

**Officers for 2003 - 2004**

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**MARY STEWART COLLECT**

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May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

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Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and, O Lord, God, let us not forget to be kind.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE VOLUNTEER HOURS**

2003 - 2004

	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>												
<b>EDUCATION</b>												
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<b>AGRICULTURE</b>												
<b>HEALTH - NURSING</b>												
<b>HISTORY - MUSEUMS</b>												
<b>FAIRS - MALLS</b>												



**Wallacetown  
Women's Institute  
PROGRAM**

**2003 - 2004**

**ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT  
Motto - "For Home & Country"**

**INSTITUTE GRACE**

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Food, friends and kindness we share  
May we forever mindful be  
of Home and Country and of Thee

**INSTITUTE 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.



**Thursday, August 7, 2003 - 1:00 pm**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Place - Meet at "Thistle Creek Fitness", Wallacetown  
 Convener - Louie Lackey  
 Motto - "Can't Believe We Made It."  
 Comments - Louie Lackey  
 Roll Call - "What do you do for daily exercise?"  
 Tour - Thistle Creek Fitness, Wallacetown.  
 Picnic - 5 pm at Don & Louie Lackey's home.  
 Families invited. Bring a lawnchair.

**Thursday, September 4, 2003 - 1:30 pm**

**CANADIAN INDUSTRIES**

Place - the 'Gazebo' at home of Darlene Ford  
 Convenors - Joan McLandress, Darlene Ford  
 Motto - "Don't just entertain ideas, put them to work."  
 Comments - Joan McLandress  
 Roll Call - Fishing, farming, lumbering, mining, tourism  
 are a few of our Canadian Industries. Name an activity or  
 operation you've observed and the industry involved.  
 Speaker - Millie Evans - slide presentation on the "Gift  
 of Sight" re: her trip to El Salvador.  
 Lunch - Darlene Ford, Joan McLandress - at the home of  
 Joan McLandress. Bring a lawnchair and a friend.

**Thursday, October 9, 2003 - 1:30 pm**

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

Place - South Dunwich Community Hall  
 Convenors - Kathy Minnema, Amarilis Drouillard  
 Motto - 'when you have good neighbours, they do too.'  
 Comments - Kathy Minnema  
 Roll Call - We witness miracles happening everyday.  
 Share an experience you've had.  
 Speaker - Rev. Harry Parker - slides on his mission,  
 "Sleeping Children around the world."  
 Lunch - Kathy Minnema, Louie Lackey

**Thursday November 6, 2003 - 1:30**

**CONSUMER & FAMILY AFFAIRS**

Place - home of Ruby McGugan  
 Convenors - Joan Johnston, Ruby McGugan  
 Motto - "the hand that rocks the cradle, rules the  
 world."  
 Comments - Joan Johnston  
 Roll Call - your main environmental practice.  
 Speaker - to be announced later.  
 Lunch - Joan Johnston, Ruby McGugan

**Thursday, December 11, 2003 - 12 noon**

**CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Place - Home of Helen Van Brenk  
 Convenors - Helen Van Brenk, Kathy Minnema  
 Christmas Pot Luck Dinner, 12 noon.  
 Roll Call - A memory of a Christmas gift or an  
 event in Grandmother's Day.  
 Speaker - Christmas story by Louie lackey  
 Donation - \$5.00 to our Christmas family.

**2004**

**Thursday, January 8, 2004 - 12:00 noon**

**POT LUCK DINNER**

Place - South Dunwich Community Hall  
 Convenors - Kay Waite, Dorothea Monteith  
 Program - Progressive Euchre Card Party  
 Invite your friends.

February - cancelled

March - cancelled

**Thursday, April 15, 2004 - 1:30 pm**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

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**TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY**

Place - South Dunwich Community Hall  
 Convener - Helen Van Brenk  
 Roll Call - Name an ancestor and tell something  
 about them.  
 Reports - Lobbying Convener, Sally McIntyre  
 Education Co-ordinator - Kay Waite  
 Nominating Committee - Helen Van Brenk  
 Speaker - Chrisoula Van Oirschot, B.A., Registered  
 Massage Therapist at the Dutton Medical Centre.

Installation of Officers

Payment of membership fees - \$10.00

Tweedsmuir Book #7, scrapbooks and house logs on  
 display.

Lunch - Kay Waite, Kay Lilley

**Thursday, May 13, 2004 - 1:30 pm**

**AGRICULTURE**

Place - South Dunwich Community Hall  
 Convener - Kay Lilley  
 Motto - Farming is good but do it in moderation.  
 Comments - Kay Lilley  
 Roll Call - name a vegetable you don't like.  
 Speaker - Kathy Smith on organic farming.  
 Lunch - Dorothea Monteith, Doris Barber.

**Thursday, June 3, 2004 - 1 pm**

**CITIZENSHIP & LEGISLATION**

Place - meet at South Dunwich Community Hall  
 Convener - Sally McIntyre  
 Tour - visit to Colasanti's Tropical Gardens & Zoo,  
 Ruthven, ON  
 Dinner after meeting. Bring your husband or a friend.

**Thursday, July 8, 2004, 12:00 noon**

**EDUCATION & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

Place - South Dunwich Community Hall  
 Convenors - Dorothea Monteith, Kay Waite  
 Pot Luck Dinner - 12 noon. Invite your husbands.  
 Roll Call - If you were young again, what career would  
 you choose?  
 Speakers - Video, Don & Dorothea Monterith re: their  
 trip to Australia.

**STANDING COMMITTEE CONVENORS**

Agriculture - Kay Lilley  
 Canadian Industries - Joan McLandress, Darlene Ford  
 Citizenship & Legislation - Sally McIntyre  
 Consumer & Family Affairs - Joan Johnston, Ruby  
 McGugan  
 Education & Cultural Activities - Dorothea Monteith,  
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Public Relations - Luie Lackey□T

Tweedsmuir History Helen Van Brenk□



Thursday, June 1, 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Hall  
International Affairs

Convenor: Sally McIntyre

Lunch: Pinecroft Green Frog Tea Room,  
- 12:30 p.m.

Tour: Pinecroft Pottery, Aylmer  
Meeting to Follow

Roll Call: Name your favourite food.

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Cards & Cheer-Kay Lilley

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Canadian Industries ..... Kay Waite  
Citizenship & Legislation..... Group  
Consumer & Family Affairs .....  
Darlene Ford, Joan McLandress  
Educational & Cultural Activities .....  
Kathy Minnema, Amarilis Drouillard  
Grandmother's Meeting .....Louie Lackey  
International Affairs .....  
Sally McIntyre  
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Nor dims the radiant light.  
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No envy sour the mind:  
But each shall seek the common weal -  
The good of all mankind.



2005

Thursday, September 8, 1:30 p.m.

**Consumer & Family Affairs**

Place: West Elgin Community Health Centre  
153 Main St., West Lorne  
(greeted at the door)

Convenors: Darlene Ford, Joan McLandress  
Motto: Laugh and the world laughs with you.  
Cry and you cry with your girlfriends.

Comments: Joan McLandress

Roll Call: If you were asked, what advice would you give to new parents in raising their child?

Speaker: Rosemary Leitch, R.N.(29 years) at London Health Science Centre. Involved in a research study with Dr. Robert Lindsay.

Topic: "Kidney failure and Current Treatment."

Lunch: Darlene Ford, Joan McLandress.  
Home of Joan & Bill McLandress.

West Lorne Women's Institute invited.  
Bring a lawn chair.

**Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. at Hall  
Citizenship & Legislation**

Car Pool to go to Daffodil Tea, Elgin Manor  
Tour: Elgin Manor to be arranged after the tea.  
Lunch: Iona Restaurant-business meeting after.  
Roll Call: What did you think of your tour?  
What area stood out the most in your mind?

Thursday, November 3, 12 noon

**Educational and Cultural Activities**

Place: Home of Kathy Minnema  
Convenor: Amarilis Drouillard, Kathy Minnema  
Motto: PROGRESS - is it good or bad?  
Comments: Amarilis Drouillard  
Roll Call: Name an invention /convenience item brought into your home that no one else has mentioned.  
Entertainment: Movie 'the Calender Girls'  
Lunch: Amarilis Drouillard, Kathy Minnema

Thursday, December 8, 12 noon

**Christmas Meeting**

Place: home of Helen Van Brenk  
Convenors: Helen Van Brenk, Kathy Minnema  
*Christmas Pot Luck Dinner*  
Roll Call: Something to be 'Thankful For'  
Speaker: Rev. Anna Berwick-'A Christmas Story'  
Donation: \$10.00 to our Christmas Family

2006

Thursday, January 12, 12 noon

**Pot Luck Dinner**

Place: South Dunwich Community Hall  
Convenors: Kay Waite, Dorothea Monteith  
Program: Progressive Euchre card party  
Invite your Friends

Thursday, February 2, 12 noon

**Pot Luck**

**Canadian Industries**

Place: South Dunwich Community Hall  
Convenor: Kay Waite  
Roll Call: Name your favourite 'Sea Food'  
Speakers: Jeep and Joyce Sutton on  
'Lake Erie Fisheries.'  
Bring your husbands and friends.

Thursday, March 9, Meet at Hall 1 p.m.

**Agriculture**

Convenors: Kay Lilley, Joan Johnston  
Motto: What are the qualities that sheep have, that we have?  
Comments: Joan Johnston  
Roll Call: Name a breed of sheep that you know.  
Tour: The Sheep Farm, 'Corner Stone Farm'  
Janet and Steve Jones, 13278 Currie Rd., Dutton  
Lunch: Mancari Restaurant

Thursday, April 13, 1:30 p.m.  
Annual Meeting and Tweedsmuir History

Place: South Dunwich Community Hall  
Convenor: Helen Van Brenk  
Roll Call: A photo of your wedding, day and year  
Reports: Rural Ontario Sharing Education  
Co-ordinator ..... Kay Waite  
Nominating Committee ..... Louie Lackey  
Tweedsmuir Report ..... Helen Van Brenk  
Installation of Officers ..... Darlene Ford  
Payment of Membership Fees ..... \$15.00  
Tweedsmuir Books, Scrapbooks & House Logs  
on display  
Lunch: Sally McIntyre, Kay Waite

Thursday, May 11, 1:30 p.m.  
Grandmothers Meeting

Place: South Dunwich Community Hall  
Convenor: Louie Lackey  
Poems: 'Grandma's Apron'  
'She Remembers'  
Roll Call: name a 'Kitchen Proverb' or saying that you have heard, written in your own handwriting to hand to Helen for the Tweedsmuir Book.  
Speaker: Louie Lackey-'Memories of Growing Up on the Family Farm.'  
Guests: Louie's brothers, sisters and in-laws.  
*Each member bring a grandmother or guest.*  
Lunch: Kathy Minnema, Gladys Graham, Joan Johnston, Doris Barber

WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. OFFICERS. 2005 - 2006

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1st VICE--PRESIDENT --- Kathy Minnema.

SECRETARY ---- Joan McLandress.

ASS SECRETARY----- KATHY MINNEMA  
Treasurer ----- Dorothea Monteith.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR ---- Helen Van Brenk.

ALTERNATE DIST. DIRECTOR. ---- Dorothea Monteith.

EDUCATION <sup>ROSE</sup> COORDINATOR.----- Kay Waite.

BRANCH DIRECTOR. ----- Gladys Graham= ----

TWEEDSMUIR CURATOR. ----- Helen Van Brenk.

AUDITORS. ----- Louie Lackey, Joan Johnston.

Resolution Convenor. ----- Sally McIntyre.

Press Reporter. ----- Kathy Minnema.

*Grandmothers meeting* - Louie LACKEY

Representatives to Elgin MANOR Auxiliary.  
Joan McLandress, Ruby McGugan.

REPRESENTATIVE TO BOBIER VILLA. --- SALLY McIntyre.

CARDS AND CHEER. ----- Kay Lilley.

*Representative the Elgin Country Pioneer Museum -  
Helen Van Brenk*



TWEEDSMUIR AND ANNUAL REPORT MEETING.

BRANCH ----- WALLACETOWN WOMAN'S INSTITUTE.

2004 ----- 2005.

DISTRICT.----- ELGIN COUNTY.

CURATOR.----- HELEN VAN BRENK.  
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FINGAL; ONTARIO; NOL IKO

1. HAVE EIGHT BOOKS ON TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY.
2. SEVEN BOOKS HAVE BEEN MICROFILMED AND ARE AT ELGIN COUNTY ARCHIVES.
3. ROLL CALL. ----- WHAT ITEMS DO YOU READ FIRST IN THE NEWSPAPER?

HAVE ADDED 32 PAGES TO NUMBER EIGHT BOOK THIS YEAR.

3 PAGES ON DAYS GONE BUY.  
1/2 page on graduates.  
1/2 PAGE ON BIRTHDAYS OVER 80.-- 50th ANNIVERSARY.

4 PAGES--JULY 2004 MCINTYRE HOTEL BURNT DOWN IN DUTTON.

3 PAGES--COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

3 PAGES ON WALLACETOWN W.I. ACTIVITIES.

3.PAGES ON WEST EGLIN DAFFODIL CANCER TEA.

2PAGES ON 144th WALLACETOWN FAIR ---- MEDIEVAL THEAM.

2. PAGES ON PUBLISHED --- DUNWICH BOOK --- 400 PAGES.

8.PAGES ON OLD BARNs OVER 100 YEARS OLD.

WE HAVE PUBLISHED A BOOK ON OUR TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY ON WALLACETOWN W.I. AND COMMUNITY,  
IN DEC 2000.

FUTURE PROJECTS.----- OLD BARNs AND OLD SAYINGS.  
HAVE 6 HOUSE LOGS DONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

# Wallacetown women have busy schedule planned this year

On Thursday April 14 the Wallacetown Womens Institute met at the South Dunwich Community Hall. There were 15 members present. President Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting in the usual mat-

ter. Helen read an article "The Mean Rooster and Daddy". Members all paid their membership fees.

Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. Reports were given from Bobier Villa, Elgin

Manor, Elgin County Pioneer Museum and Elgin County District WI meeting.

Upcoming events: April 30 Iona willing Workers Spring coffee Break 10 a.m. to noon; May 11 District Annual Meeting at South Dunwich Community Hall at 5:30 p.m. with a pot luck supper and meeting to follow; June 22 Strawberry Social at Elgin County Pioneer Museum from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 9 Tweedsmuir Workshop at Dashwood; Sept. 18 bus trip to Toronto to see "Quilts, Quills and Bears" show.

The third week in February each year will be dedicated to the Women's Institute. Members are encouraged to wear their Blue Hats to all functions they attend, which is a new symbol of the organization.

Donations came from Darlene Ford for

organizing the bus trip to Sarnia last November and from Kathy Minnema for quilting her daughter's quilt.

Convenor reports were given by Kay Waite - the highlights for 2004-5 was the meeting on Painted Horses at the McWilliam's, the Wallacetown Fair Ambassador Competition winner Maryjo McWilliam whom we sponsored. Louise Lackey gave the volunteer hours which added up to 1,262 hours.

Darlene Ford installed new officers for 2005-6 as follows: President, district director, rep to Elgin County Pioneer Museum and Tweedsmuir curator: Helen Van Brenk; Vice president Kathy Minnema; Secretary Joan McLandress; Assistant Secretary Kathy Minnema; Treasurer, Alternate District Director Dorothea Monteith; Rose Education co-

ordinator Kay Waite; Branch director Gladys Graham; Auditors Louis Lackey and Joan Johnston; Press Reporter Kathy Minnema; Rep to Bobier Villa Sally McIntyre; Rep to Elgin Manor Joan McLandress and Ruby McGugan; Cards and Cheer Kay Lilley.

Convenor for this meeting was Helen Van Brenk. The roll Call: What items do you read first in the newspaper?

Kay Waite and Kay Lilley put on lunch and arranged flowers.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 5 at 1:30 p.m. Grandmothers meeting at the South Dunwich Community Hall. Convenor Louis Lackey. Motto: Grandma was a Girl. Roll Call: A happy memory of our hour grandmother. Guest Betty Simpson and the Tall Tales Red Hat Ladies. Members are to bring any grandmother.



Back Row 1 Louie Lackey (Member); 2 Kay Waite (Rose Education Co-ordinator)  
 3 Doris Barber (Member) 4 Mary Lapadate (Member) 5 Joan Johnston (Member)  
 6 Ruby McGugan (Member) 7 Kathy Minnema (Vice President)  
 8 Darlene Ford (Member)  
 Front Row 1 Dorothea Monteith (Treasurer) 2 Joan McLandress (Secretary) 3 Amarilis Drouillard (member) 4 Helen Van Brenk (President)  
 5 Dorothy Lamb (member) 6 Gladys Graham (Branch Director)  
 7 Kay Lilley (Cards & Cheer.)



Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 2004

# While there is tea there is hope, McLandress

*By Kathy Minnema*  
 On Sept. 9 seven members and two guests traveled to Fanshawe Pioneer Village. We had a lovely lunch and enjoyed a lecture on hats over the centuries. Hats were originally made only by milners, used to determine rank or status, for uniforms, fashion and most importantly protection from the sun. Since it was uncommon to wash your hair on a regular basis, hats or bonnets were worn to protect your clothing or bedding from the oils in your hair. It was much easier to wash a bonnet than expensive gowns. In the 1940s hats could be

bought in stores, and by the 50s ordered through a catalogue. Princess Diana revived the industry in the 80s and 90s. Ball caps are very popular with both males and females, young and old. Times change and so do styles, but hats still remain part of our wardrobe.  
 Joan McLandress commented on her motto: "While there is tea there is Hope". The Roll Call: Name your favourite beverage. How does it make you feel? Helen Van Brenk

## WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

read a poem "The Granddaughter".  
 Louis Lackey and Helen Van Brenk attended the Tweedsmuir Workshop in Mt. Elgin in August. Reports from the Bobier Villa and Elgin Manor were given.  
 We had a wonderful time tasting and learning about a teas available from all over the world. The loose tea is the best quality and the tea bags are usually a poorer quality. The more names on the label the better the quality. Keep tea stored in a tine can, cool, dry and sealed. It will keep

for one to two years. Never steep for more than four minutes. To decaffeinate pour hot water to cover, then drain off, refill cup or pot. The caffeine comes out in the first minute of steeping. Teas are not usually addictive, but are soothing and calming to our bodies and can also be used for healing purposes. Gail Allen provided an interesting afternoon.  
 Next meeting Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the South Dunwich Community Hall. Dorothea Monteith convener. Mott: Saving energy in these times. Roll Call: How do you save on energy?

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2004.



From left = Joan McLandress, Mary Lapadat, Ruth Rueggel, Darlene Ford, Kathy Minnema, Rhonda McNaught, Louie Lackey,  
 They are all tasting tea.



**A CHRISTMAS TO  
REMEMBER  
THE MANTINI SISTERS**

Take 3 great voices, a hot 4 piece band, sparkling humor, blended three part harmony, Ann, Sandra and Barbara tickles your funnybones and sings all your favourite Christmas music!!!

**Thursday, Dec. 08/05**

INCLUDES: Highway coach, Herb Farm –Gardening in good Taste, time to look around – Bear Creek, Van Tuyl & Fairbank – 100 years ago the largest Hardware Store west of Toronto.... Now, merely the finest! Many interesting places. Walk on Guide – How Women added to the History of Oil !!!  
Delicious 3 course lunch – Someplace Tea Room – 12 noon  
Theatre Matinee with The Mantini Sisters

**\$72 p.p.**

Sponsored by Wallacetown W.I.  
For more info 762-2990



THAMESVIEW STOCK FARMS

On thurs. Aug 5th. the Wallacetown W.I. met at the South Dunwich Community Hall at 1:30 pm then travelled to Thamesview Stock Farms owned by Rob and Susan McWilliam and family. 8 members enjoyed a very interesting and informative afternoon. Susan gave us a guided tour and talk about her favourite horse the "American Painted Horse". They own 22 at this time, 7 mares and 2 stallions and the remaining are their offspring, which they sell. These are originally Indian horses, who believed that they would be protected because of the colour shield found down the front of every horse. They have a very good personality, and range in colour from brown, black, chestnut and grey with white as their second colour. It is unusual to have 2 blue eyes in most cases brown or 1 brown and 1 blue. Breeding time falls between March and July 1st., and is done naturally or now can be artificially bred. These horses can live up to 30 years old.

Susan then demonstrated a new technique called "Round Pen Reasoning". This is a method of saddle breaking, which takes only 3 and no more than 4 days. The horse must learn to listen, stop, turn and stand on command. Of course it is performed in a round pen about 25' in diameter. The training bridle has soft reins and the horse must learn go! and whoa!, with lots of praise - good boy! and patting all over their body to become familiar with contact.

The ladies were then entertained to music by Mary Jo who sang a Sarah Evans song and Susan played the guitar while we all enjoyed a treat of ice tea and cake and ice cream. Kay Lilley the convenor for this meeting then presented the family with a gift of appreciation.

We then went back to Kay's home in Wallacetown and held our meeting, were 1 extra member attended. Kay gave comments on her motto: Farmers are the greatest gamblers in the world. The Roll Call: Name a small insect you dislike? The response was erwigs, ladybugs, no-see-ums, black flies, ants and toads.

President Helen VanBrenk then took over the meeting. It was reported that Ruby McGugan, Louie Lackey and Audrey Harris have completed the quilt to be donated to the Daffodil Society in Oct. A permit has been obtained and the hall approved for the fair dinner on Oct. 1st. We are proud to sponsor Mary Jo McWilliam in the Wallacetown Fair Ambassador competition this year. Helen Van Brenk and Louie Lackey will attend the Tweedsmuir Workshop in Mount Elgin on Tuesday Aug. 10th. The meeting was then adjourned and Kay gave the ladies tea and treats.

NEXT MEETING: Thurs, Sept 9th. at 11am, meet at the South Dunwich Community Hall and travel to Fanshaw Pioneer Village cost \$4.00 tour, speaker - Gail Allen, Lunch 12 noon. Bring a friend! Motto: While there is tea there is hope! Roll Call - Name your favourite beverage. How does it make you feel? Convenors are Darlene Ford and Joan McLandress.

Written by Kathy Minnema.

Susan



Darlene, Ruby, Joan, Mary



Kathy

Joan  
Mary





Kathy  
Bill  
2014



Susan  
Helen Gladys  
Joan Kay Ruth  
Marie

Kelly



Joan, Mary,

Daylene

Susan - Mary Jo

Kathy



Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2004

COMMUNITY

# Elgin WIs hold Winter Picnic

BY MARION MCKENZIE  
FOR THE TIMES-JOURNAL

FINGAL — President Mary Veenstra welcomed the members of the 16 Women's Institutes from the four corners of Elgin county to a bountiful noon luncheon hosted by the ladies of Middlemarch WI.

The 75 members present were seated at tables decorated for a picnic, with spring flowers, decorative place mats, and "Goody Bags" full of useful items donated by local businesses, and prepared by Pat Zegers, of Middlemarch WI.

Eleanor B. McMillan, district secretary, presided at the piano for the opening Women's Institute Grace, followed by the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect repeated in unison.

Following dinner, Ruth Axford, of the advisory council, brought greetings from the board of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. Each WI branch contributed items for the Tooney Table that were drawn for during the afternoon program. Donna Lord and her helpers took care of delivery of the items.

President Veenstra spoke of the fundraising efforts of the ladies of Rylstone, England, and displayed a copy of their renowned calendar,

which was the forerunner of the film Calendar Girls.

The program was presented with great spirit and merriment by the following WI.

Branches offered:

RIVER ROAD — A hat parade of custom-made designs.

MIDDLEMARCH — A skit, "The New Elgin Manor" and "We are still able to Drive. Oh, really?"

BOXALL — A funny presentation by Bonnie Graham.

PAYNES MILLS — A member related a hilarious true "Family Story at The Arena" as told by her son.

KINGSMILL-MAPLETON — Members favoured with a collection of songs of yesterday.

SHEDDEN — A reading entitled "A Good Friend."

WALLACETOWN — A skit, "What, A Diet?"

NORTH YARMOUTH — Unanswered questions, "Dogisms" presented by Pauline Lindsay

WEST LORNE — A skit, "Grandma's on the Net Again."

CALTON — A member presented a reading "Silence is Golden."

CRINAN — "What Every Women Needs, and What She Should Know."

YARMOUTH GLEN — As a tribute to Heart

Month, and the Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, which many WI branches support, the members presented a song, "The Teddy Bears Picnic," each member cuddling a teddy bear from the collection of Ruth Davis's bears. A Children's Hospital mascot bear was presented to Past President Madeline Jenkin for her new grandson, by Lobbying Convener Joan Mansell.

SPARTA SOROSIS — Faith McLorn presented a descriptive paper of her memories of "My First Year Attending Grade 1 at Sparta Public School."

TYRCONNELL — Eleanor McMillan played at the piano from Beethoven.

COWAL — Grace Campbell delighted with a demonstration of "Fan Language for Courting in the Victorian Era," followed by a reading from "The Faithful Few."

CLACHAN — Members joined in singing a revised version of the Institute Song entitled "Hats" - 90 years.

Coming events on the Elgin District WI calendar:

March 9 — 9 a.m. Elgin County Pioneer Museum board meeting followed by a meeting of the executive of the District WI, 449 Talbot St., St. Thomas.

March 13 — 9:30 a.m. El-

gin District WI spring board meeting at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Dr. All district directors or alternates and conveners are encouraged to attend.

March 31 — Registration deadline for the June 11-13 Provincial Conference 2004, to be held at the Durham University of Ontario, Institute of Technology, Oshawa.

June 5-19 — Wallace town WI is sponsoring a travel tour of England and Scotland escorted by Darlene Ford. Info: 762-2990.

June 23 — Elgin County Pioneer Museum Strawberry Social, Paynes Mills and Crinan WIs in charge.

The Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, pediatric division of the London Health Sciences Centre, "Needs List" was circulated and donations were requested from the various branches of the WI who in the past have been great supporters of this cause.

Contact President Veenstra for info: 631-5389.

Updated brochures in lots of 50 for the ROSE (Rural Ontario Sharing Education) Program for women are available at the FWIO provincial office (www.fwio.on.ca).

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Billy, Amarilis, Louie, Helen



Read a Skit "What is a Diet" written by Kathy Minnema.

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