



London Area president Debbie Bauer, FWIO president and guest of honour Carol Innes, Brooksdale W.I. president Katherine Grieve and Oxford District W.I. president Shelia Greason

## **Brooksdale W.I. Branch member elected Provincial President of FWIO**

Oxford County will be on the map again, as the newly elected president of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario travels across Ontario during her term of office.

"I didn't know what the Women's Institute organization was, until I took the position as County Home Economist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) in 1965 -67 in Oxford County" commented the newly elected Carol (Wood) Innes during her interview. The County Home Economist worked closely with the local branches of the Women's Institute (W.I.) to implement the 4-H Homemaking programs for girls and adult short courses in the area of home economics. Local branches would provide the leaders and financial support to the local 4-H clubs.

After her marriage to Allan Innes - a dairy farmer from the Brooksdale area in 1973, she joined the Brooksdale branch. When asked why did she join? – Carol