

Headquarters Fundraising Update

To date, the Headquarters Fund sits at **\$816,263** as of October 31, 2008

Help build the FWIO future - contact the FWIO Provincial Office to donate or get more information.



"A man who dares waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life."

~ Charles Darwin



Patriotic Parade

Hawkestone WI (Simcoe Kempenfeldt District) entered a float in their local Canada Day parade themed the Provinces of Canada. The float had flags and provincial flowers of each province and WI Members and friends dressed in red and

white. The Branch won first prize and will use the \$75 prize to help with their work within the community. In the picture L-R is Norma Leigh, Ruth Leigh, Joan Banbury, Barb Muscat, Dianne Mawdsley, Katie Hutchinson and driver Yeb Jermey (who was dressed as Sir John A. McDonald).



International Friends

Algoma Centre and North Shore District WI hosted an International Picnic at Bondar tent Pavillion in Sault Ste. Marie with 19 guests from the Michigan Association for Family and Community Education

(M.A.F.C.E). Fifty-two Members attended and enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch followed by a 2 hour boat cruise of the locks, shopping and visits to the various attractions in the city. Friendships were renewed, new friends were made and ideas exchanged with the organizations on both sides of the St. Mary's River. The 2009 International Picnic will be hosted by M.A.F.C.E in Cheboygan, Michigan.



Kent District Antique Road Show

Kent District held two very successful Antique Road Show Identification Clinics (April 2006 and April 2008). A panel of five experts offered opinions on items brought in by community

Members. This past year, as word got out, people were lined up at the door one hour prior to the event! Proceeds from the event are being donated to the MRI Campaign at the Chatham/Kent Health Alliance. Pictured L-R is Dr. Button, co-chairman of the MRI Campaign, Martha Gamma District Secretary/Treasurer, Ruth McDonald, District President, Jeanne Gillard, Committee Chair, Betty Webster, Muriel Hotham Committee Members and Peggy Roger, District PRO.



Thank you!

Having dedicated many volunteer hours to the smooth running of the exhibition hall at the Hymers Fall Fair, Aria Buitenhuis(L) is a very worthy recipient of the Women of Excellence award that was awarded to her this past fall. Rebecca Johnson, President of the Thunder Bay District WI presented the award. Thanks to Aria's hard work and dedication, the handwork, crafts, produce, baking, children's handwork and many other items are judged, ribbons and prizes awarded all safely within the exhibition hall – no small feat. Thunder Bay District congratulates Aria and thanks her for making the fall fair a great success!