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Elgin - Middlesex - London

OTTAWA
November 19, 2003

Gail Flanagan
River Road Women's Institute
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Port Stanley ON N5L1J2

Dear Gail:

I would like to tell you about a new venture - announced by the Government of Canada – that will increase opportunities for farmers.

The government recently launched the Ethanol Expansion Program (EEP) by inviting industry to submit proposals for contributions toward construction of new ethanol plants.

Up to \$60 million will be available in the first round of funding from the three-year, \$100 million program. This phase of the EEP is expected to contribute to the funding required for ethanol plants for which construction could begin early next year. The proposed selection process will be competitive, based on factors relating to how effectively funds will be used to expand fuel ethanol production and use in Canada, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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The funding is expected to kick-start expansion of the ethanol industry in Canada, and increasing production and use of bio-products and bio-fuels such as ethanol will create new markets for Canada's farmers.

In addition to encouraging increased production, the government is also promoting greater use of ethanol. In partnership with several gasoline retailers, the government will launch a consumer awareness campaign that will promote the benefits of ethanol-blended gasoline to Canadian drivers. There are currently more than 1,000 retail locations selling ethanol-blended gasoline in Canada.

The EEP is a component of the Climate Change Plan for Canada. This plan outlines how all Canadians can work together to meet our Kyoto commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to an average of six per cent below 1990 levels during the period of 2008-2012.

Yours truly,



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Program

WELCOME

(Shirley Broadbent, President Y.W.C.A.)

INTRODUCTION OF NOMINEES

GRACE

(Ve Shearer, Past Woman of Distinction Recipient)

DINNER

GUEST SPEAKER

Marietta L. D. Roberts

Associate Chief Judge - Co-ordinator of the Justices of the Peace

AWARDS PRESENTATION

(Barbara Johnson, Chair, Women of Distinction Committee)

(Patricia Lepischak & Nancy Balsdon,
Past Women of Distinction Recipients)

COURTESIES

(Mary Ann Neely, Women of Distinction Committee)

The Y.W.C.A. St. Thomas-Elgin Women of Distinction Committee
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Menu

Tossed Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing

Quarter Roast Chicken with Herb Stuffing & Cranberries

and

Roast Beef with Horseradish

Roast Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

French Bread and Butter

Chocolate Mousse

Coffee or Tea

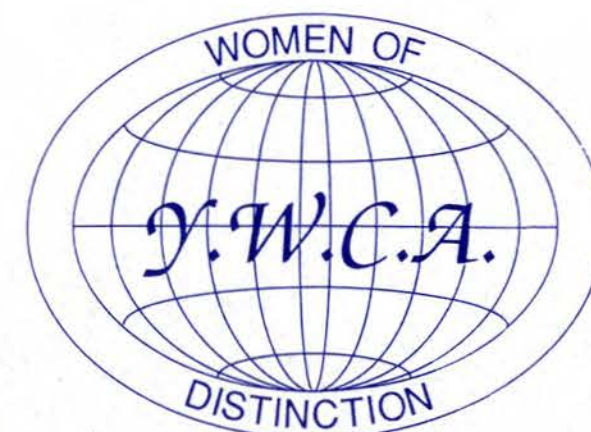
"Memory Lane" Room
New Sarum Family Restaurant

Wednesday, March 27, 1996



Women of Distinction Awards

1996





Dianne Bacon

- Girl Guides of Canada - Unit Guider
- St. Hilda's-St. Luke's Anglican Church - President of the Ladies' Guild
- St. Thomas Minor Baseball - past Treasurer
- Forest-Park Public School - past volunteer

- City Council - Alderman
- St. Mark's United Church - Sunday School Teacher
- Beta Sigma Phi Sorority
- Christmas Care - Board of Directors



Joanne Brooks



Lois Carroll

- Crinan Women's Institute - member
- West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary
- Cancer Society
- Church Work

- Port Stanley Community Events - volunteer
- Ukeladies - leader
- Port Stanley Business Association - past Secretary
- Nursery School/Nursing Home - volunteer



Marion Coyle

Women of Distinction Nominees



Sharon Crosby

- City Council - Alderman
- Ronald Mc Donald House - fundraising bonspiel organizer
- Downtown Development Board
- A.V.S.S. Alumni Association

- WINNER*
- St. Thomas Economic Development Corporation - President
 - Fanshawe College Building Fund - Fundraising Chairperson
 - North Yarmouth Historical Society - Treasurer
 - Port Stanley Summer Theatre - director
 - United Way - director



Helen Haddon



Theresa Laemess
[posthumous]

- Ministry of Natural Resources
- District Administration Supervisor
- Workplace Harassment Advisor and Trainer
- Aylmer Minor Hockey - past director

- United Church of Canada, Wallacetown
- elder
- U.C.W. member
- Community Outreach - founder
- Caring Cupboard - volunteer



Ruth McKillop



Laura McLachlin

- Alzheimer Society - founding member and volunteer
- Elgin-St. Thomas Health Unit - community health programmes
- Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society - past chair, programme committee
- U.W.O. Faculty of Nursing - lecturer

- Women's Institute - Quilt Draw - convener
- Canadian Cancer Society - patient services chairperson
- W.M.S.
- Dutton/Dunwich - community volunteer



Norma McMillan



Helen Schram

- City Council - Alderman
- Elgin Community Partnership - founder
- Motivational Speaker

- Med+ Care Health Services - client service supervisor
- horticultural judge
- U.W.O. - adult student
- National Art Gallery - exhibitor



Mary Alice Somerville

- Our Lady of Sorrows C.W.L. - president-elect
- Habitat of Humanity - volunteer
- St. Thomas-Elgin Association for Community Living - board member
- Y.W.C.A. Programme Committee - chairman
- 4-H - leader



Jacqueline Van Rynwyk

COMMUNITY

CLEAN CREEKS, CLEAN BEACHES:



Area elementary school students are helping to spread the word that clean streams and lakes are everyone's business through a poster contest sponsored by the Water Quality Task Force and Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation. Winning posters which will be displayed at local businesses in the Kettle Creek watershed were designed by, from left: front — Brett Gooding (Myrtle Street Public School), Bryn DeGraw, best junior poster, (Forest Park Public School), Ruth Pollex (Forest Park); back — Sparta Public School students, Ryan Fish, Grayden Laing, best senior poster, and Scott Johnson. Absent is Caverly Butterwick (Wellington Street Public School). (T-J photo by Marg Berry)

Hot topic for River Road

BY G. MUNRO

The members of the River Road Women's Institute gathered at the newly built home of Simon and Gail Flanagan for the May meeting. Mary Veenstra, president, and secretary Lillian Ross presided over the business of the meeting. Roll call was: 'How do you heat your home?'

A thank-you note was read from Catherine Lindsay. The district annual at Talbotville was attended by eight of our 11 members.

Marie Jones and Margaret Palmer attended the lecture at the Snell Building on osteoporosis.

The 55th wedding anniversary of Eli and Eva Reck on May 17 was attended by nine members.

Seven members from our branch joined the celebration of the 85th anniversary of Wallacetown WI on May 22.

The program was turned over to our hostess and guest speaker, Gail Flanagan, a recent graduate of engineering from

Georgian College. Her subject, Ground Heat Pump, based on thermodynamics, which is defined as heat and it's relation to mechanical energy and with the conversion of one to the other.

The liquid that is circulating in the pipes in the ground still has a temperature of 50F. There is some heat in any matter until it reaches the low reading of -460F.

The liquid in the pipes (thermoconductive liquid) circulates around in a closed loop. The closed loop, when it reaches the basement (the liquid is pumped through a series of small coils) under pressure, energy is released. By means of forced air, the heat is distributed through the house.

Lord Calvin, an Irishman, after his research learned of the unit of heat. Eventually he aided in the development of the ice-making machine, which aided in the relief of malaria patients of South Africa.

Advantage: after initial

output, heating bills are cheaper; more efficient; constant temperature of 70F; clean; safe; no ashes; no odor; no fumes; heats hot water; low grade heat; centrally located.

Considerations or disadvantages: installation of 20 inches of installation in walls and ceiling, heat energy source from the environment, environmentally advantageous to extract heat energy source from the environment; 25 to 50 per cent greater initial installment, rather than oil or gas; some are noisy but careful placement and some barriers can help; electricity is necessary to run the heat source; thermoconductive liquid in the hole, the system will act as central air conditioning in summer.

Dates to circle: **June 25**, Strawberry Social at Pioneer Museum, from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; **July 16**, all members and friends are invited to church service to commemorate the centennial year at Yarmouth United

Church, Yarmouth Centre; **Sept. 6**, Elgin Ploughing Match, Fingal; **Sept. 25**, public relation officers meeting, Mount Brydges with Mary Janes; **Oct. 4**, Daffodil Tea, Presbyterian church, Fingal from 9:30 a.m. to noon; **Oct. 5**, Rally sponsored by Elgin East; **Oct. 7**, Elgin Rally Fun Night with branches from East and West, Elgin, plus guests hosted by River Road and assisted by Middlemarch and Boxall branches; **Nov. 8**, safety poster winners, rewarded at Yarmouth Fire Hall, sponsored by Elgin Rally.

Of interest, no fall or spring district meeting, just annual. Hilde Morden, Elgin West, is to be inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame at Milton on June 8.

Mary Veenstra and members thanked Gail for her tour of their home and her enlightening talk. The meeting was adjourned. Margaret Palmer and Mary Veenstra assisted the hostess served tea during the social time.



THURSDAY

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The London Free Press

The Royal Visit June 23-July 2



FRONT LINE

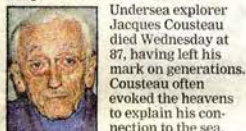
WORLD & NATION



Associated Press

TROUBLE ON MIR: Frank Culbertson, a space shuttle-Mir program manager, left, points to a model of the Russian space station as astronaut Jerry Linenger listens at a news conference Wednesday. A cargo ship crashed into Mir while docking, leaking oxygen into space and crippling the station's power supply. **Page A3**

Explorer dead at 87



Cousteau Undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau died Wednesday at 87, having left his mark on generations. Cousteau often evoked the heavens to explain his connection to the sea. "When you dive," he once said, "you begin to feel that you're an angel. It's a liberation of your weight." **Page A11**

LONDON & REGION

Lightning struck twice

Two area men were left dazed and scared after lightning struck twice in just 10 minutes. Bob Shepley of St. Thomas was hit while trying to unclog his drain with a steel pipe. Then, only 10 minutes later, Paul Loosely of London got nailed when he put his key in the door after arriving home from work. **Page B1**

OUR TIMES

It's only rock 'n' roll

Guitarist Mike Turner tries to keep it all in perspective: Our Lady Peace is just a band. The

Welcome fit for a Queen

London and Ontario officials are determined to give the couple a welcome befitting Her Majesty and Prince Philip when they arrive in the Forest City today for the first time in 24 years.

By Debora Van Breuk
Free Press Reporter

The Queen arrives in London today, a much-anticipated visit with the kind of pageantry not seen in London for almost a quarter-century.

She won't speak an official word from the time she lands in London this afternoon until after her arrival in Toronto on Saturday night.

Yet the Queen's impromptu chats with the crowd, her manner-

**Queen says Canada
proves to the world
that diversity can
work: Page A3**

**Londoner Jesse
Davidson prepares
to meet the Queen:
Page B1**

isms, her hat and dress — all this will long be remembered by those who have gathered in parks and along streets to catch an up-close and personal glimpse of royalty.

It's not every day London is host to Canada's head of state, after all. The last time was way back in 1973.

SHE'S TOPS: While duties for the Hong Kong handover — the historic transfer of the British colony to China next Tuesday — have been delegated to Prince Charles, we get the top royal herself.

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To be sure, it's a very short visit: the London and Stratford stops Thursday and Saturday bracket a day-long retreat at a private golf course near Port Stanley. The London stop (minus motorcade time) lasts only 25 minutes, for example.



NORM BETTS / TOR

Queen Elizabeth was all smiles during her visit to Newfoundland on Wednesday. Later, at a dinner in St. John's, guests tucked into Newfoundland lobster bisque, beef tenderloin with wild mushroom sauce, washed down with Newfoundland wine.



At Ottawa

1st July, 1997.

Dear Miss Ross,

I am commanded by The Queen to write and thank you for the gift you and the members of the River Road Women's Institute presented to Her Majesty.

The Queen was most interested to see the copy of your Institute's history produced for the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute in Canada and thought that the box was beautifully carved. I am to say how much Her Majesty appreciated your generosity in marking her visit to Canada in this way.

Yours sincerely
Mary Louise

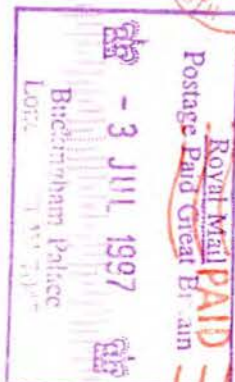
Lady-in-Waiting

Miss Lillian Ross.

BY AIR MAIL
par avion

Royal Mail

Miss Lillian Ross,
111, Sunset Drive,
St. Thomas,
Ontario,
Canada.
NSR 3B5



111 Sunset Drive
July 9, 1997

Dear Gail & Simon:

I felt you would like to see this enclosed letter from Buckingham Palace. The box you made was so beautiful and the Queen was pleased with it. Certainly it was an honor for me to be able to write in it.

I shall treasure this letter for myself & family and have had a copy made for our H. I. Tweedsmuir Book.

Again thank you both for that lovely box. It added so much to the gift

Sincerely
Lillian





River Road W.I. 75th Anniversary Program

WELCOME: Marg Palmer

OPENING: ODE

A goodly thing it is to meet,
In Friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet
Nor dims the radiant light.
No unkind word our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind,
But each shall seek the common weal,
The good of all mankind.

MARY STEWART COLLECT

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be
large in thought, in word and deed. Let
us be done with fault finding and leave
off self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet
each other face to face, without self
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never be hasty in judgement and always
generous. Let us take time for all
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Teach us to put into action our better
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

ROLL CALL: Introduce yourself and say the number of W.I.
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HISTORY: Lillian Ross

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DRAW: For door prize

LUNCH: Retire to the diningroom

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ONTARIO



BERRY GOOD:

Valleyview Home For the Aged resident Kaye Begg, left, is given a topping of whipped cream for her bowl of strawberries by the home's activation assistant Jessica Armstrong on Thursday. The home held its annual Strawberry Social, serving up 76 litres (80 quarts) of berries to residents and guests. (T-J photo*)