



## On My Mind

— By FWIO President Carol Innes

The Provincial Conference held in Waterloo from June 4th – 6th was certainly an eventful Conference. Our speaker on Friday evening was the former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Honourable James Bartleman. He told us about his life growing up on an Indian Reservation and how he decided that his project during his term of office would be to help with schooling on the Reservations in the north, specifically with reading. We were entertained by the Waterloo Police Choir on Friday evening and by the Toronto Banjo Band on Saturday evening. The workshops were well chosen and interesting. The food was great, as was meeting people from other parts of the Province. If you are a WI Member who has not been to Conference for a while, or never, please make plans to attend the next Provincial Conference.

I have had the pleasure of attending the 100th Anniversaries of Aberarder WI, Simcoe East District WI, and Lennox and Addington District WI. There were some I did not attend: Dwight WI, Zephyr WI, Park Head WI, Plainfield WI, Gordon WI, and Martintown WI. I also presented two vases to recognize 75 or more years of membership in Women's Institute to: Jeanne Coulter of St. Paul's WI and Helen Rath of Harrietsville WI. Congratulations are in order for these Branches and Members who have reached these milestones. I encourage you to keep on with your great work.

I hope you had a great, hot summer and that you are returning to your Branches refreshed and eager to make your next year a memorable one.

— Carol

### Oxford District Celebrates!

Having Carol Innes from Brooksdale, Ontario elected President of FWIO was a first for Oxford District, and they had a reception to celebrate Carol's accomplishment. The event was held on May 2nd at St. Andrews United Church where Carol's Branch meets regularly. The program included remarks from MP Dave MacKenzie, MPP Ernie Hardeman, Warden Paul Holbrough, Mayor of Zorra Margaret Lupton and Peg Caffyn fellow teacher in the W.C.I. years. Gifts to remember her term of office were presented by Oxford District and her Branch, Brooksdale WI.



Pictured (L-R) are London Area President Debbie Bauer, FWIO President and guest of honour Carol Innes, Brooksdale WI President Katherine Grieve and Oxford District President Shelia Greason who chaired the event.

