



Bertha Pattenden commences the tea service at the Vandorf Women's Institute 100th anniversary party at Vandorf Hall.

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Women's institute tackles rural issues

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Hillary, died recently at 92. The group is a non-profit organization that helps local women and their families by offering education and support programs as well as improving the status of women.

"We not only help our own community but women all over the world," said Mrs. Richardson, who has been a member since 1967. "I'm a strong believer in the women's institute because it's worldwide."

The organization's Rural Ontario Sharing Education

works in the rural community to provide access to information, help with social issues and increase awareness of rural issues and concerns. The group also seeks to educate women who may not have access to resources.

"It's a wonderful organization for women to participate," said Anja Karppa of the Vandorf branch. "It's wonderful to be part of meeting new people."

Anyone interested in joining the group can visit the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario website at fwio.on.ca



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