

### Citizenship - Sheila Greason presented by Coun. Marg Luna.

Someone once said, "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart." These words couldn't be more true when applied to our next honouree, Sheila Greason. Sheila is being honoured for volunteer achievement in the citizenship category, which recognizes volunteers whose actions have assisted those in need. There are few people in St. Marys who have not been touched by Sheila's volunteerism and I couldn't begin to list all of the ways in which Sheila has given back to this community. Sheila is a retired school teacher who takes a special interest in youth and children's activities. Sheila was President of the St. Marys Fair Board for many years and worked tirelessly to see this community event a successful one. Sheila is also involved in the Oxford County Women's Institute and is a leader at the United Church and represents them at the Oxford Presbytery. Sheila also finds time to serve as the chair of the tri-county food grains growing project which raises funds to purchase food for those in need, and the Order of the Easter Star #121 counts Sheila as a member. The East Nissouri Union Church honours Sheila by presenting the "Sheila Greason Scholarship" award, which is a testament to the impact Sheila has had on her community. Sheila is one of the principle organizers of the local Heart and Stroke Campaign and in 2007 she won a provincial award for her work with the Heart and Stroke foundation. Sheila volunteers with many other organizations and events in St. Marys and is truly tireless in her efforts. I began by mentioning Sheila's heart and I think it fitting to end on this same note. What makes Sheila a remarkable volunteer is not the amount of volunteerism she does, although that is truly impressive, but the integrity and generosity she brings to her work. Sheila has a big heart and the people of St. Marys have benefited from her commitment to helping others. Please help me in recognizing Sheila Greason, the recipient of the volunteer achievement award in the field of citizenship.

song. The speaker was Robert Montague on the topic of Irish customs.

He explained the importance of land to the Irish, the dowry system, arranged marriages, and the importance of potatoes. In the 1950's things changed in Ireland with more immigration and greater secularization. A tasty lunch and social time were enjoyed. Bernice Taylor won a shamrock for wearing the most green and Darlene Smith won a shamrock for the best Irish costume. The annual meeting will be held on April 8 with a potluck dinner.

Winners at the Browns Women's Institute March 15 Euchre are as follows: Men's High, Terry Barber; Men's Lone Hands, John MacDonald; Men's Low, Allan Sims; Ladies' High, Doris Champion; Ladies' Lone Hands, Sharon Rounds; Ladies' Low, Carol Miller. Door Prize, Donna Ferreira. The next evening of Euchre is Mar. 27.

The regular meeting of Browns Women's Institute was held on Mar. 18 with a good attendance. President Evelyn Douglas opened the meeting with the poem "A Late Spring." Following the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, Oxford District president Carol Innes was introduced and welcomed. Minutes were read and the treasurer's report given. Plans were made for the Euchre Luncheon on Apr. 19. The great dish cloth challenge was explained. Delegates for the Spring Board meeting were selected.

The Health Issues Committee was in charge of the meeting. Evelyn Arthur had a reading on the Irish. The roll call was answered by telling an Irish joke. Pennies for Friendship was 25 cents if you have Irish ancestry, \$1 if you do not. Darlene Smith sang an Irish

spent time planning their meetings for the upcoming year. A delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed.

The following Browns Women's Institute members received Ontario Volunteer Recognition Awards at the Marconi Club on April 11: Kay Conn, Betty Barons, Margaret Arthur, Joyce West, Ruth Gill, Susan Towle.

At the April 10 Browns Euchre, these are the prize winners: Men's High - Allan Sims; Men's Lone Hands - John MacDonald; Men's Low - Ken Jeffrey; Men's Door prize - Ernie Oliver.

Ladies' High - Doris Champion; Ladies' Lone Hands - Donna Fierra; Ladies' Low - Donna Cooper; Ladies' Door Prize - Margaret Wilson.

The regular monthly and annual meetings of Browns Women's Institute were held on April 8. President Evelyn Douglas read a poem called "April". The minutes, treasurer's report and correspondence were given. Members were encouraged to write to their members of parliament regarding the removal of the Lord's Prayer from the Provincial Legislature. It was decided to enter displays in the Western Fair and Thorndale Fair. Plans are underway for the "Hat and Glove Tea" to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Browns Women's Institute.

The Annual Meeting took place with the reading of the minutes and the following reports: Treasurer, Program Co-ordinator, P.R.O. and Auditors. Volunteer hours are to be given to Sheila Greason. The roll call was answered by the payment of fees. The groups

# Browns WI charity euchre luncheon April 19

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Brown's Women's Institute Euchre held Thursday March 27 had the following winners: Men's High, Terry Barber; Men's

Lone Hands, Ken Judge; Men's Low, George McLellan. Ladies' high, Irene Felkar; Ladies' Lone Hand, Jean Sims; Ladies' Low, Doris Champion. John MacDonald won the door prize.

The Charity Euchre Luncheon is

Saturday Apr. 19 at noon at the Browns School. This year, proceeds will be divided between the Cancer Society and Organ Donor Research. Tickets are available from Sheila Greason, 519-349-2768; Evelyn Arthur, 519-283-6435; or Kay Conn, 519-284-4474.

Euchre at Browns Corners, sponsored by Browns Women's Institute had the following winners on April 24: Men's High, Ernie Oliver; Men's Loan Hands, Paul Ward; Men's Low, John MacDonald; Men's Door Prize, George McLellan. Ladies' High, Sharon Ward; Ladies' Lone Hands, Carol Herbert; Ladies' Low, Donna Cooper; Ladies' Door Prize, Doris Champion. The next Euchre will be Thursday May 8 at 8 p.m. See you all there!