



**HEADQUARTERS FUND UPDATE**

The Headquarters Fund currently sits at **\$636,940** est.

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“The happiest people don’t have the best of everything, they just **make the best of everything.**”

– *Author Unknown*

## Oxford District WI Celebrates Women

Two hundred people from all parts of Oxford County and beyond attended the 3rd annual “Oxford Celebrates Women” event hosted by Oxford District WI (Southern Area) on Saturday, May 7, 2016.

The purpose of the evening, held at the Embro Community Centre, was to inspire women living in the Oxford County area to live a rich and rewarding life and to raise funds for the Oxford District WI Scholarship.

Award-winning actor, Seana McKenna, a 25-year veteran with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, gave an insider’s look into her life on stage – a storyline that has played out in front of live audiences all across North America. One theme of her presentation was the importance of growing up in the country and how it played a vital role in the development of her family, her husband’s family and in the raising of their son.

Before announcing the two 2016 scholarship winners, all former recipients present were recognized with a loud round of applause, including Joan MacDermid (nee Otto) who was the very first recipient in 1953.

This year’s first recipient, Kelly Martin of Oxford Centre, will be attending Wilfrid Laurier University in the fall. The second recipient, Zorra Township resident Iain Grieve, will be attending the University of Guelph – Ridgetown Campus in September.

The evening of fellowship ended with a raffle and a live auction of a pair of Stratford Festival theatre tickets and gift baskets, donated by each of the nine Branches in Oxford District.

*Pictured: Scholarship Committee Chair, Linda Hammond (R), presents one of the scholarship recipients, Iain Grieve (L), with his certificate.*



## Trout Mills WI Supports the Museum with a Crafty Workshop

The Erland Lee (Museum) Home was delighted to receive a thoughtful donation from Trout Mills WI (Nipissing District, Northern Area). Members of the Branch participated in a craft workshop where they learned to create scissor holders. The items were later donated, along with a poem, to be sold in the Gift Shop.



*Pictured (L-R): Hilda Duquette, Carol Desjardins, Ruth Ranger, Molly Lynch, Beulah Hamilton and June Delage.*



## Kemble WI Members Get Visible!

Members of Kemble WI (Grey County District, Grey-Bruce Area) proudly display 11 of the 14 “Women’s Institute Member Lives Here” signs they recently purchased to display at their homes. The Branch extends their thanks to Reid’s Corners WI Member, Ellen Waye, who ordered the signs on their behalf.

*Pictured: Kemble WI Members are proud to put WI on display outside their homes.*