

Bervie WI 2008

Assistant president Mildred Griffith presided for the January meeting of the Bervie WI. Following *O Canada*, the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, Mildred read *New Year Sales*. Betty Jean White read the minutes and financial report.

The roll call was about childhood dreams. Winter projects were shown and cards were signed for those in need. Get well wishes are extended to president Isabel McConnell; hope you feel better soon.

Following *God Save The Queen* and grace, members shared leftover Christmas sweets for lunch.

At the February meeting, convener Janice Hewitt will have a health theme. Roll call is how you promote your health and well being, also, a Valentine treat will be judged. Feb. 19 is Women's Institute Day.

Betty Jean White hosted nine members of the Bervie Women's Institute at their February meeting. Acting president Mildred Griffith read a poem on love. The theme of the roll call was health.

Betty Jean, who also is secretary-treasurer, noted that 2008 is the year of languages, year of the potato and year of planet earth. Potatoes have high protein, vitamin C and potassium.

Convener Janice Hewitt read a Valentine poem, then presented a video on hand washing - the best way to prevent infections. Remember to wash your hands before you eat, after you treat a wound, tend to someone who is sick, after using the washroom, coughing, sneezing or changing diapers, caring for pets and also after handling uncooked food or handling garbage.

Each person brought a Valentine treat to share. Treats were

judged by Islay Eby, with Mildred taking first and Janis taking second.

Members then discussed how the institute could earn money. Members will make

meat pies with Bruce County. You can order pies from WI members by March 1; call Sandra MacDonald at 519-395-5447 for more information. The district directors meeting is March 6 in Elmwood.

The March meeting will have the theme of mind and body fitness, with convener Betty Anne Thompson. Roll call is about balancing wants and needs.

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Mildred Griffith opened the June meeting of the Bervie WI with the Prayer of Awakeness and a joke. Betty Jean White read scripture and The Lord's Prayer. Hostesses were Margaret Harkness and Islay Eby. Nine members answered the roll call by naming a grocery product from Central or South America.

Money will be give to the Bruce County Museum in Southampton, as well as gifts to members of the Women's House. Several members will help Janice McKean to plant vegetable gardens.

Virene Thompson gave the District annual report, noting how we

support food grown within 100 miles. Sylvia Hasbury is the outgoing president, with Brenda Ramsdale taking on the office for the Pine River WI. Maureen McAdam is retiring as treasurer.

Betty Jean had a reading, *The Lonely Cow*, and a contest. Then Edna and Alex Stewart told of their farm tour in South America. Edna showed pictures of the frams: soy beans, which are made into oil, cocoa and grapes, as well as sheep farms and cattle ranches. The July meeting starts at 8 p.m. Convener Islay Eby will use the theme of local business women. All welcome.

Bervie WI holds 2004 Christmas meeting

The Bervie WI held its December meeting, Dec. 1, at the hall beginning with a potluck dinner which everyone enjoyed. Roll call was given by 12 members and three guests: a joke or poem. The minutes and financial statement were given, and a letter read about the 4-H's 90th anniversary; the group will give a \$52 donation.

The meeting was turned over to Hentjie Kloosterboer, who gave a talk on the symbolism of Christmas flowers, shrubs and plants; and Emily Bushell, who read a poem, *Share the Bird*. Christmas carols were sung. A gift exchange was held, and everyone brought a stamped Christmas card to send to seniors. The next meeting is Jan. 5, weather permitting, with the theme of education. Roll call will be a report on a book you have read recently.