

(Disciples), treasurer, Sunday School Teacher and Honorary Elder. In the Provincial Women's Work (Christian Women's Fellowship) I have been treasurer and president. In 1969, I was asked to be the Volunteer Regional Secretary for our Women's Work in Ontario, which office I held for 17 1/2 years. This position gave me opportunities to travel across Canada, United States, and I was the Woman Delegate chosen from Canada to attend the World Convention in Adelaide, Australia in 1970.

The first International (C.W.F.) Quadrennial Assembly met at PurdueUnv. in West Lafayette, Ind. in 1957. It is held every four years and I am the only one in Canada who has been to all eleven assemblies.

The Ontario Women had a surprise birthday party on my 80th birthday. At that time the Hilda Beachin Quadrennial Scholarship was named in my honor, because of my keen interest in encouragement. The money assists women to go to the Assembly.

At Stoney Creek United Church I have been a UCW Leader for the past five years. My leadership has been such that I have many friends around the world.

My hobbies include some writing, reading, cross-word puzzles, visiting, playing bridge. For 12 years, I have knitted baby sets and caps for the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and last year they presented me with a Life Membership pin. Volunteerism has become the way I have chosen to live my life. My family, Victor, Marilyn, Ralph, and their spouses gave me support which was necessary for me in all my endeavors.

Yes, opportunity knocks on doors, but it is not enough to just hear. We must do something! Each one is endowed with talent (s). What we are is God's gift to us. What we make of ourselves is our gift to God.



Our president Peg Andrew on the right, presenting Hilda Beachin with "For Home & Country - The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario", for her years of dedicated Institute work, at the home of Vera Crowder, Stoney Creek.