

# Bervie WI meets in dark

The monthly Bervie WI meeting was held on Aug. 2 in our hall.

We had an interesting meeting because the hydro was off, so we had our meeting with lamps, flashlights and candles. It was quite cozy.

President Virene Thompson opened the meeting with poems, "August" and "Seniors Moment" followed with O' Canada, Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was given by nine members and one guest. It was, "How to protect yourself from a fall." Minutes of the last meeting were read and the financial report was given.

Correspondence was read and a motion

was made by Janice Hewitt and seconded by Sandra MacDonald to pay the bills.

The women discussed the Kincardine Fall Fair display and are working on it.

The meeting was turned over to Janice Hewitt, who planned to have a video on "Stay on your feet", but with no hydro, she was unable to have this, but there was an interesting talk instead. She told us that one of three seniors will experience a fall each year and most of these will fracture limbs and a lot are hip fractures.

Seniors are injured at home more than anywhere else. The bathroom and stairs are dangerous. Twenty percent of injury-related deaths among seniors can be tracked back

to falls.

Hewitt offered tips where people can make changes in their houses which were to get rid of scatter rugs, wipe up spills immediately, buy low heel shoes, store food and cooking utensils in easy-to-reach locations, avoid waxed floors and never rush up and down stairs. Her talk gave us a lot to think about.

Sylvia Hasbury served lunch by candlelight and the meeting closed with the Queen.

The September meeting will be held Sept. 6 at the hall. Roll call is "Name the first fall fair you attended." All new members are welcome.

## Bervie WI installs new officers

The Bervie Women's Institute installed its officers at the April annual meeting in the Institute hall. The meeting began with the Opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and God Save The Queen.

Discussion centred around preparing for the 100th anniversary celebration. It was decided to enjoy a catered dinner, paint the outside of the hall, plant a tree and to fly a flag. A tea will be held in the fall. Then the usual reports were heard.

Margaret Harkness installed the 2007-2008 officers: past president Virene Thompson; president Isabel McConnell; vice president Mildred Griffith; secretary-treasurer Betty Jean White; and assistant Sandra MacDonald. Branch directors are Elsie Schuler, Sylvia Hasbury and Virene Thompson. District director is Virene Thompson with alternate Elsie Schuler.

Committees include: programs, Sylvia Hasbury and Norma Hartwick; public relations, Hazel Jean McClelland;

advocacy, Betty Jean Thompson; curator, Mildred Griffith; fall fair, Sandra MacDonald and Islay Eby; sunshine, Hazel Jean McLelland; euchre, Mildred Griffith; building, Isabel McConnell, Betty Anne Thompson and Hanna Splettstoesser; planning, Betty Anne Thompson, Hazel Jean McLelland and Isabel McConnell; financial examiners, Janis Hewitt and Reina Arnold; nominations, Elsie Schuler and Betty Anne Thompson; and pianists, Margaret Harkness and Betty Jean White.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by everyone at noon.

A thank you note was

read to Betty Jean White, Sandra MacDonald, and Betty Anne and Virene Thompson for producing the excellent calendars for this special year. A thank you for a generous donation to the institute and a get well card were sent to Effie Davey in Trillium Court.

The next meeting, convened by Elsie Schuler, is May 2. Members are asked to be at the Teeswater IP office by 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be held at a restaurant and Elsie has planned a surprise afternoon.

Betty Anne Thompson has the \$10 plowing match souvenir cookbooks.

### The Bervie Women's Institute met on Jan. 11 at Betty Jean White's home.

President Virene Thompson welcomed the ladies and opened the meeting in the usual manner.

The roll call was answered by spelling our names backwards, with fines for mistakes. The minutes, treasurer's report and correspondence were presented.

FWIO is planning to publish a Christmas book and is requesting cover designs and articles to be included.

The members are encouraged to contact their local MP

expressing concerns that raising the age of sexual consent from 14 to 16 was not included when Bill C-2 was passed in August, 2005.

Margaret Harkness presented an entertaining program of readings, jokes and contests, provoking lots of laughter. Ideas for the 2006-07 years were brainstormed.

A potluck spread of goodies and a social time were enjoyed.

The February meeting will be delayed to Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m. at Vi Thompson's home. If you are interested in or curious about our group, feel free to attend.

The Bervie Women's Institute had a delicious shared dinner for its Christmas meeting. President Isobel McConnell opened the meeting by singing grace and the opening ode. Roll call was a joke poem and a stamped card for shut-ins. Following business, favourite carols were sung.

Isobel shared some jokes and had a reading, *Just For You*. Betty Jean White read *Christmas Beatitudes*, then Margaret Harkness read *Many Things At Christmas* and had a few more jokes. *That's Christmas* was read by Islay Eby and Virene Thompson read one by an eight-year-old child about a grandmother. Mildred Griffith sang special words to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"; Norma Hartwick read *20 Things to Do For Christmas*, and

then Elsie Schuler gave a reading written by Eva Wilkins. Hazel Jean McLelland sang *Now Shine A Thousand Candles Bright*, accompanied by Betty Jean White.

The next meeting is Jan. 2. Roll call is plans and dreams and winter projects for the new year. Anyone interested in the Institute is invited to come.