags from ACWW member societies decorated the tea room walls in honour of International Month. WI members displayed souvenirs from their travels throughout the world, including a collection of seventy-five dolls in authentic costume.

Ferguson's Falls WI, Lanark South

Ferguson's Falls members held a silent auction as part of their International Affairs Program and raised \$65 for Pennies for Friendship.

Fundraising is for the Birds!



By Georgena Schisler

For members of the Crowland WI fund raising is for the birds! The Branch divided into three groups - Bluebirds, Cardinals and Chickadees. Each group chose their own method to raise funds. Bluebirds saved \$35 by careful grocery shopping. Cardinals baked and raffled a gingerbread house, realizing a \$24 profit. And the Chickadees saved their loose change from shopping and raised \$40. Being birds of a feather and not wishing to appear cheep cheep, they all flocked together and donated the extra dollar for a grand total of \$100, which they felt was something to sing about.

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Rutherglen Member Supports CAT scan

Rutherglen Women's Institute member Alice Steel is pictured selling raffle tickets towards a \$5-million dollar target for a CAT Scan Operating Fund for the North Bay Civic Hospital. The non-profit fund wants to raise enough money to set up a permanent pool of cash from which interest could be drawn to pay a CAT Scan's annual operating costs. Alice credits the equipment with saving her life six years ago. She volunteers most weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. By March 1st, Alice had sold \$3500 worth of \$2 tickets.



Alice Steel

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