



## Leadership in WI

Codrington WI (Northumberland District) welcomed FWIO President Rosemary Moran who gave a "Travel Log" of the ACWW Conference in June 2007 in Finland. They learned that, even at the Branch level, it is possible to affect the world through resolutions! Members from York Road WI, Seymour West WI, and Community WI were also in attendance.



## Meet the Members

### Jean McPherson

The year was 1932. The little hamlet of Massie had a general store, a grist and saw mill, a blacksmith shop, an Orange Hall, a church and church shed and a school house. A young 18 year old by the name of Jean Hewitson, just out of Normal School (Teacher's College) came to teach in that Massie School.

In February of 1933, Jean joined the Massie Women's Institute and paid her 25 cent membership fee. The collection was set at one cent.

As it often happened, a young, local farmer came courting and Jean married Clarence McPherson and they had two daughters. After her marriage, Jean continued to be an active Member of the Women's Institute. She held most offices at Branch Level. She also held offices at District and County level. She led many 4 H Clubs and Senior Workshops. Jean worked for the Agricultural Society and was a member of the Safety Council. She worked at the Polls in Provincial and Federal Elections. She held offices in the local Church. Jean chaired and co-chaired committees that produced two Holland Township History Books.

Jean lives and breathes history, so it was natural that she became the Curator of the Tweedsmuir History Book of Massie Women's Institute. With a committee of three she has kept our book up to date for many years.

The Mill, the Blacksmith Shop, the Orange Hall and the Church Shed are all gone from Massie. The store has been made into apartments and the school is now a Community Centre but the Church still holds services. The Massie Women's Institute has survived and Jean, who was 94 years old on September 24, 2007 and has been a Member for 74 years, has just recently resigned as Curator.

*Respectfully submitted by Dona Norton*

## Good Idea!

Clachan WI (Elgin County District) recently hosted an interesting and education ROSE Session! John Johnston, director of the Ontario Soybean Board joined Clachan WI to share stories and pictures from his visits to Japan, Malaysia, China, Tokyo, and Singapore. He also brought soymilk and three different types of tofu for everyone to enjoy with their lunch!