



CENTURY CELEBRATION: The Oxford District Women's Institute celebrated its 100th anniversary at the Elm Hurst Inn recently. Here, some of the guests pose for a photo including past-president Sheila Greason, Oxford County Warden David Oliphant, FWIO president Dianne Orr, board director Carol Force and Oxford District WI president Janet Uren. (Submitted photo)

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A century old and still going strong

Oxford District Women's Institute celebrated 100 years with a sold out dinner and celebration at the Elm Hurst Inn in Ingersoll on Monday, June 9.

Special guests included FWIO president Dianne Orr, board director Carol Force, Oxford County Warden Dave Oliphant, PAC representative Vivian McDonald, WSA Kristen

Hammond, OFA representative Nancy Walther, 4-H Janet Fleming, Farm Safety representative Norma Howe and OMAF regional information coordinator Kim DeKlein.

Following dinner and greetings by special guests, a ceremonial cake decorated by Jo McKay was cut by Kit Caffyn, the oldest living member.

Entertainment was provided by The Raging Grannies and The Festival of Sounds Chorus.

Anniversary cookbooks were sold and memorabilia was on display as well as District Tweedsmuir books.

A total of 174 members, past members and guests from around Oxford County attended the celebration.

Browns Women's Institute met on May 19, and traveled to the Burgins' llama farm in Kirkton where they learned about the feeding habits, the uses and hierarchy of the llamas. The Burgins have 11 llamas, some of which were used as caddies on a golf course. The group had dinner and a business meeting at Damen's Restaurant. Plans for the District Annual were completed. The recommendations and changes to the bylaws were accepted. It was decided to purchase a Browns Corners signs for Road 92. Browns Women's Institute will present a dictionary to an A.J. Baker Grade 8 student showing the most improvement in literacy. The June meeting will feature a car trip to Quilts Galore in Millbank followed by lunch at Anna Mae's.

Winners at the May 21 euchre are as follows: Men's High - Larry Brook; Men's Lone Hands - Terry Barber; Men's Low - Gordon Hocking; Men's Door Prize - John MacDonald; Ladies' High - Bell Oliver; Ladies' Lone

Hands - Noreen Switzer; Ladies' Low - Doris Hocking; Ladies' Door Prize - Donna Cooper. The next euchre will be held June 4 at 8 p.m.