

LONDON AREA FWIO CONVENTION

London Area Women's Institutes enjoy 94th convention

Institutes needed just as much today than ever before, says president

The London Area Women's Institute held its 94th convention on Tuesday, October 7 at the Southwold Keystone Complex, Shedden, with Elgin District WI as hosts. There were 159 members registered for the day, which was filled with fun, renewed friendships, food, business and educational presentations.

The program began with the presentation of the flags followed by the singing of O Canada. Elgin district president, Grace Campbell, welcomed everyone.

President Anne Innes' address gave members much to think about. Some of her main points were: WIs are a team, WIs are alive and well and needed just as much they were during Adelaide Hoodless' time, members need to be positive about their organization, and to quote Adelaide, "Educate a boy and you educate a man, but educate a girl and you educate a family."

FWIO president Joy Trimbell brought information from the board. Voting delegate reported on board happenings and board members for southern region, Barbara Anne Temple and Ilene Chesterman, reminded members of upcoming events at the provincial level. The FWIO annual meeting is January 5, 6 and 7 in Barrie.

Many interesting and informative displays were placed about the hall. Lunchtime saw many members purchasing items from the Country Store and subscriptions to the FWIC magazine, Federated News, and ACWW memberships.

During the FYI session, members learned about water purifi-

cation in Sudan — how it works and its cost of \$50 per unit — from Lucy Ogletree, as well as the campaign for a dialysis unit for St. Thomas General Hospital and the Quilt Project from Yarmouth Glen WI — proceeds for community projects.

Election of officers was ably conducted by FWIO president Joy Trimbell. They are: president, Debbie Bauer; first vice-president, Berniece Harris; secretary, Sheila Greason; treasurer, Margarat Ogar; PRO, Betty Archambault and Mabel Jacklin; ROSE/ed. Dianna Robinson and Doreen Marks; Tweedsmuir curator, Mary Nicklas; advocacy, Anne Innes; area voting delegate, Ruth Gourley; and alternate voting delegate, Eleanor Williams. Marlene Archer will be London area nominee for the provincial board of directors for the southern region.

Oxford District gave the courtesies and an invitation for 2009 convention to be held in Oxford on Oct. 15.

The evening banquet commenced with the head table being piped in followed by the institute grace and a toast to WI. A delicious beef dinner was enjoyed. Southwold mayor, Jim McIntyre, welcomed everyone to Southwold.

The Marian Pardy scholarship for London Area was presented to Samantha Klaver and the Dorothy Fatcher scholarship for southern region winner Catherine Wallis was announced.

The West Elgin Choral Society, directed by John Holland, entertained with many familiar numbers.

Retirement presentations were made to Ilene Chesterman, FWIO board member; Anne Innes, president for London Area; and Katherine McNaughton, Western Fair.

The convention was declared closed. The flags retired followed by the Royal Anthem.



The new London area FWIO executive are, front row, from left, secretary Sheila Greason, treasurer Margaret Ogar, past president Anne Innes and new 2008-09 president Debbie Bauer. Back row, from left, are FWIO president Joy Trimble, advocacy Glenna Ladell, ROSE convenor Dianna Robinson, assistant ROSE convenor Doreen Marks, Tweedsmuir curator Mary Nicklas, assistant secretary Ilene Chesterman, assistant area voting delegate Eleanor Williams, Western Fair coordinator Marlyn Brady, area voting delegate Ruth Gourley and FWIO president elect Carol Innes. (Submitted photo)



Catherine Wallis was the recipient of the South Region FWIO Dorothy Fulcher Scholarship. She was the entry from the Perth South District and is attending Guelph University.



The winner of the Scholarship/Marn Pardy award was Samantha Klaver from the Perth South District. She is attending Ridgetown College. (Submitted photos)

Brown's WI Euchre Party

The Brown's Women's Institute Euchre Party took place Oct. 9. The winners were: Ladies' High, Doris Champian; Ladies' Lone Hand, Carol Herbert; Ladies' Low, Alice Pound; Ladies' Door Prize, Norene Switzer.

Men's High, Ken Judge; Men's Lone Hands, Allan Sims; Men's Low, David Arthur; Men's Door Prize, Andy Kittmer. The next Euchre Party will be Oct. 23 same place, same time.

We are all the way to December which we will be celebrating with Browns Women's Institute, meeting at the Brown's School at 6:30 p.m. for supper. The speaker for the evening is Grant and Anne Innes, speaking and showing pictures of their trip to the Holy Land. Roll Call is a non-perishable food item for the St. Marys' Food Bank.