

**Melrose Women's Institute**

**Founded:** March 2, 1902 with 6 charter members.

*President: Mrs. Fred Fairman  
Secretary: Mrs. Currie English*

**Celebrating 100 years:** March 27, 2002 with 18 members. *President: Val Badgley*

*Secretary: Nancy Pordham*



6:45 pm **Welcome**

*Val Badgley, Pres. Melrose Branch WI*

**Institute Grace**

**Dinner**

8:00 **Ode and Collect**

**Greetings**

*Evelyn Peck, Prov. Board Member, FWIO*

*Doreen Morgan, Pres. Hastings East District WI*

*Margaret Walsh, Reeve Township of Tyendinaga*

**History of Melrose Branch**

*Nancy Pordham, Sec. Melrose Branch WI*

**Presentation of pins and certificate to Melrose members** *Evelyn Peck*

**Social time**

**Viewing of Tweedsmuir Histories and WI articles of interest**

**Institute Grace**

We thank thee Father for thy care,  
Food, friends and kindness we share;  
May we forever mindful be  
of "Home and Country" and of thee.

**Opening Ode**

A goodly thing it is to meet  
In friendship's circle bright,  
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet  
Nor dims the radiant light.  
No unkind words our lips shall pass.  
Nor envy sour the mind,  
But each shall seek the common weal;  
The good of all mankind.

**Mary Stewart Collect**

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word and deed;  
Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking;  
May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face without self-pity and  
without prejudice;  
May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous;  
Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle;  
Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unafraid.  
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences,  
that in the big things of life we are one;  
And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all;  
And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.