



Women's Institute members at Hillier celebrated the organization's 90th anniversary last week.

Hillier W.I. celebrate 90th

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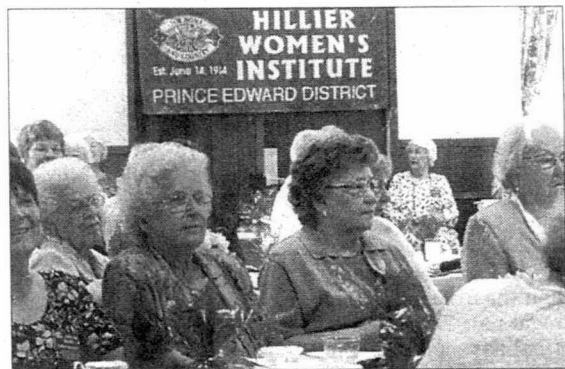
What would a party be without cake, speeches, songs, games, friends and few naughty stories!

Hillier Women's Institute members just celebrated their 90th anniversary with all of that and a bit of history was on the program.

The Women's Institute is all about working with and for women; quality education; excellent support programs and services; advocacy for social and economic change; personal growth and empowerment - and a huge get-together every 90 years or so.

Women's Institutes have been around since 1897 when Adelaide Hunter Hoodless set out on a crusade to educate women about the dangers of unpasteurized, unrefrigerated milk. Education for home and country was the mission then and as W.I.'s flourished throughout Ontario, issues that affected home and community life were tackled by the W.I. throughout Ontario.

Today, the Women's Institutes continue to uphold



their mission as not-for-profit organizations with a vision to be proactive in the provision of personal growth opportunities and of information.

The Women's Institute is alive and well and looking for members in Prince Edward County. Their mission now is as relevant as it was in the beginning. *PRINCE EDWARD GAZETTE 06-25-04*



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All in a row - Some of the long-term members of Hillier Women's Institute get ready to cut the 90th anniversary cake during a special meeting June 17 at the Hillier town hall. From left are Doris Wright-56 years; Jean Alexander-51 years; Lorena Best-51 years; Mabel Wright-44 years; Phyllis White-41 years; Lois Conley-41 years; and current president Pamela Littlefair, a relative neophyte with a mere seven years in WI.