

Browns WI members recognized for years of service



Six members of Browns Women's Institute were recently recognized for their years of service at the 2008 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards presentation in London. Those women on hand for the awards are pictured above. They are, from left, Ruth Gill, 50 years; Joyce West, 30 years; Betty Barons, 40 years; and Kay Conn, 40 years. Absent from the photo are Margaret Arthur, 60 years; and Susan Towle, 60 years. (Contributed photo)

Volunteer portal a valuable tool

Volunteerism, one of the oldest and most humanistic pursuits, is enjoying a strong boost from the online world -- through VolunteerConnection.

The web-based VolunteerConnection service makes it quick and easy for nonprofit organizations and potential volunteers to find each other now in Huron, Perth, Bruce, Grey and South Georgian Bay counties.

This service makes it easy for an individual to find a volunteer opportunity that matches his or her time, skills and interests. In addition to a matching service, non-profits can post information on training and workshops, special events, and post policies and procedures documents in the virtual library.

To use the service, visit www.volunteerconnection.ca, fill in required information, and a list of appropriate volunteer opportunities is presented. Non-profits interested in listing opportunities simply go into the "post" section of the site to register their organization.

A help desk will also be accessible by email or telephone where the community can connect with a counselor from Community Connection, who can provide additional information regarding human services.

Presentations and meetings are available for any Huron-Perth not-for-profit organizations or service groups to promote the website and explain how it works.

Brown's Women's Institute held their regular Euchre, May 8 at the Browns SchoolHouse. Winners for the evening were: Men's High, Larry Brook; Men's Lone Hands, Ken Judge; Men's Low, George McLellan; Men's Door Prize, Ernie Oliver.

Ladies' High, Bell Oliver; Ladies' Loan Hands, Audrey Somers; Ladies' Low, Carol Herbert; Ladies' Door Prize, Irene Felkar. Next Euchre is May 22, same time, same place.

Browns Women's Institute will be celebrating their 70th anniversary with a "Hat and Glove Tea," Tuesday, May 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Browns School House. Invitations have gone out to all the former members and friends.

The annual Open House at Camp Tanner is June 21, on Father's Day, from 2 to 4 p.m. There will be tours, a presentation and refreshments.

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