

September 2001

Topic: Agriculture. Joan said Agriculture's \$60 million industry ranks 10th in Ontario for stock production. She listed the many products. This industry is of great importance to our community and our economy. Motto: The loan of the land lies deep in the heart of each of us. Pennies: All the world's a stage,

Pay half your age. Roll call: Name a nutritional food beginning with your first initial. Some planned to attend Rural Expo in Navan, Ontario on Sept. 18 – 22. Final plans were made for our Quilt Show and Luncheon to be held on September 29, 30 in the Curling Rink at Cobden. Eleanor is Chairperson.

October 2001

Topic: Year of the Volunteer

We entertained guest Institute Queen's Line at a potluck supper at St. Andrew's Church Hall and Margaret Ann Griffith, president of District.

Motto: What the heart gives away is never gone... it is kept in the heart of others. We answered the roll call telling how we volunteer. 40% of people volunteer causing some to burnout. Eleanor spoke on her role as volunteer in Continuing Education at Country Haven Retirement Home. Programs help to stimulate the minds of elderly, and allow expression of ideas. She had a program on Pumpkins and Hallowe'en with members participating in activities similar to her program with seniors. Discussion: Why volunteer?

November 2001

Topic: Citizenship. Valerie Thom spoke on Charity. We need to be educated before we contribute. She read from a letter in Mandate magazine about the concern of filling Christmas boxes for Africa. Motto: A good citizen is not content to sit; she finds her place in the community. Ideas for a simple craft were exchanged.

December 2001

Topic: Goodwill: Everyone shared in an open program. Motto: The best gift is the one tied with your heart strings. Christmas cookie recipes were exchanged. Items for Salvation Army and treat boxes were donated and a gift exchange enjoyed. Our usual potluck supper was very delightful. We put together a jar with potpourri and coloured lights to be given to shut-ins and had one for ourselves.

January 2002

Curator: Irene hosted the meeting and had Tweedsmuir Histories on display. Roll call was to give a short oral history of your home- pictures encouraged. We were encouraged to begin a house log. Motto: Make good use of today. Tomorrow will be history. Silent auction is always enjoyed to make money for pennies. Irene treated us to humorous readings and served her usual scrumptious lunch.

February 2002

Topic: Culture. Members spoke on a country whose name started with their initial. We need to appreciate and try to understand people and their customs that are different from our own. Gerry spoke on the diversity of cultures within our country. We exchanged magazines.