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Help, food and a flower table centre were provided for the District Cheesecake Tea held in Cobden. We were pleased to welcome two new members, Mrs. Elmer Hawthorne and Mrs. Edwin Bradbury, to our Branch.

Mrs. Marilyn Sell, of Creekside Crafts, Beachburg, was guest speaker at our Grandmothers meeting. She introduced her two "Special People", which she makes for sale, and described how they are made and how companies use them in advertising.

Plans are being made to celebrate our 40th Anniversary on Saturday, July 13.

Mrs. Ellard Boldt (nee Joyce McLaughlin) was presented with a gift from the Institute members, congratulating her on her recent marriage.

Submitted by Mrs. Owen Kidd

Marie Zettler guest speaker spoke on the Newspaper telling us about the designing, setting up, the need for advertising and priority items. Verla Wilson demonstrated ways of folding serviettes.

On July 13, 1991 we held an Open House and Tea to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. Fifty-two guests were welcomed by our first President and charter member Irene Kenny. Past members, Provincial Board members, District President, District Secretary, and members from Beachburg, Westmeath, Zion Line, Snake River, Pleasant View, Foresters Falls and Greenwood branches attended. Our Tweedsmuir histories, secretary books, and photograph albums were on display. Present was Florence Mick a member of Micksburg W.I. for 66 years. Minutes of the organizational meeting were read. The late Hildred Coughlin had helped organize Laurentian View branch in March 1951. Cobden Sun editor Marie Zettler took pictures. Gifts were received money gifts and congratulations from many.

We entertained Queens Line Institute in September. Earlavene Tubbe spoke on "Foot care Program by the VON.

Community Nutritionist Peggy Patterson spoke and showed slides Food-Self-Reliance. She stressed the importance of buying local fresh produce to help Renfrew County Economy. Christine Reaburn District President visited us. She spoke and showed slides on the FWIC Convention she attended in Victoria.

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Fees were raised to \$9. in April.

Mary Johnson gave an interesting talk on Finland her homeland, program for International Night. She showed pictures of her grandparents home and articles she treasured.

At our Grandmothers meeting we had a speaker from the Genealogical Society of the Upper Ottawa Valley a group desiring to preserve local history records. Information can be obtained from church records, Renfrew Mercury, libraries and cemeteries which they are transcribing.

Neil Wright repaired the roof of the hall, painted it and fixed woodwork at the front for a cost of \$400.

Seven white pine trees donated by Ministry of Natural Resources were planted by Joyce Bradbury around the yard at the hall.

Connie Robinson spoke on GATT General Agreement of Tariff and Trade for a program on Agriculture US-Canada Trade agreement has put pressure on other countries. The future of tariffs is being threatened.

For Canadian Industries program our members took a tour to Bayview Ecology and Bait Farm. Helen Robeertson explained the raising of worms-castings are used as organic soil conditioner. Each member received a small sample.

We entertained Snake River Branch. Gwen Kidd made sure we knew the duties and responsibilities of the job we had in W.I.

Speaker Michael Bradbury of the Ministry of Correctional Services talked on Family Law and his experiences as probation officer in Pembroke.

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For International Night we studied our own country of Canada.

Gwen Kidd reported on a Leadership Workshop she attended in Renfrew. It included media reporting, Parliamentary procedures and qualities of leaders, etc.

FWIO has requested each member pay one metre or 39 loonies to help pay for Headquarters. Some responded.

We had given financial support for the expedition of Alex Smith to Puerto Rico. He gave a report of his experiences at Bromley Hall.

4-H Leader Rona-Lee McCrae and the members attended our meeting. They are taking the course "Chicken and the Egg" We gave financial support also.