

West End

On Feb. 19, 1997, guests, former members of Ponsonby, Riverside and West End W.I. branches held a joint 100th Anniversary celebration at Barrie Hill Church with Riverside branch hosting.

Wellington County Warden, Les Foote and Wellington county Museum curator, Susan Dunlop each brought greetings. Everyone answered the Roll Call which revealed the friendship of fellow members was most treasured and self-confidence gained from W.I. involvement was an asset.

A copy of the history book "For Home and Country" was presented to the Guelph Public Library by West End Branch We also contributed a bell to the Wellington county Museum's display commemorating the 100th Anniversary of W.I. The unique bell had been won by the branch in a competition and has been used to announce the call to order at branch meeting for over 50 years.



Florida celebration

Snobird Sarasota W.I. Celebration

12 Ontario W.I. branches were represented at a "Time to Celebrate" on Feb. 19, 1997 at a Hot Roast Beef Dinner at the Fraternal Order of Eagle's Hall, Sarasota. 26 people attended.

At the Guelph Area Convention in Oc/96 Margaret Zoeller and Bea Houston were bemoaning the fact that they would be missing the excitement of the anniversary celebration. They are both Snobirds and spend the winter in Florida. After the convention, Bea ran the idea by Irene Maurer. They got a copy of the provincial program and the Centennial song and started planning. They placed posters in Florida parks and found a hall.

The suggested programme was followed. An announcement was made that Irene Maurer was a recipient of the Centennial Award. Margaret Zoeller was the guest speaker.