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Report of Sydenham Women's Institute

The first meeting in 1983 was held Jan. 18th. We learned of the successful conclusion of the various year-end endeavours of the W.I.

Plans for 1983 got underway with a roster of volunteers to canvass for funds for the Ontario Heart Foundation in Feb.

The valuable contribution made by volunteer workers and canvassers helps to minimize the costs, leaving more funds for research programs.

The guest speaker for the evening, introduced by Joyce Coupland, was Claude Silver, President of the newly-formed "Loughborough Housing Corporation". What an appropriate way to start the new year, learning of yet another community project. Mr. Silver emphasized the enormous potential for community involvement as the Senior Citizens' Housing project unfolds. Mr. Silver showed us the architects' plans, and as ground is broken we will see this plan become reality and we as a community will want to become involved. Already offers of help have been received, in the form of both funding and labour from the schools and various service groups.

Mr. Silver asked for volunteers to act on various committees, e.g. Finance, Tenant Selection and purchasing & procurement. In projects of this nature, additional funding is necessary for the many little extras, such as landscaping, which will become apparent as the project progresses. What a challenge! Come on, one & all; let's give it our best shot! Get involved!

The next meeting will be Feb. 15 at Shirley Davisons's. The March meeting will be March 15 at Shirley Silver's.

February 1983

Russell Ferguson, groundskeeper at Sir John A. MacDonald's Kingston home, Bellevue House, was guest speaker at the last meeting of Sydenham Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Roger Davison. Ferguson is an unique horticulturist who in his capacity as groundskeeper at Bellevue House grows vegetables and flowers historically, as in the 1850s. His talk on propagation, with interesting facts on seed germination, growth media, temperature, light, moisture, along with numerous soft and hard cuttings on display, inspired the members to become more thoughtful concerned and knowledgeable amateur gardeners.

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-D. Mabberly

Shirley Silver hosted the March 15th meeting. We decided to donate \$100 to the Sydenham High School band to assist them with expenses for their proposed trip to Nassau. Because many members expressed an interest in a short course in flower arranging, 2 sessions will be held at the High School on April 18 & 25, 7-9 pm.

Fran Willes and Dorothy Mabberly presented a report on the Rural Seminars for Vital People (R.S.V.P.) which they had attended March 4th.

Our last meetings before summer are May 17th in the High School Library and June 21st, a pot luck family dinner at Eileen & Clarence Kemps'.

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