



Lyndhurst

ST. JOHN'S ACW

The July meeting was held at the home of Jean Roantree and opened with Guild Prayers. Ruth Anna Glover read the Scripture, Psalm 32.

Roll call was answered by 7 members.

The treasurer's report was given and collection taken.

The ACW will send a donation to Verna Jacob towards Church expenses.

Joyce Brown and Mabel Standen will check the Church Hangings and take the White Hanging to Irene Dawson to be repaired.

St John's ACW will send a donation to Neo-Natal Unit of Kingston General Hospital in loving memory of Dianne and Kevin McFadden's baby boy, Jacob Spencer.

The August meeting will be held at Carol Jacob's home. The meeting closed with Grace. Jean Roantree served refreshments, assisted by Elaine Bryan.

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The August meeting was held at the home of Carol Jacob. The meeting opened with Guild Prayers.

Mabel Standen read the Scripture, Psalm 63: 1-8.

Carol Jacob read the January Meditation, and all members joined in. Roll call was answered by 6 members. The July minutes were read and approved.

Denise Gordanier gave the treasurer's report. A collection was taken. Mabel Standen, Jean Roantree, Joyce Brown, Eleanor Wills and Carol Jacob handed in their Bakeless Bake Sale money.

Denise Gordanier wrote a cheque for payment of the Church hanging to be given to Irene Dawson. Suzanne Gatenby paid her birthday money.

A nice sum of money was raised at the Spring Rummage Sale Bake Table. Carol Jacob will ask about patterns for premature baby clothes at the Guardian Drug Store in Elgin.

Eleanor Wills and Suzanne Gatenby will knit for St. John's ACW to send to the Neo-Natal Unit of the Kingston General Hospital, in loving memory of baby Jacob Spencer McFadden.

St. John's ACW Arts and Craft Fair will be held, October 19, 1991, at the

Lyndhurst Legion Hall.

The ACW will sell tickets on a Harvest Basket.

Meeting closed with the ACW prayer, followed by Grace.

Suzanne Gatenby assisted with the lunch. A lovely social hour was enjoyed.

V.O.N. SPONSORS TEA

The people involved in the North Leeds V.O.N. Senior Support Program enjoyed a pleasant time this summer at Guthrie House in Elgin. In the beautifully decorated dining room of this spacious old home, everyone was served tea, lemonade and tasty refreshments by the Guthrie House staff. It was a time of good fellowship and an opportunity to chat with other volunteers and clients involved in the program.

This was the second annual V.O.N. Tea and Marian McLeod, Co-ordinator of the Senior Support Program since its inception welcomed everyone. She introduced the special guests, Bea Ross, Representative for the V.O.N. Board of Mangement; Judith Roth, Executive Director, V.O.N. Leeds and Grenville; Dawn Smith and Rob Rollins of Guthrie House; Colleen Pritchard, Office Manager there; Allison Todd, a Seed student who also is involved with the Rideau Lakes Library and Judy Pattinson, V.O.N. Nurse at Guthrie House. Joan Bennett sent her regrets from the Brockville office. Mrs. Roth presented pins and certificates for five years of volunteer service to Phyllis Connell, Marjorie Earl, June McFadden all of Elgin and to Doreen and Patrick McManus of Portland.

Receiving V.O.N. service pins were Marjorie Taylor and Lucille Bresee of Westport. Recognition was given to a new volunteer, Dennis Courneyea of Elgin.

Peter Breedyk of Delta had composed a poem on 'Elder Abuse', concerning the vulnerability of seniors to the pressure put on them for financial donations by some T.V. evangelists. As a picture of an elderly person was displayed, the words of the poem had a very poignant meaning.

The V.O.N. Senior support Program is gaining in popularity throughout North Leeds as it works to break down isolation for those in the segment of our society. One of the most successful efforts is the Volunteer Visiting Program, where volunteers and clients are matched to ensure compatibility in interests and geographical location. For many of the clients the visit of their special volunteer is the highlight of their week and strong

friendships are formed.

There is also an information and referral service where seniors are assisted in finding answers to social, legal, health or housing concerns with the programs and resources open to them. All this is free and confidential.

In the Transportation program, rides are arranged to medical appointments within the North Leeds area and to larger centers of Kingston, Brockville and Smiths Falls.

The V.O.N. also provides a Home Maintenance Registry to match persons willing to perform odd jobs for seniors needing their service. Also, listed among their many services to seniors are the Foot Clinics, 55 Alive Driving Course, seminars with the Canadian Hearing Society and on numerous other topics which are of concern to seniors.

As the V.O.N. Senior Support program continues its worthwhile work it is very evident that it is achieving great success in meeting their goals - "to improve the quality of life for seniors within the North Leeds area by assisting them to maintain their independence within their own community".

Lucille Bresee



Rideau Lakes

Horticultural Society

September and the Harvest Season has arrived. Summer '91 began in May and continued unabated, so that many vegetables and flowers matured about two weeks earlier than usual.

Although earwigs seem to be on the decline, caterpillars munched their way through the Rideau Valley and rabbits gamboled in our gardens, dining on tulip tops and tender seedlings. Local gardeners did their best to cope with the lack of rainfall in June and July, so that the plantings and gardens of the Rideau Lakes area have flourished and are appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

To bring you up-to-date, at the July meeting Cecelia Powell of Westport gave a fascinating talk on HERBS. In August, a Mini-Show was held, 2 categories only. For Flower Arrangement, prizes went to Heidi Wilke, Les Cousins and Shirley Marcellus. For Vegetable Display, prizes went to Karen Earl, Lois Mowat and Mervyn Mills. Barbecued hamburgs and hot dogs, salads and desserts were served outdoors at Forfar Hall. A fitting celebration for a great summer!

The next meeting will be held on September 3 at 7:45 p.m. at Forfar Hall. The speaker will be Karen Garlick of White Rose Nurseries. The topic will be BULBS, Lifting, Storage, Dividing. Kay Williams has suggested that we bring 3 asters or 3 mums and/or 3 potatoes or 3 carrots for judging.

The Rideau Lakes Horticultural Society is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to Montreal on September 11th. We will be visiting the Montreal Botanical Gardens, especially to explore the new Chinese Garden which opened in June. Anyone who is interested in this trip should contact Lois Mowat 272-3494, Karen Earl 359-5164 or Wendy Briggs-Jude 273-5449. Shirley Horsfall



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