

A Band of Sisters



The Penage Road Women's Institute recently held its 11th annual Friendship Morning at St. Christopher's Church in Whitefish, on the the 108th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute in Stoney Creek, Ont., in 1897. More than 100 women from Sudbury district branches and their friends enjoyed an interesting and varied program followed by a hearty country lunch. The first guest speaker was Sheila Bracken, the owner for 30 years of Fashion Fair Ladies Wear store in Lively, who presented a mini-spring fashion show of the latest colours and styles. Keynote speaker was Susan Silverton, vice-president academic (anglophone affairs) at Laurentian University, who spoke on lifelong learning and generational differences among women today. Helen Thompson (right photo), president of the Penage Road Women's Institute, and Elfie Stephenson, a provincial president of the Women's Institute, exchanged flowers. Violinist Kai Santala (bottom photo), a music student in the Laurentian/Cambrian program, performed delightfully during a musical interlude.



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