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and sewing pajamas for the war effort; taking the government sponsored Home Economics courses and being a leader and member of the 4-H club.

Not only has WI benefited, but Marion has volunteered all of her life and has received awards and recognition from the United Church Women, the United Church of Canada, the Peterborough Presbyterian UCW, the Canadian Cancer Society, the County of Peterborough, the Monaghan Township and the Otonabee-South Monaghan Township Library.

Marion loves to play cards, knit, quilt and still maintains her own home. She has knit over 60 afghans since 1982 (the year she started keeping track). Marion gives the afghans as wedding and special occasion gifts and has also donated them to different charities and events.

Still being involved at our meetings, she recently taught us how to make the best tea biscuits (from scratch of course) in the County. Marion has done so much with and for the WI and her community and she still remains active, humble and kind. She is such a pleasure to be with.

By Rita Saler

*Editor's Note: Sadly, shortly before our publication went to print, we learned that Marion Thompson passed away. She was active right until the end, helping her Branch with the Books, Blankets and Bears project, tying ribbons and helping with the packaging. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and she will be greatly missed.*

## Scholarships & Awards

**Application Deadline: June 30, 2018**

### 90th Anniversary Scholarship

To assist a WI Member who seeks self-improvement and personal enrichment through the education system as a full or part-time student enrolled in a certified course. Value: \$1,000

### FWIO Provincial Scholarship

To assist a first-year student furthering their formal education on a full-time basis at a post-secondary institution. Value: \$1,000

### Helen M. McKercher Scholarship

To assist a graduate student pursuing a post-graduate degree in Family and Consumer Studies, Home Economics or in a related program. Value: \$1,200

*Note: Applications for the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship are due directly to the University of Guelph by May 15th. For all scholarship requirements, please see [www.fwio.on.ca/fwio-scholarships](http://www.fwio.on.ca/fwio-scholarships).*

### Woman of Excellence in Agriculture Award

FWIO invites you to recognize a deserving woman who is involved in agriculture, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and her community. The winner will be FWIO's guest of honour at a reception, where the award will be presented. Please see [www.fwio.on.ca/agriculture-award](http://www.fwio.on.ca/agriculture-award) for more information.

*All applications/nominations can be submitted to the FWIO Provincial Office: 552 Ridge Road, Stoney Creek, ON L8J 2Y6.*

## Congratulations

**to all of our 2017 scholarship recipients.**

### FWIO Provincial Scholarship

Elana Klingspohn

### Helen M. McKercher Scholarship

Sandra Venneri

### Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship

Lauren Cook  
Carolynn Whitehouse  
Ziyong Xiong

*Pictured top: Sandra Venneri*

*Pictured (L-R): Glenna Smith (FWIO Scholarship Committee Chair), Lauren Cook and Ziyong Xiong.*

