

4-H Sewing Club leader speaks to South Line

The South Line Women's Institute gathered at the home of Ruth Pletsch on March 8 for their monthly meeting. President Eugenia Zettler welcomed the 13 members in attendance.

Joan Hundt gave a scripture reading. Joan Ernewein and Toos Kingma gave a summary of their day at the district directors' meeting, March 2 at the Kinloss Community Centre. Ernewein also reminded members to have their volunteer hours up to date and ready to hand in at the April meeting.

Convenors for the night were Marlene Montag and Florence Birt, who introduced their guest speaker,

Joanne Wilhelm from Hanover. She is presently leading the 4-H Sewing Club in Hanover and has 19 girls interested in this club. It was the first experience on a sewing machine for most of these girls. They had toured Seams in Hanover and Audrey Morrow showed the various kinds of fabrics, notions and patters available. They have been busy sewing cushions and boxer pants for themselves. Their achievement night will be March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at JDSS.

Next meeting

The next WI meeting will be April 12 at the home of Cathy Van DeVyvere.

Southline WI meets

Darlene Waechter hosted the June meeting of the South-line Women's Institute with sixteen members and one guest attending.

Tonia Kengnia read an inspiring poem, "It's the Giving".

Minutes and reports were given including the recent District Annual meeting in Elmwood.

The first roadside clean-up of the South-line section of road the W.I. has recently adopted was very successful. "Many hands make light work." Signs are ready and will soon appear to indicate the area for which the W.I. is responsible.

An invitation was received to attend a luncheon at Participation Lodge on July 6. It is extended to those who make donations to the Annual Quilt Auction.

Members were reminded of the W.I. Annual Craft and Hobby Fair in Southampton on

Thursday, July 6.

Plans were made for members to have a Family Pot Luck picnic on August 6. We will also enter an exhibit at the Hanover Fair in September.

It was decided that we take part in the Silver Bells Craft Show at the Walkerton Legion Hall on October 21.

Gail Poechman gave highlights of a recent trip across the western provinces to B.C. including a visit to Nikkei Museum and Interment Memorial Gardens in New Denver, B.C. In 1942 Japanese residents were evacuated from the coast of B.C., brought inland to small towns during the war - New Denver being one of these towns.

Members brought a variety of items for Silent Auction to raise funds in our treasury.

Thought "There is nothing permanent except change."

District WI holds annual meeting

by Pat Calhoun

On Thursday, May 25, the third annual meeting was held in the Elmwood Community Centre with 124 members attending.

The host branches were Solway Southline Brant, South Saugeen, Tara and Teeswater.

The theme of the meeting was caring and sharing.

President Lois Freiburger presided for the meeting and Toos Kingma gave the welcome.

Roll call was answered by the district directors presenting their money for Pennies for Friendship and articles for the Erland Lee Home to sell during the summer months at the Lee.

Secretary-treasurer Doreen MacAdam did the ratification of the district directors, gave the minutes of last year's annual, the financial statement, donations and correspondence reports.

Committee reports were given by public relations officer Pat Calhoun, education co-ordinator Donna Ward, resolutions Anna Farrow, curator Judy MacKinnon, tartan Marie Hammell, scholarship Edna McCarrell, museum Marion Schlorff, safety officer Michelle Philippi, roots of bruce Linda Freiburger. P.A.C. representative report was given by Doreen MacAdam.

Guests were introduced by Linda Freiburger. At this time Lois Freiburger presented Cliff Buckingham with a plaque in honor of his

27 years as treasurer of the Tartan Committee, also Marie Hammell and Mary Ziegler presented a gift on behalf of the Bruce County Tartan to the retiring treasurer.

Guest speaker was Yolanda Cameron, funeral director from Walkerton. She gave a very informative talk of her work as a funeral director and answered many questions. She also gave pamphlets telling of how to deal with death and funerals.

The Regional Scholarship was presented to Christene Farrell from Ripley by Edna McCarrell.

Board director Fran Farrell conducted the election of officers. Past president Lois Freiburger, president Linda Freiburger, first vice president Betty Anne Thompson, second vice president Gunne Weber, and secretary-treasurer Doreen MacAdam.

Some new businesses are that an In Memorium Book be purchased for the district and be in the hands of the secretary. Any branch that has a

deceased member is to send the name and the branch name to the secretary.

The second new business is that Gillies Hill Branch presented Marion Schlorff the museum representative with a cheque to help restore the log cabin at the museum and they challenged other branches to do the same this year.

The third new business is that it was suggested that a short report be given by committee members at the annual meeting and a printed report be given to each branch.

There was a display of quilts for Participation Lodge auction, which had been made by the branches.

Retiring president Lois was presented with a gift by Linda and Betty Anne. Courtesies for the day were given by Betty Anne.

Some coming events is the Grey-Bruce area convention on Oct. 3 at the Chesley Community Centre. The Bruce County rally is on Oct. 26 in Tiverton.

The royal anthem closed the meeting.

Elmwood WI holds June meeting

Barb Tomes gave a report of the District Annual, held in May, when the Elmwood Women's Institute met for the June meeting.

Institute members attending the District Annual were taken on a tour to see the archives.

Roll call was to name old

farm machinery and its modern equivalent. Carole Fidler won the mystery box.

Eleven visits were reported for the month and Home and Country magazine was distributed.

Donations are to be made to the Children's Miracle Network telethon

and to Walkerton's crisis fund.

Bingo, conducted by Mary Harron, was enjoyed. Mary Harron and Carole Fidler served lunch.

Next meeting will be at the library, August 3 at 6 p.m. Members are asked to bring a picnic lunch.

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Brant-Greenock WI tour county museum

For their May meeting, the Brant-Greenock Women's Institute members travelled to Southampton to the Bruce County Museum.

They spent over an hour viewing the beautiful, unique wall hangings. Many were quilted pictures of birds, wildlife and flower gardens. There were also seaside scenes, nativity creches and samples of traditional quilt designs. The ladies were amazed at the sewing techniques and the

novel ideas that had been worked into the hangings.

The members decided to pay the \$27 for a group membership in the museum so they could receive the quarterly newsletter and keep informed of future events at the county museum.

President Linda Freiburger thanked the ladies for their help and support of the Roots of Bruce. She also informed the ladies that she has a copy of the Playsafe

video which can be borrowed to show at meetings or to family and friends. The video helps one to identify hazards in play areas before an accident happens.

In keeping with FWIO's education theme, the members decided to donate \$50 to the Bruce Outdoor Education Centre at Oliphant.

Donations of \$10 to each class, one for Grade 3-4 students' baking, one for men only baking, were made to

the Little Royal Fair.

The new executive for 2000-2001 are: president Linda Freiburger, secretary Verna Schlosser, treasurer Faye MacDuff, education co-ordinator Wanita Hollands, district director and public relations Lois Freiburger.

The Bruce County District WI annual meeting will be held in Elmwood on May 25. Lois and Linda Freiburger and Verna Schlosser plan to attend.