

# CENTENNIAL NEWS

*Celebrating* 100 Years

## Happy Birthday W.I. - 100 years, and going strong

Areas across Ontario have been actively preparing for the 100th Birthday of the Women's Institute on February 19, 1997.

TRENT VALLEY AREA planned the competition to find a CENTENNIAL LOGO. This Logo, designed by Mrs. Evelyn Tinkers of Avonmore, is now seen on articles across the Province.

Thanks to LONDON AREA, a beautiful CENTENNIAL PLATE has been produced. The artist was Vera M. Knowles of Langton.

GREY-BRUCE AREA had a tremendous response to the QUILT Competition, and, many hours of work later, the Quilts were hung at the Centennial Prelude BBQ on June 14, 1995. Winner of the Quilt Competition was Henny Veldhuizen of Elora.

The CENTENNIAL PRELUDE was a great success with approximately 4,000 members for the BBQ. Thank you to HAMILTON AREA for the Hospitality tent.

The CENTENNIAL SONG written, and composed, by Marie Harris of Erin, was beautifully presented by COCHRANE-TEMISKAMING AREA.

SOUTH-WESTERN AREA approves the use of the Centennial Logo on CENTENNIAL MEMENTOES.

Branches are reminded to send reports of their Centennial projects to SIMCOE AREA who are recording the CENTENNIAL HISTORY.

Mrs. Joan Chalmers of Richmond Hill,

was the well-deserved winner of the TEA-TOWEL competition organized by NORTH CENTRAL AREA.

What a turn out for the BLUE JAY Game!! CENTRAL AREA certainly managed to surprise the Skydome personnel!

LAURA ROSE BRANCH has brought us the WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ROSE grown by Sheridan Nurseries.

On February 19, 100 members will be CENTENNIAL AWARD winners. NORTHWESTERN AREA arranged the selection process.

Every Branch has received a FASHION SHOW BOOKLET. This booklet was produced by NORTHERN AREA. Branches are encouraged to use the booklet in 1997, and, also, to obtain additional copies from Northern Area to donate to their local library and school.

The BRANCH PROGRAM for February 19, 1997 has been developed by EASTERN AREA.

### FEB. 19, 1997

A great day for the Women's Institute, and a proud and exciting time for all Women's Institute members. Invite your friends and neighbours to join you at your Institute Meeting that day as members across Ontario share the same Agenda. If we sing the Centennial Song loud enough, the chorus may be heard by all from Trenton to Sault Ste Marie!!!

### THANK YOU

Hundreds of hours were volunteered by the members of Area Committees. Space does not permit each name to be listed here to thank them sufficiently for their tireless efforts. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

### N A T I O N A L CELEBRATION

Ontario hosts the National Celebration from June 17 to June 22, '97 in Hamilton. Registrations have been received from around the world! IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE FOR YOU!! Call the F.W.I.O. office for a registration form and more details.

### *Centennial* ITEMS

Participate in the Celebration. Order your Centennial souvenir today!

Women's Institute Rose - \$16.  
Centennial Plate - \$50.  
T-Shirts (mailbox) - \$10.  
Centennial Tea-towel - \$8.  
W.I. plastic 12" ruler - \$2.  
Celebration travel mug with lid - \$5.  
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