



Members of Irene Richardson's family were on hand to help her celebrate being named Optimism Place's Woman of the Year on October 17. Her children, from left: daughter-in-law Jan, daughter Sandra, son Paul, daughter Julie, son Don, daughter Nancy are shown with Irene and Jack.

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LAKESIDE CORRESPONDENT

The Soya Beans grown by the Tri-County Foodgrains Growing Project have been harvested.

The 'Bone China Tea' was held last Tuesday in the Henderson Hall in Ingersoll, with excellent attendance. Tammy Jones gave a presentation on the 'Silent Killer' Osteoporosis. The local group had a very informative display.

All along one side of the room each Institute Branch had a display on china: sugar and cream sets, cups and saucers, plates, salt and pepper shakers, tea pots, tea cozys, bells all wonderfully displayed.

Lakeside Branch had the tea cozys and had a very good display, although were worried they couldn't find enough, but they turned up. There was no admission charged, but those attending were encouraged to make a donation to the Osteoporosis Society.

The lunch that was provided included all things that were good to help keep the bones strong and healthy and they were all very delicious as well.

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

100th anniversary cookbooks still on sale

The Oxford District Women's Institute held their Fall Board meeting at the Hickson United Church on September 23 with 41 members from 10 branches, and five guest in attendance. Sheila Greason, past president, presided

over the meeting.

Thank-yous and praises went out to the Anniversary committee for the overwhelming successful celebration held June 9 at the Elmhurst in Ingersoll.

Our 100th Anniversary

Cookbooks are still on sale; this is our second run. Please contact an Institute member to order yours! Our cookbook profits will be added to our Scholarship fund. We presently offer one scholarship and one bursary valued at \$300 and \$200 respectively. A discussion

was held as to how the District can maintain the same amounts offered each year. Each Institute may be asked to help top-up the interest amount on a yearly basis. Contact Marlene Matheson at RR 3 Embro NOJ 1J0 for further information.

'Away for a Day' will be

held on November 11. Please contact Sheila Greason by November 4 to register.

Margaret Lee reported on the Tweedsmuir curators workshop held in Auburn in August. Oxford District will be hosting the curator's workshop in August of 2004 in Mt. Elgin. Margaret suggested that each Institute have a section in their Tweedsmuir history book for "war stories" and war experiences of their members.

Agriculture in the Classroom project received \$500 from the Oxford Mutual Insurance Company and \$500 from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to complete two new kits on 'Apples'

and 'Maple Syrup.' These learning resource kits are available to schools in Oxford County. Please contact Mary Alice Roth at RR2 Tavistock NOB 2R0 for further information.

Our evening program included a fun auction sale of prepared recipes from our cookbook. Our guests for the evening were 4-H members who participated in a 4-H exchange to Grande Prairie, Alberta. Christina Hargraves and Allison McMillan spoke of their personal experiences while on the exchange. Marian Sterk, their chaperone, also shared her learning experience. The Oxford 4-H members in turn hosted the Alberta 4-H members in Oxford County.

Browns Euchre

Browns W.I. held their Euchre Party on Thursday, October 30 at 8 p.m. The winners were as follows: High Thelma Brookshaw and Allan Sims; Lone hands Jean Sims and Bob Jeffrey; Low Betty Barons and Alex Jeffrey. The Lucky Draw was Audrey Somers and Earnie Oliver.

Brown W.I. held a very successful Luncheon and Euchre Party on Saturday November 8 at 12 o'clock.

The winners for this party were: door prize winner was Evelyn Haves. high lady was Anna Armstrong and high man was Carol Herbert; lone hands was Helen Hartwick and Mabel Ballantyne.

Members of the Institute brought gifts which were drawn for and many went home with a little something. Also the members want to thank everyone for supporting our luncheons.