

November

Citizenship & Legislation Lucille Whitmore- Constable Beth Ethier showed a video, gave advice on "Women Travelling Safely Alone". Our members helped with very successful Seniors Tea at Festival of Trees at Thee Place on November 20 sponsored by Lung Association

December

We enjoyed our usual Christmas put luck dinner and program. Treat boxes were packed and delivered to three community families. Items were donated to Salvation Army.

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Donations were made to Beachburg and Cobden Fairs. PR0 - Gwen Kidd makes sure our monthly programs are included in district W.I. section in newspaper. What makes all of us good PR Officers? She had each member write a letter inviting someone to join W.I. to promote W.I.

February

Three volumes of Tweedsmuir histories were on display. Members showed an heirloom they treasured. Eleanor talked on Literacy Program in Renfrew County. We had a cookie exchange.

March 17

We all contributed to an interesting St Patrick's program on March 17. \$100 was donated to Beachburg Library and \$100 to Beachburg Medical Centre towards a sterilizer. *E.M.*

April

Annual Meeting at the home of Cindy Pilgrim. Guest speaker Lee Torvi spoke on Literacy. 48 % of people have literacy problems. In Renfrew County volunteers tutor young adults 19 & over in Reading, Math skills to a grade nine level. We must help by reading to children, get people involved and read ourselves. Laurentian View will donate door prizes for District Annual on May 12/99. Irene and Eleanor volunteered to drive Maria Douma to Renfrew for dialysis.

May

Pot Luck dinner at the home of Valerie Thom. Gwen Kidd will be recognized at District Annual as answer to roll call for Year of Older Persons-Eleanor presenting her. Program was, reading on Mother and Grandmother. MOTTO: Home was quite a place when Grandma stayed there. At District Annual Cindy received Rural Community Youth Award with \$250 as well sharing it with Kathryn Valliant. Our Branch won new members plaque with two new members.

June

Meeting at home of Joyce Boldt in Cobden. MOTTO: Who will pull the wagon if we all get in to ride? Gerry spoke on effects of high levels of lead in our environment-affecting health of Canadians especially Children. FWIO has partnered with Ministry of Health to bring women's issues to Rural Communities. ROSE Workshops are to be held.

July

Laurentian View members took part in a Skit Competition at Beachburg Fair-The House at The Peak's Corners. We didn't win but had fun. Our Fair display realized \$40.30

August

TOUR-Six members and one guest travelled to Enchanted Gardens at River Run on Ottawa River for our Annual getaway. Lunch was enjoyed at London House a restored 1800 building relocated from Beachburg. A leisure walk through flower, herb gardens and decorated forest was great.

September

We entertained 4 visitors from Golden Lake. ROLL CALL-How can we stay healthy in our environment? Discussion: How Senior citizens contribute to life in our communities! Gwen spoke on topic of Laughter. Laughter is good for the soul. We entertained guests with our Skit-a few laughs. Our branch will supply flowers for tables at Area Convention in Pembroke in October. Gwen our oldest member will write a Grandmother's Legacy. A book of legacies will be printed for our reading enjoyment. later.