

Graduation



Janet Uren

John, Jason and Jeffrey are pleased to announce the graduation of Janet Uren from Emmanuel College University of Toronto. Convocation was held May 14, 2009 at which time she received a Master of Divinity Degree. Janet has accepted a position at Corunna Pastoral Charge.

Good job Mom, all the best!

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OPEN HOUSE for Janet Uren

Friends and family of Janet Uren are invited to share in celebration of Janet's successes, as well as a thank-you to all who have given her so much support!

Date: May 31, 2009
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Place: Brown's Corner Schoolhouse

Rev. Janet E. Uren, B.A.M. Div.



On May 23, 2009 Janet was ordained to Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within the United Church of Canada. She was surrounded by many friends and family. We Jason, Jeff and John are so proud to be part of your ordination held in Windsor. Janet will serve the congregation of Corunna United Church, starting July 1, 2009.

Best Wishes and Love Jason, Jeff and John

The Oxford District Women's Institute held its annual meeting at the Browns School House, on May 26. Patty Pizziola was the main speaker. She is Editor of Home and Country Rose Garden, the news publication of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. She is also the Rose Program manager. ROSE stands for Rural Ontario Sharing Education. She assured us any branch, even small ones, can host a Rose event. Any educational topic is good and invite other branches and the public.

The themes for the next two years are "Get Involved" and "Stay Involved." It makes things happen and keeps us older people young at heart and interested. She challenged us to stay positive, negative thinking and speaking will not bring new members. How you receive visitors to your meetings and Rose programs makes a big difference.

Patty will be looking for volunteers for the Outdoor Farm Show in September, to help

with the hosting of "Celebrating Healthy Living" Expo. Volunteers work three-hour shifts and get a free pass to the grounds.

We now have Junior Members, 10 to 16 year olds can join for \$5 and can attend Branch functions. At 17 they can become regular members. Ruth Gourley, London Area voting delegate ratified the District Directors. The Memorial Service was given by Braemar WI.

It was voted to support the 4-H exchange trip to Alberta with \$200. Total volunteer hours for the District is 13,596! We still make a big difference in our communities and our country and, through ACWW even the world.

Joyce Hill from Princess Elizabeth WI challenged the group to knit baby toques, make diapers, etc. for Canada Comfort and Children's Hospital. Past president Carol Innes is president-elect for FWIO and Sheila Greason is the new president of Oxford District. Other officers remain the same.

At London Conference of the United Church of Canada held last week in London, Rev. Maya Landell was elected president-

elect of London Conference. Rev. Maya is the minister of Innerkip/Eastwood Pastoral Charge in Oxford Presbytery.

The Camp Tanner open house is this Sunday, June 14, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Camp Tanner. There will be tours, displays, DVD, refreshments. The camp has spaces available for all weeks. Call Sandra at 519-475-4833 for information and registration. Camps now run from Sunday afternoon until Friday evening.

Browns Women's Institute Euchre June 4 night had the following winners: Ladies' high, Noreen Switzer; Ladies' Lone Hands, Bell Oliver; Ladies' Low, Jean Sims; Ladies' Door Prize, Carol Herbert.

Men High, John McDonald;

Men's Lone Hands, Larry Brook; Men's Low, Bruce Cole; Men's Door Prize George McLellan.

Congratulations to Melissa West, daughter of Carling and Melanie West and granddaughter of Joyce West upon her graduation with a BBA Degree from Wilfred Laurier University. She is continuing her studies for a Certified Accountant's Degree.

Camp Tanner has spaces in all their camping weeks; it's a good way to spend a week with nature and friends. Call Sandra at 519-475-4833 for information and registration.

Camps now run from Sunday afternoon until Friday evening. The Open House at Camp Tanner was well attended and we saw some applications being filled out.



The organizing committee of the St Marys Storytelling Festival are putting the finishing touches on The Frog Festival, coming this weekend. Front row, from left, are Arlene Callender, Janis Fread and Marilyn Cassels. Back row, from left, are Tony VanderSchot, Sheila Greason, Carol McLeod and Monique VanderSchot and Henry Monteith. Absent is artistic director Nancy Vermont. (Contributed photo)