

## Prescott District Women's Institute year-end review

(Continued from Feb,  
last week) 2004

### Green Lane

In May, Ruth MacMillan shared much information about tulips, their planting, care, cutting, etc. Four members attended the District Annual, provided two plants for door prizes, donated some toiletries for Maison Interlude House.

Green Lane branch was in a three-way tie with Sunshine and Plantagenet to share the New Members Plaque for obtaining one new member each.

In June, members toured the Allensite Farms barn which is equipped with two robotic milking parlours for 100 dairy cows. Because of the double cohort graduating from high school, Green Lane awards were presented to two VCI graduating students continuing with their education: Jenna Steele (OAC) and Julie Rutherford (Grade 12).

In July, members visited the amazing Quilt of Belonging at Williamstown. There is

one quilt block for each ethnic group in Canada, designed by them, sometimes quilted by them. Eventually, it will be on tour across Canada. The branch later donated \$50 to this organization. Members also visited the NorWester Museum in Williamstown.

In August, all members helped with the meals at the Vankleek Hill Fair. Two members took part in the Vankleek Hill fair parade. Ruth MacMillan, District Secretary, drove her decorated car, Frankie Higginson was a passenger, as was Margaret Wyss, District President, and her granddaughter.

In September, guest speakers Jean and Blair Williams of Maxville spoke of their year in Japan with Asian Rural Institute, a volunteer group helping to train 30 people, chosen from southeast Asia, India and Africa, to learn to produce enough food to feed themselves.

Two members helped at the Area Women's Institute booth at the International Plowing

Match at Appleton. Hurricane Isabelle came through with high winds and drenching rain, forcing us to leave early. Harold MacMillan, our driver, got us home safely.

In October, guest speaker Melanie Conway Malloy, a dental hygienist, told us about good oral hygiene. Members hosted Stardale W.I. Later, members were guests of Plantagenet. Two members took part in the Area Convention held near Edwardes.

In November, members enjoyed a heritage meal, with each member contributing a heritage food item with explanation in member Mary Helen Simpson's heritage home, where the dining table was set with heritage dishes and cutlery.

The branch donated \$50 to the local mental health association.

In December, Anne Godard, proprietor of Top of the Morning B & B in Vankleek Hill, served us a delicious lunch amidst beautiful Christmas decorations. Members donated food to the food bank and made a \$35 donation to ACWW (Flying High for W.I.).

In January 2004, the Reverend Kay Richardson led our literacy program, talking about books we have been reading and particular, Strong Hollow, written by Linda Little, who grew up in the Hawkesbury area.

### Lookout Bay

At their April dinner meeting, members discussed "Safety in the Home" with Judy Henderson convening. Points raised were: rugs, lifeline and wear it, leftovers and freezer foods dated and child safety clips to keep electric cords away from children. Members showed their baby pictures.

In April, members were also busy attending annual meetings, including one in Argenteuil.

Members are walking for health and to promote W.I.

In May, Gilberte Legault, an honorary member, received a

certificate from the Prime Minister congratulating her on the occasion of her 93rd birthday. Several members went on a shopping trip to Orleans to replace the June meeting.

In July, a salad luncheon was followed by business and a program on communications. Congratulations went to Amy Kirby, who is now a practising therapist in Hawkesbury.

Plans for the Vankleek Hill Fair meals were made. In August, the evening was spent at Pat Clement's with her friend and guest speaker, Mary Jane Taylor from L'Orignal.

Mary showed her hobbies of painting recycled glass, making pictures and hand-crafted stationery using dried flowers. Each member made a card to take home.

Participation at the Fair meals and exhibits promoted our local agricultural society.

Eat garlic and live a long and health life - that was the motto of the September meeting, which took place at the home of Reta Kirby.

October saw members consider the joys of reading.

November found the members travelling.

To ring in the Christmas season, Nicole Michalchuk's traditional Ukrainian luncheon was well-attended. Nine members exchanged recycled gifts. Cards and good wishes for peace and joy went to members and special friends.

A noon luncheon in January brought the group together and thanks to president Kathy Hall's inspiration, members are cutting pieces for a large quilt to be donated to the food bank for a raffle.

The year-end review concludes next week.

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