

Princess Elizabeth W.I.

Ten members of PEWI met at Christ Church, Huntingford at 12:30 p.m. March 5, as guests of PEWI's "twin branch", Braemar Women's Institute. Braemar President, Anya Donaldson, welcomed everyone and opened with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect, and Institute Grace before sitting down to a delicious potluck lunch.

Bernice Marsland introduced and thanked the guest speaker, Jennifer Beauchamp, curator of the Oxford County Museum School. Jennifer told a brief history and showed pictures of the school's first location in Burgessville, and the move to its new home at the Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum. Jennifer described some of the programs available at the school and encouraged members to tell others about it and to visit the museum.

On behalf of all the PEWI members president, Shonna Ward, expressed thanks to the Braemar ladies. The two branches then retired to separate areas for their business meetings.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were read and adopted. Collection and Coins for Friendship were received.

Mary Lou Ross gave a report from the March 4 Spring Board Meeting held at Home Depot in Woodstock for a lightbulb workshop at 6:30, then to OMAF for lunch and business. Some items of note from this report were:

As of September 1, FWIO offices are moving to the Erland Lee at a savings of \$26 000.

Annual year-end forms are on-line only. No paper copies are being sent. The International Manual is on the FWIO website.

Four hundred plus people are registered for W.I. Rocks at Stoney Creek on April 2nd.

Children's Hospital is asking for small packs of crayons and colouring books, as well as the usual slippers, quilts and baby items.

Tentative date for the annual fashion show is October 25, location yet to be decided.

A motion was carried to try for one year having only one program booklet for the entire District. Each branch will send to Linda Hammond before May 1st their information as they want it to appear in the district program.

A motion was carried to try one "tripling" meeting in 2014-2015. PEWI is tripled with Braemar and Anna P. Lewis.

The District Annual is May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at OMAF. PEWI is in charge of the In Memoriam which Gladys Stock and Dorothy Reibling will prepare.

There was discussion about a January 14, 2014 invitation from The Tavistock & District Historical Society asking PEWI to attend a World War 1 Anniversary display at the Tavistock Legion on Friday, September 19. It was decided to invite Anna P. Lewis, Brooksdale, Braemar and Lakeside branches to this event as well.

Mary Nicklas reported for the Historical Society that the AGM is March 29, 1:30 at Grace United. Guest speaker is Marva Wisdom on "Freedom on the Underground Railway".

Shonna Ward reported that the 4-H Chocolate Club Achievement Night is March 25. She encouraged members to support the 4-H Pancake Fund-raiser at Jakeman's Maple Farm throughout March.

Next Meeting: April 10, 6:15, Tavistock Library - Annual Meeting. Lunch: Karen, Gladys. The knitting group is invited for 7:45. The 2012 bylaws will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting. Please bring your copy of the bylaws. Roll Call: Payment of fees, program ideas.

Local W.I.'s Learn About Tavistock 100 Years Ago

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The first "tripling" meeting of the Anna P. Lewis, Braemar and Princess Elizabeth Women's Institute branches was held at the Tavistock Legion Hall, at 2 p.m. on Friday September 19. Other "triplets", Brooksdale, Browns, and Lakeside branches also attended for "Tavistock 100 Years Ago", a special display and presentation hosted but the Tavistock and District Historical Society.

Sherrill Calder, on behalf of the Historical Society, welcomed the large gathering and gave a half hour PowerPoint presentation about business, social and family life in Tavistock in 1914. The audience sang "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and "It's A Long Way to Tipperary" accompanied by music played on Blaine McCutcheon's gramophone. A comprehensive display of interesting artifacts and clothing was set up around the hall for viewing.

Following lunch and a social time, branches met individually for their business meetings.

Ten PEWI members answered the Roll Call by bringing a non-perishable food item for TAP. Highlights of the July Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report were read and approved. PEWI received the money for catering at the Tavistock Fair as well as prize money for the display and Organizational Class exhibits.

Coins for Friendship and Collection were taken.

Correspondence included a thank you from FWIO for In Memoriam for Rosina Morris, a thank you from the Morris family and a newsletter and photo from Sleeping Children Around the World with a thank you for the donation of kits that went to Uganda.

Changes to the Oxford District By-laws that will be discussed at Fall Board were reviewed. A cheque for a \$10 contribution for the London

Anniversary for Vimy

April 9th marks the 95th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. After failed attempts by both British and French forces, a corps of brave and determined Canadian soldiers captured this strategic ridge in France, which was of great importance to the German defence in WWI.

Despite the terrible price in casualties, this battle marked not only a significant Allied victory, but also the first time Canadians had fought as an independent force and not as part of the British Army. Along with other achievements during the First World War, the Battle of Vimy Ridge helped establish Canada as a key player on the world stage, earning our country a separate signature on the Versailles Peace Treaty which ended the war.

To commemorate the anniversary, members of The War Amps Operation Legacy will be donating copies of the documentaries *A Vimy Veteran Remembers* and *In Flanders Fields* to their local libraries. They are also available at a cost-recovery price by calling 1-800-250-3030 or at: waramps.ca

In the veteran books at the Tavistock and District Historical Society's Museum and Archives, of the 145 names for World War I veterans, there are 72 names and information, but no photos.

In the Lemp Studio Collection there are many photos of unknown veterans. The Society would like to identify these World War I veterans. Please drop into the Museum at 37 Maria Street in Tavistock any Saturday morning between 10 and 12 noon and help them identify these veterans.

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Area gift basket raffle is to be taken to Fall Board.

Advocacy Convener, Mary Lou Ross, will send letters to council, the Tavistock Gazette, and the Recreation Committee re: the stone gates at Queen's Park.

4-H - Shonna Ward reported that the next project is "Focus on Fun". A tied comforter will be one of the items made.

Purple baby caps are needed for the Children's Hospital, as well as items for the gift shop.

For the October Meeting, Village Manor, members are reminded to bring handmade "Thank-you" gifts for 4-H leaders and helpers.

PEWI is leading "Learn to Crochet" sessions at the Tavistock Library October 14 and October 28 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day.

October 9, London Area Convention, Shelden.