

Women's Institutes

ANNAN WI

The September meeting of Annan Women's Institute at the home of Betty Gray included a "coffee break" to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

A minute's silence was observed for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Retired teacher Mrs. Albert McLean spoke about literacy. She said illiteracy from K indergarten to Grade 6 is great and most crucial in Grades 1, 2, and 3 when children are about to read and write. She stressed how important it is to read to young people and to give books to children. She said teachers use the rocking chair approach and use puppets and improvise "Dr. Seuss."

NORTH GREY

On Oct. 4, members of the North Grey WI travelled to the Grey County Archives in the former Glenelg Township municipal offices.

Paul White, archivist project manager, conducted a tour. He will be the heritage co-ordinator at the new archive when it is built near Owen Sound. White described the type of material stored in various vaults, and members were allowed to visit the Women's Institute vault.

There is a reading room available for public use. Items like old municipal records and newspapers are stored on site. This past summer a Community Access Program (CAP) was put in place and lessons are available to the public.

KILSYTH

Sharing plans for Thanksgiving was the roll call answered by members of Kilsyth WI at a recent meeting.

The branch received a letter about Commencement at the OSCVI and West Hill Secondary School on Nov. 9. Nadine Johnson from OSCVI will receive the award for female student in family studies awarded by North Grey Women's Institute.

Bonnie Prevost reported on the successful catering endeavour at the Celtic Festival Tea Tent.

Janice Reid said North Grey's fair entry had won first place at the Owen Sound and Desboro Fall Fairs and second prize at the Chatsworth Fall Fair. Penny Fenwick was thanked for coordinating the fall fair entries.

New WI signs were discussed and it was decided to buy a large and small display sign.

BRUCE COUNTY

Volunteers vision and reality was the theme for the fall rally of Bruce County Women's Institute in Tiverton.

Each attending branch answered the roll call "Your most important volunteer activity" and handed in their cheques for the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead Museum.

District president Linda Freiburger was chairperson for the day.

Doreen MacAdam read the financial report. All the groups were congratu-

lated on helping raise \$3,500 for the outdoor education centre in Oliphant.

Carmen Farrell was this year's recipient of the WI 4-H scholarship. Her mother Fran accepted the award on her behalf because Carmen is attending school in Guelph.

Judy McKinnon spoke on preserving Bruce County Tweedsmuir histories. It was decided to photocopy each branch's Tweedsmuir histories and a fund-raising campaign will be set up to help cover costs of this process.

Ruth Schlacht from home and community support services of Grey Bruce spoke about the services provided by the organization and how WI branches or members could help.

Doreen MacAdam and Gunne Weber described the Associated Country Women of the World convention they attended in Hamilton in June. There were 68 flags flying, representing the countries involved with the convention. The delegates attended workshops based on the conference theme "volunteers make visions a reality".

Two years ago there was a request for quilt squares to be sent to Thunder Bay. The squares were made into eight quilts and several pillows to be raffled off at the ACWW convention. This was a huge success with 366 squares submitted from eight different countries. The raffle raised \$4,725 and several local WI members won awards for their own individual quilt square.

SPRINGMOUNT

Dessert and tea before the September meeting of the Springmount Women's Institute was used as a coffee break for the Alzheimer Society of Grey Bruce. Almost \$800 was collected.

The president June Sparling welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the thought for the day called good thoughts.

Ten members answered the roll call Name a member country in ACWW.

Springmount WI earned \$102 from its sale table at the Hottest Garage Sale Under the Sun in downtown Owen Sound.

Lois Olmsted gave the report of the Grey County rally. Sheila Lambrinos informed the rally that she is the editor of a Grey County 2002 calendar being made to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the County of Grey. It will be a special keepsake remembrance highlighting the work of women and the county Women's Institutes. Branches have been asked to submit pictures and articles for the calendar.

Springmount WI won a first and third prize at the Owen Sound Fall Fair.

June Sparling won fifth prize for the quilt block she entered in the provincial quilt block competition at the ACWW conference in Hamilton.

Institute makes donation to Guelph headquarters

Marie Cartwright welcomed 10 Walkerton Institute members January 8, wishing them all a good new year.

There was a minute of silence for Marg Inglis and Audrey Rumig, who passed away.

Roll call was answered by bringing something pertaining to a quilt, preferably old.

Marg Hedley motioned that the group give a dona-

tion to Guelph headquarters in honor of Marg Inglis.

Bruce and Grey county are twinning with New Brunswick.

Bruce Cameron, formerly from Walkerton, donated a Tweedsmuir scrap book to the Walkerton Institute.

Marie Cartwright read an article on the first evening institute meeting in 1947 and Mary Wand read an article on the County of Bruce General Hospital.

Southline WI to donate quilt to CT Scanner prize calendar

Members of the Southline WI arrived at the home of Joan Hundt on September 12, happy to be back for the first meeting after the summer holidays.

President Eugenia Zettler welcomed the 14 members. Phyllis Poehman shared a spiritual reading, "Prayer in Faith." A minute silence with thoughts and prayers to the victims and families of the U.S. tragedy was observed.

Joan Ernewein introduced guest speaker Barbara Fox from the Owen Sound Alzheimer Society. She explained that Alzheimer disease is a degenerative brain disorder that destroys vital brain cells. The disease usually begins with small changes in a person's behaviour and memory. Eventually it affects all aspects of a person's life-

the ability to think, understand, remember, communicate and perform simple tasks. She made us aware that there are support groups for Grey-Bruce counties for caregivers to obtain more information and receive help in understanding this disease.

Members have decided to donate a quilt to the CT Scanner prize calendar.

Clean up of the South Line Road is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

Each member is reminded to bring a gift to the next meeting for the Toonie Table at the Walkerton Community Arena craft sale on October 20.

The WI convention will be held in Durham on October 23.

Councillor Webb talks citizenship with local institute

Walkerton Institute had lunch at recently, Newman's, followed by a meeting.

Mary Wand read the minutes of the last meeting. The roll call was answered with "Why I am proud to be a Canadian."

Bea Brophy of the Sunshine Committee reported she had sent one card. Mary reported on the institute convention in Durham.

A collection for the

Salvation Army was taken up.

The quilt, to be quilted this winter, was discussed.

Guest speaker Audrey Webb discussed "Citizenship."

Marie reported the group received second prize for the institute display at the Little Royal Fair and second for our quilt samples.

Pennies for Friendship were collected.