

Fourth annual Bruce County Women's Institute meeting

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The fourth annual meeting of the Bruce County Women's Institute was held in the Elmwood Community Centre May 24, with host branches Arkwright, Belmore, Bervie, Bluebell and Brant Greenoch in charge of the meeting.

The theme for the day was *Appreciating the Great Outdoors*.

President, Linda Freiburger presided and conducted the meeting.

A welcome by the Arkwright ladies was followed by the roll call by the District Directors of the 34 branches and Pennies for Friendship which totalled \$1419.30.

They also told us what they do to enjoy the great outdoors.

Doreen MacAdam ratified the District Directors for the coming year followed by the usual reports.

The committee reports

were given by Public Relations Officer, Pat Calhoun.

Prizes will be awarded to branches getting the most new members.

The ACWW convention to be held in Hamilton in June has 696 full-time delegates registered.

Brant Greenoch branch told us of a project they are advertising of a file with your 911 numbers and a list of medications you are taking plus any other health problems. They presented each branch with the information.

Due to sickness our guest speaker, Clive Card from the Outdoor Education Studies, was unable to attend.

However, Clark Birchard who started the Outdoor education 28 years ago at Warton outlined the facility was able to attend the meeting.

There are 325 acres of land and Grade 6 students are there for three days for the outdoor environmental studies.

Local WI discuss abortion laws and young offenders at its monthly meeting

Doris Pletsch hosted the November meeting of the Brant-Greenock Women's Institute. 2000.

Answers to the roll call "a legality you are opposed to and why" showed displeasure with abortion laws, young offender's act, and some rules of the road.

Plans for the Christmas dinner, to be held at the Lutheran church on December 12, were discussed. Each member is to bring a small homemade gift to exchange, plus an item for the food bank.

Verna Sewers brought samples of several food items, and discussed the

list of ingredients to encourage smart shopping in the supermarkets. The longer the list of ingredients, likely there are some things that we don't know what are, such as dipotassium phosphate or autolyzed yeast extract.

She also auctioned the baking, produce and white elephant things each person had brought. The competitive bidding between friends added to the fun and swelled the fund by over \$75.

Lunch was served by Helen Zettel and the hostess.

The Bruce Grey Foundation is replacing the old buildings with new ones, the full cost will be \$2.5 million.

Already, \$300,000 has been raised.

Birchard was thanked by Freiburger and presented with a WI rose bush.

The Bruce County Women's Institute has been selling tickets on four

draws with the proceeds going toward the new education centre.

A very delicious lunch was prepared by Barb Klages and helpers.

In Memoriam was presented by the Arkwright branch followed by the Bervie branch leading a sing song.

Quilts were on display for the Participation Lodge auction which had been

made by the branches.

Some dates to remember, Grey Bruce Area Convention, Durham, Oct. 23, and the Bruce County Rally, Oct. 2 in Tiverton.

The winners were as follows, garden arbor - Les Monkmon, Kingston, \$50 gift certificate - Pat Noble, Mar, Tartan doll - Mike Wendt, Mildmay, Institute rose - Judy MacKinnon, Paisley.