

# COFFEE

# Talk

## Friendship Challenge

Belgrave WI were the lucky winners of the Friendship Challenge last year! They have worked hard at creating events that will attract friends and lead to potential Members. January, February and March, Belgrave WI opens their meetings to the public – inviting everyone to participate in the potluck luncheons they host. The most popular meeting features musical talent including the local orchestra that is lead by WI Member Mary Coultres at the piano. These meetings give the community a chance to share food, fun and friends during the cold and snowy days of a Huron County winter. Provincial Program Coordinator Carol Innes awarded Belgrave WI their certificate in the fall of 2007. Shown here are (L-R) Ilene Chesterman, Nancy Jardin, Audrey Fenton, Jean Nethery and Carol Innes.



*The Friendship Challenge was an opportunity for your Branch to showcase your activities and events to the public in hopes of recruiting new Members. Mouthwell WI was the second place winner and third place was awarded to Mount Brydges WI. Congratulations and thank you for promoting WI in your community!*



## MEETING MINUTE

Many of us acknowledged 110 years of WI in 2007, or hosted our own Branch celebrations to commemorate our Branch's 60th, 70th, or 100th anniversary – there certainly is a lot to celebrate! Carol Innes of Brookfield WI told us about how she woke up in the middle of the night not so long ago, pondering the future of WI. Now that her mind was awake and active Carol spent some time thinking about how to figure out what it is that has kept WI alive for all these years and what would keep it alive long into the future. Carol suggests that we all take a few minutes at our next meeting to talk about these possibilities – what a great discussion! Please feel free to share your thoughts or ideas by sending them to the Home & Country ROSE Garden and we will share them with our WI Members across the province. You can also send your own 'Meeting Minute' ideas, tips and suggestions for consideration in an upcoming issue.

