

Bridgeport

Kitchener councillor John Smola present the branch with a plaque to commemorate the 100th anniversary. The noon luncheon of Feb. 19, 1997 followed with the highlight, a dessert of gingerbread topped with whipped cream, complete with a birthday candle on each serving.

All members wore hats, several wore long skirts and blouses of yesteryear. The two remaining charter members, Erma Drudge and Bea Ziegler were presented with engraved pen and pencil sets.

Anna Nosalik, 96 years old, a charter member attended. She was presented with a maple leaf pin. Rhea Kirk played W.I. songs on the piano and accompanied Bea Ziegler, who did the early Charleston dance and Elaine McCutchen performed the ever-popular tap dance.

The program concluded with the singing of the Hymn of all Nations. A donation was sent to F.W.I.O.

Branch members celebrate ▶

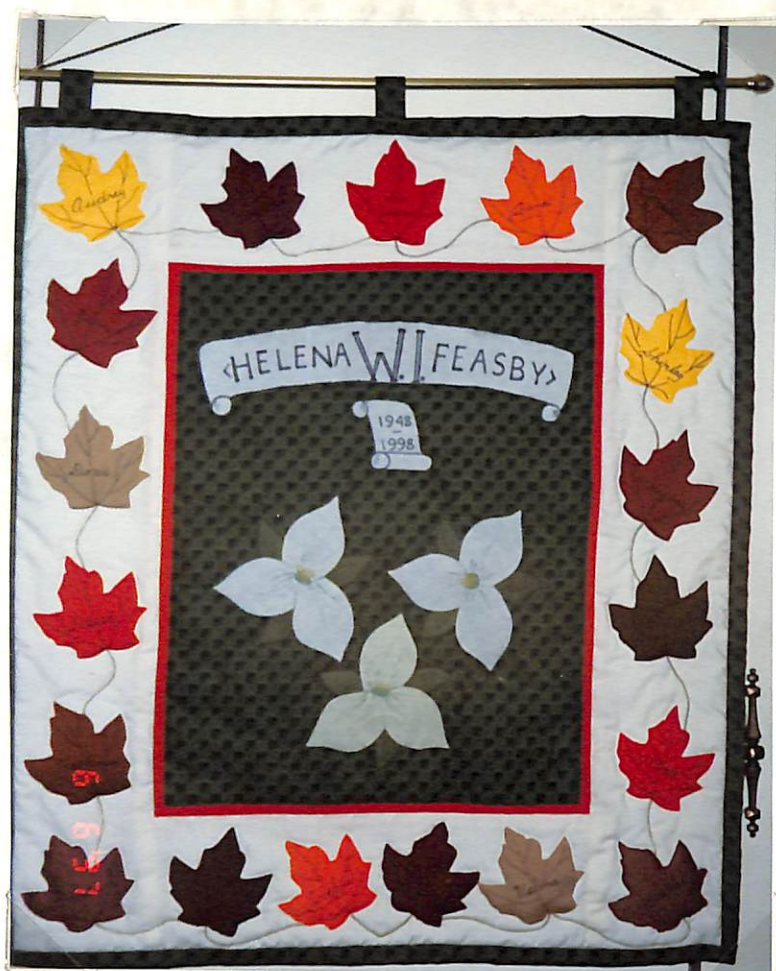


Helen Feasby

Not only did this branch celebrate on Feb. 19, 1997 with a dinner and programme, but they also produced a banner. This was a centennial project that included the branch name when it was formed and who belonged during the Centennial year.

Charter member, Agnes Reist received a W.I. Centennial Award and was honoured with a reception at a retirement home where she volunteers.

◀ Centennial Banner



Winterbourne

This branch met on Feb. 19, 1997 for a luncheon meeting to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. Members and life members gathered with some in period dress.

Mayor David Leis of Winterbourne attended and presented a plaque to the Branch to commemorate the milestone. The food presented was consistent with that of 100 years ago and was followed by a nostalgic programme. With their spirit of hospitality, genteel manners and strong sense of community, Winterbourne W.I. looks forward to celebrating 200 years.

Wellington North District

Harriston Senior Citizen's Hall, decorated with lace tablecloths and blue and gold table centres was the setting for the Centennial celebration. Beehive Branch played host to neighbouring branches: Greenbush, Little Ireland, Teviotdale and Carry On.

All branches participated in the programme, with 45 members present. Members told of the accomplishments and skills gained as members. They gained confidence to speak in public, how to conduct a meeting, many handicrafts for courses and of course lasting friendships.

Lunch included a beautifully decorated birthday cake and ice cream which was enjoyed during the social hour. A collection was sent to the headquarter's fund.

Carry On

Our branch was invited by Beehive to join with them and four other branches for the Anniversary celebration. Blanch Wanless read the motto "Celebrate the Past, Challenge the Future".

Carry On presented a copy of the W.I. history book "for Home and country" to the Palmerston Library. We were formed in 1938 and have 40 members.

Wellington Centre District

Wellington Centre District celebrated the 100th birthday on Feb. 19, 1997 as 90 ladies representing 9 branches met in Aboyne Hall at Wellington Place for a time of fellowship, food and fun. Each branch shared the accomplishments they had attained from a W.I. lifeskill.

We were privileged to have the composer of the Centennial Song, Marie Harris to accompany us as we sang it. Ruth Grose was the commentator for the Hat Fashion Show. Each decade was represented by three or four hats modeled by W.I. ladies while Marie Harris played music from that era.

Myrtle Reid requested that we grow blue and gold flowers this year to beautify our area. She also noted that some church bells in the United Kingdom will ring this day to join us in celebration.