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PAST PRESIDENTS OF OPTIMIST CLUB OF WALLACETOWN — Back row, left to right, Jim Ford (1992-93), Mike Cowan (1986-87), Larry Howard (1989-90), Bob Brown (1981-82, 1991-92), Doug Hughes (1978-79, 1982-83). Front row: Rein Van Brenk (1983-84), Cloyd Berryhill (1987-88), Shirley Mullin (1993-94), Bill Loomis (1980-81 - half year). Missing were Bruce Lunn (1974-75), Roy Pedersen (1975-76), Gary Kalita (1976-77), Jim

West (1977-78), Paul Pedersen (1979-80), Don Lackey (1980-81 - half year), Gary Cowell (1984-85), John McIntyre (1985-86), Neil O'Neill (1988-89), John Hughson (1990-91). The 20th anniversary of the club was celebrated with a murder mystery dinner, held at the South Dunwich Community Hall, Wallacetown, last Saturday evening.

Optimist Club of Wallacetown celebrates 20 years

On January 9th, 1974, an enthusiastic group of men attended an organizational

meeting of the newly-formed Optimist Club of Wallacetown in the Community Hall, Wallacetown.

To mark the 20th anniversary of its inception the Club held a murder/mystery dinner at the hall this past Saturday evening.

First Executive

Bruce Lunn was elected president in 1974, along with the following slate of officers:

Vice-presidents Earl Shipley and Jim West; secretary-treasurer, Geoff Mauer; directors

for two years, Victor Betts, Joe Van Nuland and Pat Waite; directors for one year, Joe Kornaker, Jack Lamb and Don Lees.

Committee Chairmen—Boys Word, Don Lees; Community Service, Larry Lamb; Finance, John Eberle; Fellowship, Joe Kornaker; Publicity, Gordon Gow; Membership, Rien Van Brenk; Program, Roy Pedersen.

Members of the new club were - Roy Pedersen, Wayne Lunn, Don Lees, Kris Brown,

Rien Van Brenk, Keith Shipley, Ivan Lackey, Jim West, Gordon Gow, Guy Lamb, John Richardson, Ken Ford, Richard Steele, Don Lackey, Lawrence Pollard, Doug Hughes, Neil Robb, John Eberle Sr., Joe Kornaker, Jack Lamb, Larry Lamb, George Robbins, Pat Waite, Geoff Mauer, Earl Shipley, Victor Betts, Joe Van Nuland, Harry Bradt, Paul Pedersen, Jack McAlpine, Ken Fournie, Hugh Breen, Jack Eberle (Jr.),

20th Anniversary

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Donald Cameron, Bruce Lunn and John McIntyre. The Wallacetown Club was sponsored by the Fingal Club.

Club Highlights

Highlights of the Club over the years include:

. Oratorical Contest every year, bike rodeos, Car Rally, sponsor contestants for Wallacetown Fair Queen, Stork Cub bar tending, sponsor the Christmas Home Decorating contest, Wallacetown Soccer (since September 1977), Cuyahoga Falls and Wallacetown youth soccer exchange visit, Hallowe'en Dance, monthly Pancake Sausage and Bacon Breakfast on Sunday mornings, selling of Christmas trees every year, entertain senior citizens of the community to a Christmas dinner, annual visit in January to visit twin club Cuyahoga Falls in Michigan, Essay Contest at the high school, work at Bingos in St. Thomas, hold Casino nights, Fish Fry and Dance in May with the West Lorne Optimist Club, co-sponsor Santa Claus parade with Dutton Dunwich Chamber of Commerce, Annual Junior World of Golf Tournament (started in 1992), Euchre parties, Just Say "No" (drug program) in the schools, and built a new food booth.

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DEDICATION OF THE MEMORIAL TREE

O God of all life, we gather to dedicate this tree to the memory of those women of the Wallacetown Women's Institute who have enriched the life of this community group with their gentle dignity and grace, their commitment and devotion to making the Women's Institute what it could be.

May this tree keep alive in this community, their memory, the principles for which these women stood for and the dedication they brought to whatever work they took up, that they may be a source of encouragement to others who feel their sense of purpose failing.

As each of these women believed in and worked for the future of family and community in this place, so may the tree planted in their memory flourish and grow tall as a symbol of your continuing presence with us.

The spirit that enriched all their living we commend into your hands, knowing that in your hands it can come to no harm.

Be with all their families with the assurance that the love they shared with their daughters, mothers, sisters, aunts, nieces, continues to be part of them for as long as they live, and with the knowledge that love never dies.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, who provided our pattern in giving the gift of ourselves. It is in His name we pray as He taught us to pray together saying: "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.



Dedication of the Memorial Tree. To plant outside Wallacetown

Hall. Womens Institute Members are L to R.

Gladys Graham, Jean Morrison, Mae Graham, Marjorie Ripley,

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, Helen Van Brenk.

Back Row.

Sally McIntyre, Lillian Jones, Kay Waite, Kay Lilley, Joan

Johnston, Darlene Ford, Louie Lackey.



W.I. VISITOR FROM ABROAD – Mrs. Pam Eyles of Norfolk, England, second from right, is spending a month in Canada. While here, she attended the meeting of Wallacetown Women's Institute last Thursday. Also attending were, from the left, Mae

Graham, Phyllis Cameron of St. Paul, Minn., who was visiting her sister Mae and other relatives here; Sally McIntyre, president of Wallacetown W.I., Mrs. Eyles, and Marjorie Ripley, convenor of the meeting.

Guest from England at Wallacetown W.I. meeting

The Wallacetown Women's Institute was "Away from Home" for their June meeting before the summer recess with 16 members and 2 visitors attending.

A guided tour of the new Dutton-Dunwich Public Reference Library by Mary Lou McMillan proved of great interest. The tour got on its way in the multi-purpose room where there were beautiful paintings by Paul Stevenson which will be there for three

months when other paintings will be brought in. The tour continued through the children's and teenage section, the staff and receiving rooms and the business circulation room. Through each room Mary Lou explained the various uses of different areas and note was made of audio tapes, videos and study resources on computer and data bases.

Large print books and the history reference section received appreciation from the members. Interest was also shown in the genealogical reference section to be installed, also the history department - the encyclopedia and the New Britanica. There were also Census and Cemetery records. As one moved from one room to another Mary Lou made mention of the donations made by the different organizations - the Optimist and Lions Clubs and others. In the last room visited there was a beautiful

display of plaques and names of those who had donated and made this library possible for which everyone is most appreciative.

As the group moved from one room to another there were beautiful paintings and artwork by local artists.

In appreciation for the tour Mary Lou was presented with a gift by Mary Lapadat.

The motto for the meeting, convened by Marjorie, was "Kind words are short to speak but their echo is endless," was commented on by Mary. Kindness is a language that anyone can understand. Being kind is a virtue. It brings joy and happiness. "When you do a kindly deed, it turns into a flower seed - that grows and strengthens every day, and spreads like blossoms on the way."

The roll call, "How are youths contributing as Canadian citizens" brought out positive responses.

An interesting visitor for the afternoon was Mrs. Pam Eyles of Norfolk, England, who is here in Canada on a months visit. Pam who is quite active in the Women's Institute in England gave some interesting remarks about the work there. She also told of her visit to Erland Lee Museum at Stoney Creek.

A presentation of a Centenary beaker and badge was made to Pam by Sally McIntyre for which appreciation was expressed.

A business period was conducted by the president, Sally, and the secretary-treasurer Lillian Jones.

A number of business items were dealt with. A tree planting dedication, in memory of past members, will be held on the evening of June 13th followed by a program planning meeting.

The meeting closed with the singing of "O' Canada" following which everyone, including

the Library staff, enjoyed a social hour and lunch served by Darlene Ford and Mae Graham.