

11:00 am

Welcome

Janice Bray

Introduction of dignitaries

Renee Crossman

Greetings: Mayor Bill Church
Norm Miller M.P.P., Parry Sound-Muskoka
Andy Mitchell M.P., Parry Sound-Muskoka



-planting of rose.

- placing of plaque.

The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario (F.W.I.O), founded Feb. 19, 1897, is an organization of women dedicated to the betterment of women and their families through personal growth and community action. The Dunchurch Branch, started June 18, 1914 has worked with the community for 90 years, through involvement with community and branch projects. Some of our more recent include, a decade of organizing the annual Pitch-In for Community Clean Up.- the making of Cuddle Quilts, donated to the health Center OB ward, Senior Care facilities, Fire Department, Great Beginnings for young mothers. - Personal Care Bags donated to Great Beginnings and Esprit Place. - Christmas Cheer Baskets for our senior shut-ins to let them know that they are still important to the community.- Donations are also given on a regular basis (funds permitting) to the Volunteer Fire Department, our local school projects, and the Annual Seniors Dinner. Projects in the works include a First Aid/CPR train for the public, and a winter Food Drive. The Dunchurch W.I. will continue to proudly serve our Community and welcome new members.

11:15 a.m.

Grand Opening of Nursing Station

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Don Carter

Tribute to Volunteer Working Group

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Greetings; Andy Mitchell, M.P., Parry Sound-Muskoka
Norm Miller, M.P.P., Parry Sound-Muskoka
Bill Church, Mayor, Municipality of Whitestone
Norm Maciver, C.E.O., W.P.S.H.C.

Dedication of Lobby to the Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation
Presented by Don Carter

Dedication of Treatment Room #1 to the Steinman Family
Presented by Edythe Moore

Dedication of Treatment Room #2 in memory of Del Carter
Presented by Lois Wager

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies

Presentations to Nurse Practitioner:

Dunchurch Lions Club
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 394
McKellar Sunshine Group
Georgian Bay Software

Invitation to W.I. 90th Celebration at the Community Center. - Janice Bray

In the late Fall of 2000, the Whitestone and Area Nursing Station first started out as an idea to have a medical facility to accommodate a doctor one day a week. However, in conversations with the CEO of the West Parry Sound Health Centre, it was quickly found out that a Nursing Station would be more significant for the many isolated senior and rural residents of Magnetawan, Whitestone and McKellar. And so it was born with petitions, surveys, community meetings, appeals to various ministries and the help of the research team of John Lee and Peggy Hawthorne of the WPSHC. The idea hurdled past the Board for the West Parry Sound Health Centre, as well as the Northern Shores District Health Council until it came to rest at the feet of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Sudbury. There the idea was not so warmly welcomed however with the aid of the WPSHC Director of Community Care Access Centre it finally was recognized with the positioning of a Nurse Practitioner by the Nursing Secretariat.

All along the way, the Volunteer Working Group insisted it could prove that the initiative would be community-supported, not financed by the use of municipal property taxes...and so it worked out that way, with a gigantic \$78,000 plus handshake from the Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation, through its president, George Bibby!

And so here we are, exhausted but full of pride as we now pass on the mandate to the newly formed Volunteer Advisory and Fundraising Group!

Don Carter, Chair