



BRUCE COUNTY WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE RALLY

49th Annual Rally Meeting

UNDERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE
11 AMABEL UNITED CHURCH

Tuesday, October 7, 2003
Registration 9:00 a.m.

Host Branches:

Walkerton, Willisroft, Zion Amabel, Adamsville
Allenford

Luncheon : \$9.00

THEME:

OUR GRANDPARENTS LEGACY

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County Institutes busy

The Bruce County Women's Institute has had a busy couple of weeks with the Fall Rally, the Area Convention and possibly a branch meeting as well.

Let's start with the 49th Annual Fall Rally held in the Underwood Community Centre on Tuesday, October 7 2003. We were graciously met by the Walkerton WI who were in charge of registration. Our Bruce County WI President Betty Anne Thompson opened the meeting with "A Little Mixed Up" then the singing of O Canada, The Women's Institute Ode and the saying of the Mary Stewart Collect. Zion Amabel WI then welcomed all the attending branches. Secretary and Treasurer Doreen MacAdam read the minutes of the 2002 Fall Rally, the financial statement and the correspondence.

The roll call - a survivor tip from your Grandparents - answered by each branch brought many laughs and "pleasant" memories. Betty Anne reminded us to get any of our Grandmothers recipes to her or Isabel McConnell by November 30th. Mary

Ann Kukoly gave the museum report with a very positive outlook for the WI that in conjunction with the County Museum expansion and the respect the County has for the WI. The Bruce County tartar will be available through the museum after the expansion but is currently available through the Bruce County Building. We had the pleasure to learn about our local history from our guest speaker Metis Pat McArthur. She led us on a fur trader voyage around the Saugeen area and explained how the Metis played a large part in our heritage. The Metis finally became recognized in the Canadian Constitution as an aboriginal group along with the Indians and Inuit. The recognition of the Metis will be celebrated in August 2004 so watch for details and don't miss out on some amazing history not even recognized in our school history books. For more insight on this history read "Circle of Time" by David McNab a professor from the Wilfred Laurier University.

We were honoured to have Grey Bruce Area President Lois Freiburger and Grey Rally Chairperson Gretha Holmes attending. We also were pleased to have reports from FWIO given by PAC Doris Needham and Board Director Joy Trimble. We are currently in phase 3 of Focus High for WI which any proceeds going to ACWW special projects. Currently over \$17 000 was raised for phase 1 and 2. Thank you ladies.

The afternoon portion began with Willisroft WI leading us in a singsong. Doreen MacAdam gave us highlights from the FWIC convention in Quebec this past fall. Allenford WI entertained us with some

amusing readings followed by the courtesies by Adamsville WI. After the singing of God Saved the Queen we all were adjourned. Attendance was 129 members and around \$3800 was collected from the Tweedsmuir History Project Raffle. If your branch has not gotten your book photocopied please contact Judy McKinnon for a convenient time.

The following week Bruce County WI members met with the Grey County members which hosted the 45th Annual Area Convention at Walter's Falls on Tuesday, October 14 2003. Grey North enlightened us with a singsong followed by O Canada Women's Institute Ode and the saying of the Mary Stewart Collect.

Area President Lois Freiburger along with Bognor WI and the Mayor of Chatsworth Howard Greig welcomed us all. Doreen MacAdam then read the minutes of the 2002 minutes and the correspondence. Maureen Murray conducted the financial report and Marilyn Read confirmed this report. FWIO President Dianne Orr gave us a detailed look of what are happening at FWIO and the future of our organization. Funds are always a concern and PAC positions, at the area level, will be deleted by 2005 as well as other positions being amalgamated or eliminated. We all need to pitch in and help sustain this great WI organization. Tara WI led the morning break then Vicki Braecker read the nominating report. President Dianne Orr conducted the voting and the swearing in of the new officers. We were honoured to have Shirley Lovett from Participation Lodge, FWIO Pres. Dianne Orr, FWIO Board Director Joy Trimble, Simcoe Pres Marjorie Bell, Guelph Pres. Cindy Rabstine, London Pres., Grey South Pres. Liz Wuilf, Grey North represented by Marie Cruikshank and Bruce County Pres. Betty Anne Thompson.

After lunch Grey South led the singsong. PAC reps. Helen Weirmier and Doris Needham filled us in with FWIO news. Our guest speaker nutritionist Tena van't Foote gave us some very useful tips on food safety and good eating tips. Our current Pres. Lois Freiburger handed over the gavel, as her term was completed to our new Pres. Barbara Carter. Betty Anne Thompson of Bruce County invited everyone to Warton for the 46th Area Convention Tuesday October 12 2004. Fran Farrell ended the meeting with the courtesies to all the members who helped in anywise and led us in the closing with the Royal Anthem. Registration for the day was 147 and the Area of Grey Bruce WI walked a recorded amount of 174,582 km since last area annual meeting in 2002. Well Done!!