



**BRUCE COUNTY DISTRICT
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

8th Annual Meeting

Elmwood Community Centre
Elmwood, Ontario

Thursday, May 26, 2005
Registration 9:00 a.m.

Host Branches:
Mount Hope,
Oliphant,
Park Head,
Pinkerton,
Purple Grove

Luncheon \$9.00

Theme:
Bloom Where You're Planted

Bruce County W.I. meet

Bruce County Women's Institutes held their annual meeting on May 26 in Elmwood. 116 ladies attended representing over 30 Women's Institutes.

The roll call was to "toot your own horn", where the many branches explained how they promote themselves and help in the communities they serve. Interesting monthly meetings promoted women's Institutes with guest speakers, potlucks and invites to the community. There is a heavy involvement in the local fairs, either by entering or donating prize money for the school children categories. Some make special awards at graduation ceremonies for either grade 8 or high schools.

There are roadside cleanups, food booths at farm sales and catering dinners for local community groups.

Cards are sent to people in hospitals and shut-ins. Bluebell, (Warton), donates books and book bags to new mothers and babies. Pneumonia vests are knit and sent to the Honduras and Africa.

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Tara Helps out with meals on wheels and sent valentine flowers to a nursing home. Quilts are made and raffled off saying "W.I. for MRI" for the Grey Bruce Regional Hospital in Owen Sound.

Jackson has a French fry booth at the Bruce County Heritage Association Days near Paisley in August.

Gilles Hill has 24 members and they have a "Gents Night Out" - a catered meal and entertainment for husbands and friends. Tied quilts are made, 48 in all for women's shelters, disasters victims and some sold.

Eden Grove Cargill help out with the Cargill library flower beds. A quilt was raffled off for a family with special needs children.

Bervie had members that went to a Quilting Marathon in Stratford, with the money they made going to Breast Cancer. Card parties are played. Donations are given to charitable organizations. Reports are sent into local newspapers of monthly meetings. Some are printed and others are not depending on the editor and newspaper policies. We are thankful for the publication that we do get and all the people who write them.



**BRUCE COUNTY WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE RALLY**

50th Annual Rally Meeting

UNDERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Registration 9:00 a.m.

Host Branches:

Purple Valley, Reid's Corners, Silver Lake,
Solway, Southline Brant

Luncheon: \$9.00

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The guest speaker for the day was

Wilma Frost who went to deliver gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Wilma went to Mexico and they handed out around 5,000 boxes. The children are gathered in the school yards with high security as the boxes are greatly valued. The schools are located in the poorer parts and more remote.

These children only receive one box over a period of many years. There are always children who do not receive boxes as there is not enough to go around so loose candy and fruit is provided. A suggestion list is provided when filling your box and remember to send simple picture books as these children do not speak or read English. It is a well organized operation and a standard routine is followed when handing out the boxes. The boxes are packaged for travel in Kitchener.

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