

Anderdon-Malden WI

Members of this Branch recently praised their District President for Essex South, Pat Grant. Although she is blind, members say she can chair a meeting like a pro and writes her minutes in braille, never forgetting a detail. And, they added, she is always on hand to bake pies and cakes.

Rothsay WI

This Branch held a month-long fund raising project. They created a calendar which each day asked them to set aside a few cents for a particular event or item in their home: 10 cents for each room in their home; 25 cents if anyone in their house let the water run when brushing their teeth; 2 cents for each grade they received in school, and so on. The money raised was donated to the Anna Kaljas Homes in Kitchener for the homeless.

New Prospect WI

To recognize their local program, the town of Dryden flew a Block Parent's flag in front of the Town Hall during Block Parent Week. This WI was proud because they were instrumental in getting the program established in Dryden during The International Year of the Child in 1979.



Mitchell Square WI members did their part, along with other area Institutes, church groups and individuals, to help cancer patients have a more comfortable life through a donation of a \$4000 morphine pump. The pump was donated to the Simcoe County District Health Unit (SCDHU). Pictured above, from left to right, are Twyla Banbury - President, Mitchell Square WI, Kay Cloughley - Secretary-Treasurer, and Joan Donnelly - SCDHU Home Care Case Manager. The pump was donated in the name of Doris Banbury, Past President of Mitchell Square WI, and her son Bob, who both died of cancer and were former patients of the Health Unit.

Moyle WI

Members of this Branch recently heard an interesting account of a trip to Ecuador. Judy Hopkinson, along with other students and a professor from Trent University, spent three months in that country. They took paper and pencils with them for the school children.

Mountsberg WI

Mountsberg members held an event they called "Trash, Treats and Treasures" at which they sold garage sale items, baked goods and crafts. Their efforts were successful and they made a generous donation to the new FWIO headquarters. They concluded that fund raising can be a lot of fun!

Harwood WI

The restoration of three green maple leaf signs at the edge of the village of Harwood on Rice Lake was just one of several projects recently undertaken by this group. Others included: maintaining the flower beds around the signs; distributing a newsletter telling of Women's Institute accomplishments to over 400 households; and, entertaining the residents of the Golden Plough Retirement Lodge in Cobourg, with music, birthday gifts and cakes.

Popular Poems

A cheque for \$12,000 was donated to the FWIO Headquarters Fund on behalf of the Eastern Ontario Area. The money was raised from the sale of "Silver Thoughts, Golden Words and a Nickel Worth of Stories," a collection of short stories, poems and sayings put together by the Eastern Ontario Area WI from the lifetime collection of FWIO and FWIC Past President Bernice Noblitt.



Sydenham WI

This Branch was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Northern Recycling Group for their cheerful participation and support of the community's voluntary recycling program. At the awards ceremony, M.P.P. Fred Wilson commented: "This local project is a star in recycling in smaller communities."



To help raise money for their metre of loonies the Rylstone Branch held a garage sale at their WI Hall. Hungry garage-salers were also tempted with sausages on a bun, cooked and served by Branch President, Violet Dunk.



Once again, Bainsville WI showed their support for local activities by assisting teachers and students with their "Pioneer Days" project. Each member, adorned in period costume, presided over a teaching station located in the school gym. The children were shown the 'old-fashioned' way of making soap, sauerkraut and butter, as well as the methods for drying apples, grinding corn and washing clothes. A Bainsville member is pictured above demonstrating a device for shelling and grinding corn.