



Arnprior Women's Institute secretary Jean Sadler, president Isobel McDowell and vice-president Aleta Green display the group's histories and awards.

WI celebrates 60 years

Arnprior's Women's Institute celebrated its 60th Anniversary Saturday with an afternoon of tea and fellowship at the Oddfellows' Hall on Daniel Street.

Nearly 60 women came out to join the W.I. as they celebrated a long career of community service.

The organization began in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario with the objective

to "promote that goal of Household Science." Its stated goal was to improve knowledge and standards of home management and child-rearing in order to generally improve the health of the people.

The W.I. has followed that early goal of community service by actively working on the home front while Canadian soldiers were involved in wars.

Today they continue their work for the common good by being active in promoting environmental awareness.

Arnprior Mayor Pat Robinson addressed the women, acknowledging the way in which they quietly do their important work.

The meeting ended with a speech by local historian Leo Lavoie.