



### Big Lake WI

Big Lake WI Members started a great program this year called "Purses with a Purpose". Members donated a gently used purse or handbag and then spent months collecting personal hygiene items for women who arrive at the local women's shelter, Haven House. As women come into the shelter they receive their personal items in the purse. The group donated sixteen purses and is considering making it an annual event.

*Pictured here is Kelly Tessier, of Manitoulin Family Resources accepting purses from WI Members Ruby Lavigne President, Bernice Neeb, and Audrey Haggart.*



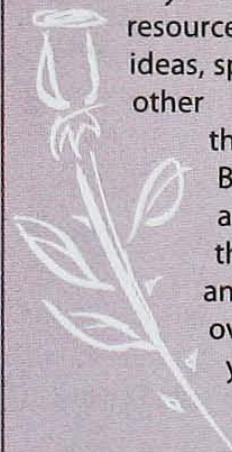
## Did you Know?

2009 marks the 10th Anniversary of the ROSE Program! We're already planning some great things to celebrate and you can do the same.

If you've hosted a ROSE Program in your Branch - you already know that ROSE is all about what Women's Institute has been doing for the past 110 years. It's about educating women, our families and our friends. The ROSE Program is just one of the ways that WI helps build strong families and vibrant communities.

The 2008-2009 ROSE Planning Calendar was emailed to WI Branches on the ROSE Distribution list. (If your Branch would like to be added to this list, please email [roseprogram@fwio.on.ca](mailto:roseprogram@fwio.on.ca)). The Calendar is also available on the Member Services Section of the FWIO web site. For Branches that don't have Internet/email - please contact the ROSE Program and we can arrange to get you a copy.

Stay tuned for new resources, media story ideas, special events and other great activities that can help your Branch, District and Area celebrate the ROSE Program and it's success over the past 10 years!



### ATTENTION READERS

## WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

Do you know someone who has contributed to excellence in agriculture at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair? There are many deserving women involved and FWIO will recognize one special woman this fall. The prestigious award is open to all women, currently or previously involved in agriculture at the Royal. Simply complete a nomination package including the following:

- A typed profile (not to exceed 500 words) describing the work of the nominee, particularly volunteer activities while involved in the Fair.
- 3 nominators providing letters of recommendation including contact information (not to exceed one page)
- contact information for nominee

The closing date for submissions is September 15, 2008. The winner will be selected and notified by an appointed committee. Forward completed nomination packages to:

Women of Excellence in Agriculture Award  
C/o Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario  
7382 Wellington Road 30, RR#5  
Guelph, ON N2H 6J2

