

Fifth annual Bruce County District Women's Institute meeting held in Elmwood

The fifth annual meeting of the Bruce County District Women's Institute was held May 23 at the Elmwood Community Centre. The host branches were Malcolm, Mar, Mount Hope and Oliphant. Mar WI welcomed all 122 members. The theme of the meeting was Two Thousand and Two, a Rose for You. The roll call of a "rose or a thorn" was answered by the

attending branches.

Secretary-treasurer Doreen MacAdam read last years minutes, the donation report and the financial statement. All committee representatives gave their individual reports and the morning business wrapped up with our PAC rep. Doris Needham giving us an update of the happenings at FWIO headquarters.

A hot lunch was served

following the singing of the Institute Grace by neighbouring Grey District branch Louise WI.

The afternoon session began with a singsong led by the Malcom WI.

Betty Perkins of the Bruce County Health Unit was guest speaker. Her topic was "Get Active for Life".

Bernice Pew of Oliphant was in charge of the In Memoriam presentation.

Sympathies were extended to quite a number of loyal members this past year.

Malcom did an entertainment skit *Sweet Violets*.

Marian Lowry performed the election and installation of officers. The new business part of the day followed with a lengthy discussion on what to do with the Bruce County Tartan project.

The five years renewal is coming soon upon us and a

decision must be made on whether to continue as it is or to make changes or disband. The branch representatives are asked to go back to its members, discuss the issue and get back to new president Betty Anne Thompson or Past President Linda Freiburger. These two ladies will be sending the branches questionnaires to be filled in this fall then some clear decisions can be made.

The Tweedsmuir tickets were drawn with the Arbour going to Blanche Martin of Chatsworth, the Bruce County Tartan Doll going to Mabel Berl of Cargill. Third prize a \$50 gift certificate from Gray's Perennials of Walkerton went to Marilyn

Reed of Ripley and fourth prize, a Book of Architecture of Provincial Society Houses of Bruce County (1850-1900) went to John Nowels of Mar. Several WI members' homes were featured in this book.

There were 12 quilts quilted this past year by several different WI branches to be given to Participation Lodge.

The Bruce County District bylaws were read and some amendments were made. The bylaws were accepted as amended and carried.

The day came to a close with the transfer of the President's gavel from Linda Freiburger to Betty Anne Thompson.



BRUCE COUNTY DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

5th Annual Meeting

Elmwood Community Centre
Elmwood, Ontario

Thursday, May 23, 2002
Registration 9:00 a.m.

Host Branches:
Lucknow-Sepoy, Malcolm, Mar, Mount Hope,
Oliphant

Luncheon \$9.00

THEME:
Two Thousand and Two, a Rose
For You