

Hearing loss topic of joint women's Institute meeting

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Lakeside and Browns Women's Institutes met jointly on Sept. 15 at Browns School. Each branch held separate business meetings.

In the Browns Women's Institute business meeting, delegates to the Fall Board Meeting and the London Area Convention were chosen. Reports on the Stepping Out Dinner, fair displays, Embro Fair Brunch, Browns Corners signs and the Tweedsmuir workshop were received. Each member received an autobiography questionnaire to fill out and return at the October meeting.

A favourite handwritten recipe is to be included. President Sheila Greason reminded people of the November Euchre Luncheon and asked the members to consider a fair home-craft special. The October meeting will be held at Appleland on Oct. 20 with lunch at Trissa's Restaurant.

The two branches then came together for the Mary Stewart Collect and the Institute Ode. The speaker was Kim Poulton from the Canadian Hearing Society. She shared hearing loss statistics, some helps to hearing and the need to check hearing aid suppliers carefully. She stressed the importance of regular hearing tests and pointed out there is

no audiologist in Oxford County. Kim also showed a video which featured stories from people with hearing loss.

A tasty lunch was enjoyed followed by a social time.

Lakeside Women's Institute met before the formal meeting. We will visit Kingsway in St. Marys, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. to help celebrate November birthdays.

The Alzheimer Society of Oxford were sent \$50 in place of holding a Coffee Break. A member and her neighbours are concerned about the change of stop signs on the 31st Line, which is now a paved road up to Road 92. The stop signs are now on Road 88 which runs east and west.

A letter is being sent to the Township of Zorra, requesting larger stop signs, a warning of stop signs ahead, or even change of grading the gravel road, so people are made aware of the new signs well ahead of when they get to the intersection.

The London Area Women's Institute Annual Meeting will be held in Oxford this year at the Craigown Golf and Country Club, Thursday, Oct. 15 at 9:30 a.m.

It will be a full day of excellent speakers, pampering and great food. It is possible to go for all day, or just come for the evening banquet and the guest speaker, who is an astronaut and has breathtaking pictures. Call Marg Ogar for tick-

ets at 519-645-1245. The banquet and evening speaker is open to anyone wishing to come.

Lakeside WI will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be an auction of garden products and a bake sale. Special speaker is Charlotte Dingwall on Community Living. Boxes for Christmas Child will be available to be filled and brought back for the November meeting.

We joined with Browns for the speaker on hearing loss. 50 per cent of people over age 65 have hearing problems and 80 per cent over 80 years old do. It is not helpful to speak much louder, but rather one-on-one and slower. A nose, throat and ear specialist is not an audiologist. There is an audiology clinic in Stratford. People should have their hearing checked every two years, so the change in function can be measured. Babies are now tested at birth and have been for five years.

For quilt lovers and rug hookers we are having a Harvest Quilt Show at Eastwood United Church, this Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be tea and cookies, also a small bazaar and bake sale. It is the little white church on the corner of Highway 53 (or Road 55) and Towerline Road.