W.I. Centennial Song

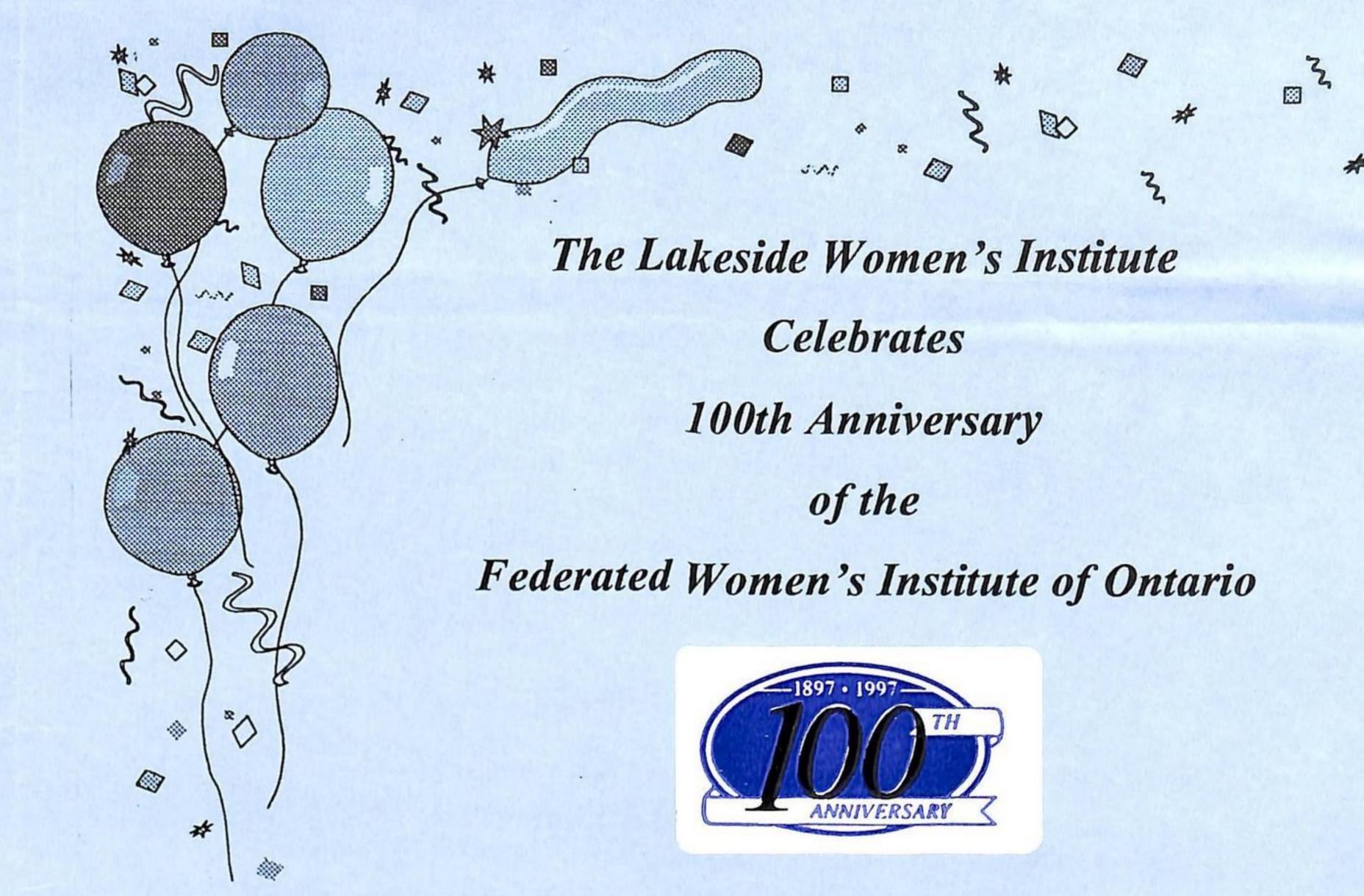
- 1. It's a hundred years since
 Adelaide Hoodless was convinced
 That mild should be pasteurized.
 Then Janet and Erland Lee
 Found it easy to see
 That women should organize
- 2. For Mrs. Hoodless knew
 That informed women grew,
 So they did mobilize,
 Hundred and one women came
 And things were ne're the same,
 For they formed the WI's.
- 3. So this idea spread,
 Round the world it shed
 its light. Things modernized.
 Then women's homes improved,
 And country's laws were moved,
 Their knowledge exercised.

- To encourage, help and share, Build a better world with care is the work of the WI's.
 Now a hundred years young, Still there's work to be done, Women's lives to be vitalized.
- 5. Now it's time to celebrate:
 Achievements commemorate
 With honour and with pride,
 The Centennial salute
 of the Women's Institute.
 Women of the world, Arise!

Words & Music by Marie F. Harris October 1994

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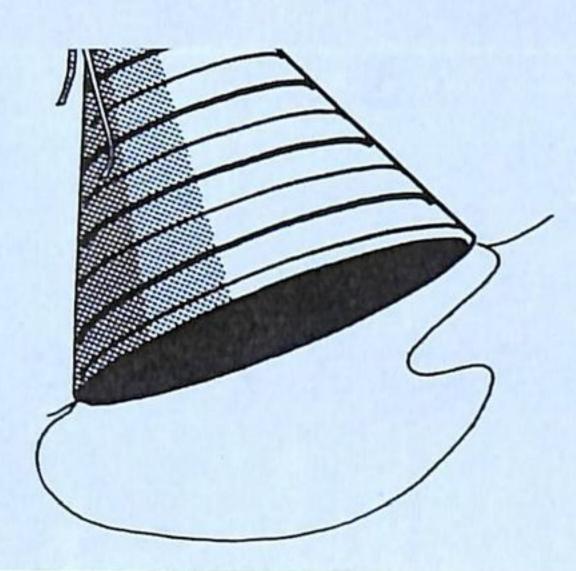
First Women's Institute 1897

The world's first Women's Institute was organized at Squire's Hall, Stoney Creek, in 1897. Erland Lee, a founder of the Farmer's Institute, assisted by his wife, arranged the meeting. About 100 women from the Saltfleet Township district attended and were persuaded by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless to form an organization of their own to improve their skills in the arts of homemaking and child care. Here, in the Lee home, Mr. Lee subsequently helped to draft the constitution of the new society. Mrs. E.D. Smith of Winona became the first president of the "Mother Institute." The Women's Institutes movement has since become a worldwide organization.



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We thank Thee, Father, for Thy care, Food, friends and kindliness we share.

May we forever, mindful be
Of home and country and of Thee.

