

WI has six visitors

Kinloss Kairshea Institute
By Allene Bradley

On Thursday Feb. 17 the WI met in the common room at the River Valley apartments with 16 members present and six visitors. Margaret Mowbray was the hostess and the directors were Margaret and Andrea Feeley assisted by Margaret deBoer.

Following the grace, the directors assisted by Margaret served a delicious dessert and beverage.

June welcomed everyone and the members sang the opening ode and repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. Andrea read the Scripture verses from Proverbs, chapter 13. Alice

Ritchie read the minutes and the business was dealt with.

A donation was made to the Agricultural Society. There was a lot of correspondence. The week of Feb. 21 is to be Institute Week with the theme "Sharing our Heritage".

Irene Haldenby introduced the two guest speakers, Joan Barr and Marion Zinn, the head conveners of the committee of 16, who compiled the Kinloss history books. This committee started in 1977 and met every month in various homes, and Kinloss and Whitechurch halls. The books were finished in late 2003. They had various sources of

history: Kinloss census from 1851-1901 including births, deaths and marriages, Sentinels from 1876, family trees and the registry offices. Rhea Hamilton Seeger published the books. There were 1300 with 35 available to sell. There were 400 books sent by mail as far away as Australia and North Dakota.

Andrea thanked the speakers and presented them with gifts. The roll call was something the members found interesting from the books. Irene read a humorous poem "Mr Common Sense". June gave the courtesies and the meeting closed with "O Canada".

Ritchie hostess for Kinloss Kairshea

By Allene Bradley
Alice Ritchie was hostess for the Kinloss Kairshea Institute meeting on Jan. 20. Directors

June Gilchrist and Irene Haldenby assisted the hostess by serving dessert and beverages. Alice Doelman

and Gladys Johnston were conveners for the health and family meeting. The Opening Ode was sung and the Mary Stewart Collect was repeated.

June read a humorous poem, "How people deal with illness." Betty Hamilton read the Scripture, "Jesus blessed little Children."

Gladys Johnston introduced the speaker Denise Gilchrist, a nurse

with Community Care Access Centre who works out of the nurse's office in the medical building in Ripley.

The Community Nursing Services have been serving Southwestern Ontario since 1984 and have provided one million hours of nursing care. The nursing staff consists entirely of registered nurses or practical nurses. These nurses are available 24 hours a day so you

can reach someone if you have a health care problem. Alice thanked the speaker.

The rolloccall was answered by 17 people - 13 members and four visitors - asking Denise questions. The minutes were read and the business dealt with. The treasurer's report was given by Marion MacKinnon.

Muriel MacKenzie gave the courtesies and the meeting closed with O Canada.

Members gather for potluck dinner

By Allene Bradley

On March 17, 12 members of the Kinloss Kairshea Institute and five visitors gathered at the Lucknow Town Hall for a potluck dinner followed by a fun meeting of the Kinloss Kairshea Institute. Gladys Johnston was the hostess assisted by Irene Haldenby.

Following the delicious meal, June Gilchrist opened the meeting with an Irish poem.

The minutes were read and approved. The correspondence was read and the business dealt with. Marion MacKinnon gave the treasurer's

report.

June gave her report from the district directors meeting which she had attended in Wiarton on March 3.

On April 8, the Roots of Bruce meeting will be held in Wiarton. June and Irene Haldenby will be the delegates.

We had a fun meeting with songs, monologues, jokes, readings and a piano musical number. We were to wear something green and had to sing, say or pay a toonie. Irene and Gladys were in charge on the craft.

Plastic Easter eggs were decorated with tiny pieces of colorful materi-

al. Some of us had two, three or four eggs decorated to take home.

Winners of the Shamrock plants were June and Marion MacKinnon.

Irene had a flower contest.

June announced that our annual meeting will be held in the Lucknow Town Hall on April 21.

June gave the courtesies and the meeting closed with "O Canada".

Kairshea ladies meet

Kairshea Institute

by Betty Hamilton

The ladies of Kairshea met for lunch at Little's Restaurant in Ripley on May 19. There were 18 members and one visitor present.

After a delicious lunch and a brief business meeting, we drove to Smeltzer's Garden

Centre. There we strolled among the beautiful flower beds. Many of us came home with some plants and ideas to brighten up our own gardens.

Our next meeting will be June 16 with a potluck supper

Kairshea WI members meets

By Betty Hamilton

The October meeting was held at the home of Gladys Johnston with 17 members present.

An invitation to the Purple Grove meeting on Nov. 2 was received.

Plans for our Christmas party were discussed. A report of the Grey-Bruce convention in Maxwell was given by June Gilchrist.

Marion MacKinnon reported on the Bruce County

rally which she attended.

There were 486 quilts shown at the International Centre in Mississauga in September. Altogether 3,500 teddy bears were donated and given to the police and firemen to distribute to children. Some were sent to New Orleans.

Special speaker for the meeting was Gertie Blake from the Bruce County Federation of Agriculture. She spoke and gave a

slide show presentation of OFA Envirofarm. For more than a decade, Ontario farmers have been preparing Environmental Farm Plans (EFP) for their farming operations. Some of the categories examined include protection of water resources, soil and wilderness areas that have environmentally sensitive characteristics.

After a game and the rolloccall, the meeting closed with a delicious lunch.