

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, (Wiaraton), 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 women who write them.

12:00 p.m. Institute Grace
Noon Luncheon
(Call Doreen MacAdam by May 12th with number attending from your Branch.
519-392-8352)
(Please bring cheque payable to Bruce County District for meals ordered.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p.m. Quilt Show & Tell - Bring a photo of quilt going to Quilts, Quills, & Bears Quilt show mounted on Cardboard to pass around or if desired show your finished quilt(s).

Speaker - Wilma Frost, Operation Christmas Child
In Memorium - Oliphant W. I.
Presidents Remarks - Gunne Weber

Election and Installation of Officers

MORNING SESSION

9:00 a.m. Registration - Silver Lake

9:30 a.m. O Canada
Women's Institute Ode
Mary Stewart Collect
Welcome - Solway
Minutes of 2004 Rally
Financial Statement
Correspondence
Business

Roll Call - "Family Smile"

Chairpersons Remarks - Gunne Weber

Museum Report -

Introduction of guests:
Grey Bruce Area President - Barbara Carter
Grey Rally Chairperson
Area Representative

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 p.m. Sing Song - Reid's Corners

Entertainment - Southline Brant
"Stay on Your Feet Theatre"

Courtesies - Jackson W.I.

Adjournment

Royal Anthem

We will have the remainder of donated crafts Available for sale at the Rally.

COMING EVENTS

Grey Bruce Area Convention - October 18, 2005
Maxwell Community Centre

District Directors - March 2, 2006
- St. Johns Lutheran Church, Elmwood

District Annual - May 25, 2006
- Elmwood Community Centre

Your branch new membership cards will be available at the Rally.
Be sure to pick them up.