

IN 1976 OUR W.I. INSTITUTED A NEW ATTENDANCE GAME. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH INSTITUTE YEAR WE ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO TEAMS AND NAMED THE BLUE AND THE GOLD. AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE ROLL CALL AWARDS US WITH 3 POINTS, WEARING OUR W.I. PIN 1 POINT, AND 2 POINTS FOR EACH GUEST WE BRING AND 4 POINTS IF SHE BECOMES A MEMBER. AT THE END OF THE INSTITUTE YEAR THE TEAM WITH THE MOST POINTS IS TREATED TO A POT LUCK DINNER BY THE LOSING TEAM, PRECEEDING OUR ANNUAL MEETING. A LARGE TURNOUT IS ALWAYS ASSURED.

CHRISTMAS MEETINGS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A SPECIAL EVENT IN THE BAILIEBORO W.I.. IN 1971 AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS DINNER WAS HELD IN ONE OF THE MEMBERS HOMES, WITH OLD FASHIONED DECORATIONS, CANDLES, AND CAROL SINGING. 1973 WAS THE FIRST YEAR OF OUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS GET TO-GETHER. EACH YEAR MEMBERS, THEIR HUSBANDS AND FAMILIES MEET IN THE EVENING FOR A DELICIOUS POT LUCK DINNER AND AN ENTERTAINING PROGRAM, WITH GAMES, SKITS, CAROL SINGING AND A GENERAL GOOD TIME.



CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER - 1979

AREA AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WELL ATTENDED AS WELL AS THE OFFICERS CONFERENCES. W.I. SPOONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO OUR MEMBERS WHO WERE ILL, AND A CUP AND SAUCER PRESENTED TO THOSE MEMBERS MOVING AWAY. HOUSE LOGS HAVE BEEN STARTED IN SOME OF OUR HOMES. AT A TIME WHEN FUNDS WERE SHORT, EVERYONE CONTRIBUTED AN ITEM TO BE AUCTIONED OFF, CREATING MUCH FUN AND INCREASING OUR FUNDS SUBSTANTIALLY.

MANY NOVEL WAYS HAVE BEEN INITIATED TO MAKE MONEY FOR OUR PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP FUND. A PENNY WAS DONATED FOR EACH INCH OF OUR WAISTLINE, A LENDING LIBRARY WAS CREATED BY MEMBERS DONATING BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY, AND THEN LENDING THEM AT 10¢ EACH, A BIRTHDAY JAR WAS CIRCULATED EACH MONTH AND ANY MEMBER WITH A BIRTHDAY THAT MONTH DONATED AS MANY PENNIES AS NUMBER OF YEARS, AND FOLLOWED BY THE SINGING OF HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

THE SAYING, "THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW TO LEARN" HAS BEEN PROVEN IN THE WELL ATTENDED SHORT COURSES WHICH HAVE BEEN OFFERED. OUR KITCHENS HAVE PROFITED FROM THE COURSE BAKED IN A PIE, ONTARIO FRUIT, FESTIVAL OF DAIRY FOODS AND A WORK SHOP ON NUTRITION. CREATIVE STITCHERY, NEEDLECRAFT, NEEDLEPOINT, ACCESSORIES FOR THE HOME, AND PERSONALIZE YOUR PATTERN WERE PRESENTED FOR THE NIMBLE FINGERS AND INDOOR GARDENING FOR THE GREEN THUMBS. BUSINESS PROCEDURES HAVE MADE THE JOB OF RUNNING OUR HOMES AND BUSINESSES A MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION.

BUS TRIPS HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT, TOURING SUCH PLACES AS BLUE MOUNTAIN POTTERY, GEORGIAN CHINA, KAUFMAN FURNITURE IN COLLINGWOOD, THE KITTEN FACTORY, SHOE OUTLET AND SILVER FACTORY OUTLET IN PERTH, BRITES WINES IN *N. Falls*, MANY PARKS AND GARDENS WERE VISITED, SUCH AS EDWARDS GARDENS, ALAN GARDENS, HAMILTON ROCK GARDENS, NIAGARA FALLS, AND A COLOUR TOUR OF OUR NORTH COUNTRY WITH A SIDE TRIP TO HINTERLAND HANDICRAFTS. WE SHOPPED AT KITCHENER MARKET, HESPLER MILL ENDS, SHERWAY GARDENS AND THE NEW EATON CENTRE. WE WERE ENTERTAINED AT THE ELWOOD GLOVER SHOW, AND TOURED NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, AND McLAUGHLIN HOUSE, OSHAWA, AS WELL AS THE ERLANDLEE HOME AT ST. CATHERINES, AND ADELAID HOODLESS HOME NEAR BRANTFORD. WE WERE TRANSPORTED INTO THE SPLENDORS OF THE DUNDURAN CASTLE AND THE WONDERS OF AN AFRICAN LION SAFARI, AND THE ANTICIPATIONS OF A MYSTERY TOUR.