

The Grandmothers' Meeting of the early years was a special event when all attention centred around the grandmothers. This took the form of an afternoon picnic where pictures could be taken. There were garden flower corsages for each grandmother and all prizes were directed to them. In most cases, grandmothers were part of the extended family, giving care to the grandchildren and being dependent on the second generation in the household. That era has passed into history and today's grandmothers have grown with the Institute. They are economically and financially independent of their families, but still a close bond of family love and respect exists. They continue to be very active, not only in W.I. activities, but in Community, Church and Senior Citizen activities. The W.I. movement has given them opportunity to develop educationally, socially and become more aware of the need of others.



Women's Institute, Sunshine branch, at the home of Milly Wilkes

Kneeling: Esther Ryan, Alma Ryan, Dorothy Kinnear, Miss Davidson, Ethel Ryan, Kay Davidson, Enid Brownell, Lorraine Rowe, Colleen Ryan, Edna Reid, Beulah Scott, Mrs. Henry Reid, Stella Lalonde, Louise MacGregor, Ann Clemens, Jean MacGregor, Sheila Wilkes, Eunice Kinnear (Donnie Kinnear), Grace Surch, Grace (Metcalf) Wilson, Milly Wilkes. Standing: Miss MacLeod, Hannah Kinnear, Phoebe Rowe, Eliza Wilson, Annie MacIntosh, Mamie Surch, Maudie Ryan, Mrs. Harry Reid, Mrs. Bill Scott, Sarah Johnston, Alice Scott, Winnie Scott, Nellie Kelly, Alice (Stuart) Scott, Viola Rowe, Mrs. Eddy Scott, Mae Clemens, Mrs. Davidson, Florence Ryan, Mrs. Happy, Mrs. Rutherford, Sadie Barton, Clara Lalonde, Mrs. Davidson, Lena Reid, Mrs. Chris Metcalfe, Lucinda Fawcett, Nellie Presley, Elsie Curran, Mrs. Alex Metcalfe - 1947

Members assisted in the Polio and T.B. Clinics in the 50's. Blood donor clinics by the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance courses have also received their help and support. Donations in early years were given to many causes, some being the Canadian Institute for the Blind, Save the Children Fund, March of Dimes and the Canadian Cancer Society. In later years, concerns were directed to other social and health problems. Donations have been made to Our House (drug