

BRUCE EAST WOMEN'S INSTITUTE DISTRICT ANNUAL

The 59th District Annual was held on May 29, 1997 at the Harmony United Church, Pinkerton. President Marion Schlorff called the Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. 1997 has been a busy exciting year as we celebrate 100 years of Women's Institute in Ontario. Marion read a Springtime Prayer from the Ideals magazine. All present joined in singing O Canada and reciting the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Mr. Roland Anstett, Reeve of Greenock Township, brought greetings to the ladies. Praising our past accomplishments and wishing us the best for the future - The Women's Institute for Home and Country. Congratulations on the 100th Anniversary.

Doris Needham, President of the Pinkerton WI, our hostess for the evening welcomed everyone as we gathered to celebrate the past, and challenge the future. Their branch is celebrating their 85th on June 11. Congratulations Pinkerton.

Ileen brown of Jackson WI gave a history of start of the WI from the motto and through some of the changes in 100 years. Did you ever stop to think that 100 years ago, an organization for women was a radical idea? WI is 100 years of progressive ideas - making home and country a better place to live. Here's to the next 100!

Marion Schlorff mentioned the availability of items promoting WI - The Banner made for the convention by Michelle Threndyle (committee - Julie Mirander) ; your own Home and Country - a video of Town Country TV program of the 100th anniversary - Jingle that was used on Feb. 19 and can be used to promote any WI activities and events - a tape with the WI song.

Helen Taylor moved that the minutes be adopted as circulated. Michelle Phillippi seconded. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - Thank you from the Roots of Bruce from Inez Fenton and Linda Freiburger for the support and donations.

Newsletter from the Grey Bruce Community Briefings - use it for the great ideas. Congratulations on the 100th from the Bruce Presbytery United Church of Canada. Buttons and Bows on August

2 and 3 in Grey. 4H Judging

Contest in August in Hanover asking for donation. 4H Newsletter asking for the names of anyone who has ever been a member or helped with 4H to send their name in for a roster to Jan Edwards, Ontario 4H Council, R# 1, Thornloe PoJ 1S0. Friends of the Museum is not having a house tour this December but had thanked us for our support. Betty Colberne 832-9543 mentioned their Lobster Picnic at NorthShore Park on July 12 from 4 to 7:30 (\$25.per person) and the International Dinner on Nov. 8 at the Raquet Club.

Financial Statement by Laverne Porter -

Balance as of May 1, 1997 is \$3,824.81

The Variety Concert brought in \$248.37 with expenses of 37.42 and 125. for the hall leaving \$85.65.

Convention Banner expenses were \$43.66

National Convention Fund balance of 267.02

Marg MacDonald moved the adoption of the financial report. She and Mary Zielger were the Financial Examiners. Pat Calhoun seconded, carried. Anyone with bills to send to Laverne.

Donations in Bruce East -

WI projects - \$2541.; Education - \$676.; Communications - \$ 4,994.69;
clubs and others - \$1500. = \$9,167.54

Judy McKinnon moved bills be paid, seconded by Marion Chesney, carried.