

#### Oxford District WI

On Tuesday evening at Hickson United the Oxford District Women's Institute held their Spring Board meeting. This meeting began with desserts and fellowship. President Ilene Chesterman called the meeting to order with a reading "Over 70" on time budgeting. You need to spend half your time working, a quarter of time socializing and the other quarter meditating in a quiet place.

Check out [www.oxforddistrictwi.com](http://www.oxforddistrictwi.com) — branches need to send information to the webmaster Frances Rutherford for the website to be current and interesting.

We were reminded about the "Eat to Give" campaign, when you can prebuy your groceries or gas and FWIO and districts get a kick back. No extra money out of our pockets, because we are going to buy the groceries anyway. Branch secretaries have the sign-up forms. The "Go, Go Grannies" have been changed to "Grandmothers to Grandmothers", and will be working through the Steven Lewis Foundation, to help grandmothers raising their grandchildren when their parents are dead with AIDS.

The Erland Lee Home needs crafts, one from each member, which they will sell over the summer when the home is open to the public.

For the Roll Call Branches were asked to come up with ideas for raising money and they did come up with many varied ideas.

The regular meeting of Browns Women's Institute was held at Browns school on March 21. President Sue Day opened the meeting with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect and a reading called "Food for Thought." The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given. Delegates to the Spring Board meeting were arranged. The Annual Meeting will be April 17 and the Euchre Luncheon is on April 21. The charities for the Euchre Luncheon are the Canadian Cancer Society and the Autism Society of Oxford-Perth-Middlesex.

The Roll Call was answered by giving a fact about goat's milk. Judy Taylor read a poem about spring. Carol Miller, convener of agriculture, business and industry, shared several interesting facts about goat's milk and cheese. A contest was held. Kay Conn read a poem "How to Live Life." Ilene Chesterman, Oxford District President, brought greetings. A delicious supper was served by the group in charge.



**AWAY FOR A DAY:** Away for a day is just what one needs to fight off cabin fever and that's what Oxford District Women's Institute had to offer Feb. 19. Between 25 and 30 women gathered at Chalmers United Church in Kintore for an afternoon and/or evening program. With spring-cleaning just around the corner, the afternoon speaker Tracy Gizdic - "Getting yourself Organized" was an excellent topic. We now have the knowledge to tackle the closet, then maybe the desk. The evening speaker was Tina Claerbout and she discussed easy cake decorating tips. The three workshops were Fleece Tied Throw with Beth Snow, Stir Fry Cooking with Dianne Weeks and Save the environment - make a tote bag with Janet Fleming. (Laura Green photo)