

August

Cindy and Joan planned our annual getaway to Fort Coloungue, Quebec. At the Chute we viewed a 25 minute film on history of square timber drive and log drive on Coloungue River. and then enjoyed a pleasant walk through the woods with its spectacular scenery. We had a delightful lunch at Spruceholm a restored home. Joyce Boldt received a life membership.

September

Our branch contributed to Rural Ramble at Cobden with food, bazaar items and kitchen help. We made \$19 on a dresser set donated by Joan for Silent Auction. Meeting held at the home of Valerie Thom. Program-Goats raised for meat, milk and hair. We tasted cheese made from goat milk and saw fragrant soaps.

October

On October 11 we hosted the birthday party at Country Haven retirement Home with program, entertainment Joe Beaudoin and Brianne Carter stepdancing, and lunch of sandwiches, birthday cake, punch and gifts for birthday people. Meeting at home of Eleanor. entertaining Locksley-Rankin 5 visitors. After a potluck supper Eleanor Wright spoke on Health Issues-Organ donations. Over 1400 are awaiting transplants. Everyday 60 receive organs and 16 die without one. She explained the urgency of signing your donor card. and procedures done in Pembroke and from then on. Eleanor is Clinical Director at ER/ICU at General Hospital, Pembroke.

November

Meeting at Irene's home. Citizenship-topic Charity in South Africa by Plan International and the Steumer Family on their trip around the world. Roll Call: One step you can take toward world peace. A tree on W.I. theme was decorated for Craft Show at Beachburg School getting 2nd prize. \$50 donated to Ruth and Maria Douma after the kidney transplant, and \$30 for a wreath for Legion. Laurentian View and Beachburg Institutes sponsored an All Candidates Night for the New Whitewater Region at Beachburg School-a great response and PR.

December

Meeting-potluck supper at Eleanor's home. A \$15 gift was purchased for Angel Tree. a 15 year-old boy. A book of legacies "From This Place" was purchased for passing around to read. \$25 was donated to Beachburg Library. Treat boxes were filled and delivered to Elmer & Hazel Hawthorne, Ivan Labow, Douma's and Art & Elvira Monk by Irene and Eleanor on a stormy day. Christine Reaburn Provincial President spoke on her experiences travelling around the province. Her enthusiasm about W.I.'s future was encouraging and the ROSE program, which workshops are forthcoming we hope. It was an honour to have her present.

2001January

Meeting at Irene's home. Program Curator/Community. Tweedsmuir Histories were on display. Irene read interesting items from the District History Book; imagine all the members they had and the activities they did from years 1904 - 1950! She read Memories of the Backhouse. Treat boxes were made and delivered to Gwen Ashley and Dot McClelland who broke her wrist and a plant to Isabel Smith. Silent Auction was enjoyed.

February

Meeting at home of Eleanor Wright. Roll Call: Name an international event of 2000 and Show and tell. Valerie talked on "Australia"; its location, climate, features, deserts, cattle and sheep farms, and people, animals, vegetation etc. People have a high rate of skin cancer from hot sun but enjoy much leisure time in their pleasant weather.

March

Meeting at the home of Joan Derouin. Business & Industry. Joan gave contrasting evidence that both large and small industries suffer from controversial issues affecting the peace of rural and urban people. e.g Fibreboard Plant and small sawmill operation locally-Kidd. We must lobby gov't and be responsible by recycling and think waste management. Homemade muffins were brought for lunch. We will make trilliums for ACWW Conference in June. Plans were discussed for our 50th Anniversary celebration in May, 2001.