



Wellington WI

Wellington WI (Prince Edward District) certainly has been busy. At the PumpkinFest Parade the ladies took the prize for the best group on a float and donated a basket to the raffle draw. Past President, Iris Walker, painted a watercolour map of the town and as a fundraiser the Branch has been selling prints of it. The Branch also installed a park bench in the local harbour and hosted a garden party at the lakeside park to help celebrate the Branch's accomplishments. You might think these busy ladies wouldn't have time for anything else, but they have also sent knitted teddy bears and dishcloths for the Canada Comforts project. Thank you for all your hard work ladies!

Jackson WI

Like all Institutes, the Jackson WI (Bruce County District) represents Home and Country and can be found behind the scenes "giving back to their community". Since 2001, the Jackson WI has worked diligently at the French Fry booth at the Heritage Farm south of Paisley. Every August these ladies can be found, rain or shine, cutting, cooking and serving delicious home made French fries. It is a growing business, and they welcome the assistance of their community to help them with this venture. Once again, these ladies turn back their profits to many area organizations in their community. Drop by and see them, they'd love to meet you!



Standing - Left to right: Dorothy Riley; Mary Teeple; Sylvia Hasbury (President, Bruce County W.I.); Pat Smith; Eileen Bezpalko; Ruth Parker; Barb Irwin.

Seated - Left to right: Betty Irwin (Secretary); Eileen Brown (charter member); Janet MacKay (charter member); Brenda Vance (President).

Waters WI

Waters WI (Sudbury District) have been working hard making and packing up items for Canada Comforts. This Branch has made several dresses, which include a special Canadian flag pocket with material they found at the local fabric store. About 26 boxes have been forwarded to the Canada Comforts warehouse in Victoria, BC courtesy of a local transport company who has agreed to ship the items at no cost to the Branch. Pictured here is the Waters WI Branch (taken in their new permanent home in a former school).



Did you Know?

Since 1947, FWIO has awarded Scholarships to students studying at the University of Guelph, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences in recognition of the women who pioneered the Women's Institute in Ontario. Up to 3 Awards of \$1,000 each are available each year and applications can be obtained from the University of Guelph Assistant Registrar. The deadline for submission to Student Financial Services at the University of Guelph is April 1. Recipients for 2008 are Shaylin Aarssen, Anna Dawczyk, Jessica Vanhie.

Anna Dawczyk, a fourth year student in the Bachelor of Applied Science Program majoring in Child, Youth and Family connected with the Home & Country ROSE Garden to thank FWIO for the award. Anna currently works as the Breakfast Program coordinator for College Heights Secondary School Guelph. She is there five mornings a week and provides the students with breakfast, coordinates and supervises volunteers, and acts as treasurer. At the University Anna is the president of the student council for the CYF program. The council plans and runs numerous events for the students and the community throughout the year.

Congratulations to these three deserving students – best of luck in the future.

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