

WEST LORNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

2009-2010



Meetings 1st Tuesday of the Month
1:30 PM
West Lorne Town Complex

MEETINGS FOR 2009-2010

SEPTEMBER 15: Bonita Berge	VOLUNTEER
Motto: Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.	HOURS:
Roll Call: What you did this summer.	
Program: Shirley Walker & Gwen McLain	
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OCTOBER 6 - Donna Miller	VOLUNTEER
Roll Call : Your most memorable vacation.	HOURS:
Motto : Travelling is a good education.	
Program: Mary Liepmann, Donna Driver	
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NOVEMBER 3- Winfrid Liepmann	VOLUNTEER
Motto: People born in freedom do not know its value.	HOURS
Roll Call Bring item for the Battered Women Shelter.	
Program: Helen Mooser, Mary Liepmann	
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DECEMBER 3 - Christmas with Wallacetown WI at Lakeview 12PM	
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JANUARY 5: Soup and Sandwiches	
Convener: Theesa St.Piere, Gwen McLain	VOLUNTEER
Roll Call: What do you do for relaxation.	HOURS:
Motto: Live your life, forget your age. Bring own dishes.	

MEMBERS

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2009-2010 Executives

Honorary President : Mary Liepmann
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Tweedsmuir History : Fran Graham, Leola Lawrence
District Convener: Leola Lawrence
Rose Program : Mary Liepmann
P.R.O.: Mary Lippold, Nancy Lashbrook
Pianst : Shirley Walker
Sunshine Commitee: Mary Liepmann, Gwen McLain
Auditor : Leola Lawrence
Program Co-Ordinators : Mary Liepmann, Mary Lippold,
Shirely Walker, Anita VanRaes, Gwen McLain, Leola
Lawrence, Nancy Lashbrook

West Lorne Women's Institute

Fifteen people attended the January meeting of the West Lorne Women's Institute. Grace was sung prior to exchanging box lunches which everyone enjoyed.

The meeting opened with the reciting The Mary Stewart Collect. The Women's Institute Ode was later sung.

President Shirley Walker informed everyone of the February meeting in West Lorne being cancelled and we would attend the winter picnic hosted by the Talbotville WI.

Roll Call was answered by telling of your favourite use of cheese.

Because the December meeting was cancelled, Christmas gifts were exchanged thus revealing the names of secret pals. New names for secret pals were drawn for this year.

Correspondence was read by secretary Anita Van Raes. The West Lorne Boy Scouts were asking for financial help to

update their supplies. It was passed to give them a donation.

A thank-you letter was read from Julie and Wentworth Newman regarding our donation to help fill a barrel for a second school in Jamaica. Clothing, books, and computers have so far been sent. The Newmans have sent a total of 14 barrels from our community. They are very much appreciated.

Leola Lawrence introduced the guest speaker, Diane Van Dyke, a member of the team at the West Elgin Community Health Center. She explained a project they are doing in regards to agriculture-related asthma. They would like about 40 participants who live or work on a farm located in West Lorne, Rodney and Dutton area to take part in the study that will assist with early recognition and prevention of asthma.

The meeting closed by repeating the Lords Prayer.

*February 18, 2009
We attended the Elgin
District Women's Institute
in Talbotville*

West Lorne Women's Institute News

Our December meeting was cancelled and we joined Wallacetown W.I. and many others

from Elgin County for a Christmas dinner at Lakewood. Close to 100 attended including a few brave husbands and a few guests.

A delicious turkey dinner was served followed by entertainment by Larry McGill and Gail Johnston who presented us with a variety of music, ranging from Christmas tunes to old time favourites.

Our regular January meeting took place Jan. 5 at the West Elgin Complex.

Thirteen members attended and sat down to a delicious luncheon of homemade soup, sandwiches, relishes and desserts.

Shirley Walker, our president, led in repeating the W.I. Ode and The Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was answered by each member telling what she does for relaxation.

Correspondence was read and other articles of business were discussed.

A motion was made by Nancy Lashbrook and seconded by Fran Graham that \$100 be donated to the Arts and Cookery Bank for the purchase of a brick for their pathway with the inscription "West Lorne Women's Institute."



Donation made to the Arts and Cookery Bank

There will be no meeting in West Lorne in February as it is the annual Winter Picnic held in St. Thomas.

In March, our sister club, Clachan, will be our guest at our regular monthly meeting.

Following the business a few fun games of bingo were played.

The Elgin District Women's Institute "Winter Picnic" was to be held in St James Church February 17, 2010 but was changed to Yarmouth. Shirley Walker and Mary Liepmann donated items for the tonis table.

West Lorne Women's Institute News

MAR. 18/10 CHRONICLE

Nancy Lashbrook

A few members from West Lorne Women's Institute attended the annual winter picnic held in St. Thomas last month. Our regular meeting was cancelled. At the March meeting we had our "sister club" from Clachan as guests. Twenty-two of us sat down to a bountiful luncheon prepared and served by the hostesses for the month, Martha Groniger, Olive Chambers, Barb Popham and Mary Lippold.

The guest speaker was Tobi Maniacco, a social worker for older adults. She discussed the many

forms in which elder abuse is seen: financial, emotional/psychological, physical, sexual, neglect and violation of rights. It is estimated that between 4%-10% of adults over 65 will experience some form of abuse. She gave reasons as to why it is so underreported and gave some general characteristics of a victim and an abuser. Anyone witnessing abuse within a long term care home MUST report it to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care 1-866-434-0144. Anyone concerned about a senior in the Elgin community can call the Elgin Senior Support Helpline from Monday to Friday 9am-5pm for information. Another

option is the 24 hr/7 day a week province wide Seniors Safety Line. It is available in 150 languages. Thus anyone of any culture can seek help and communicate in his or her chosen native tongue. This number is 1-866-299-1011. Tobi was thanked for her excellent presentation by Barb Popham.

Donna Driver was the winner of the door prize and Mary Lippold won the mystery prize. A short contest was played with the prize going to Janet Quinton. Before attending to a short business meeting President Shirley Walker thanked the hostesses. A request was made from the Great Ride and Stride for a

donation which was approved. Volunteers are needed to serve meals at the Plowing Match in September. Three members will be serving tea on Sunday at the Bobier Home and last on the agenda was a reminder of the Daffodil Tea in April. Next month's meeting will be held on April 6th. Annual dues are to be paid at that meeting.

OCT 8/08

13 branches together for fall meeting of WI

BY MARION MCKENZIE

FOR THE TIMES-JOURNAL

Elgin County District Women's Institute fall board meeting was held Sept. 15, at the Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Dr.

President Grace Campbell welcomed representatives from 13 branches of Elgin District Women's Institutes.

Meeting minutes of the 2008 District Annual were ratified as presented by the secretary.

Treasurer Pauline Lindsay distributed copies of the financial statement as of Sept. 15, 2008.

Correspondence:

1. The 2010 International Plowing Match is to be hosted in Elgin county. The London Area WI under the chairmanship of Joan Winfield is compiling a cook book which will be offered for sale at the plowing match. Each branch in the district is requested to submit five receipts, deadline for the submission is May 2009.

2. Joan Erickson reported on the Wellness Fair to be held Oct. 20 at the St. Thomas Seniors Centre, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by the Elgin RTO.

3. President Grace Campbell reported on The Woman of Excellence Award, noting the submission deadline date June 1 of each year.

Co-ordinator Reports:

1. ROSE report by Joanne Erickson. This is the 10th anniversary of sharing with many ROSE partners, informative programs have been presented by several branches in Elgin.

2. 4-H Scholarship report by Joanne Erickson and Jean Gooding. They circulated a picture of Nicole Watson, the recipient of the Dorothy Futcher Scholarship.

3. The Tweedsmuir History report by Helen VanBrenk. She reported that Elgin District WI would be hosting the 2009 workshop on Aug. 4 at the Southwold Keystone Complex, Talbot Line, Shedden.

4. Public relations report by Marion McKenzie. She presented the highlights of the WI activities during the past six months.

The Elgin County Museum report was given by Joan Mansell on Pinacross

Pottery 1948-2008. The official opening was Sunday, Sept. 2 p.m. The display will be on exhibit until Dec. 20.

PRO Marion McKenzie presented information on behalf of the Support of Dialysis in St. Thomas committee, noting the desperate need for establishing a renal dialysis clinic to keep patients in St. Thomas-Elgin.

There are currently 32 patients travelling to London, Ont., three times a week for dialysis, that's 96 round trips per week at a minimum of 60 kilometres per trip, in all weather conditions.

Mrs. McKenzie put forward a resolution supporting the creation of a renal dialysis unit for St. Thomas-Elgin to be located at St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital or another suitable location in the area.

All 13 branches repre-

sented gave 100 per cent support in favour of the resolution.

Coming events:

■ Feb. 9, Winter Picnic-Founding Day (Paynes Mills and Clachan) hosting;

■ March 23, Spring Board Meeting, chairman grace Campbell;

■ April 9 Daffodil Cancer tea, Bobier Home, Dutton;

■ May 13, District Annual, Bethany United Church, Shedden;

■ June 9, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario Conference, P.E.I.;

■ Aug. 4, Tweedsmuir Workshop, hosted by Elgin WI, Southwold Keystone Complex;

■ Sept. 9, Elgin County Plowing Match; Sept. 14, Fall Board meeting.

Following a nutrition break the meeting concluded with a reminder to all to "Go Green."



SUBMITTED

Cancer Tea

Fingal quilters have made and donated a quilt for the draw for the past 28 years. Ruby McGugan has made and donated a quilt for the last 4 years. Heather McAdam has donated \$100 of scrapbooking supplies. Tea has been hosted by all the Elgin Women's Institutes over the years. This year, Cowal and Wallacetown are hosting it at Bobier Villa April 12 at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are available from all Women's Institute members for the draw. All proceeds are donated to the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary to aid local cancer patients.

Elgin District Women's Institute Spring Board Meeting March 31

The meeting was held at 9:30 a.m at the Elgin County Administration Building, Sunset Drive, St. Thomas. President Joan Mansell welcomed representatives from eleven branches of Elgin District Women's Institute, and presented an article about "Earth Hour".

The W. I. Ode and Mary Stewart Collect were repeated by all in attendance.

Secretary Madeline Jenkins presented the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting held September 17, 2007.

Treasurer, Pauline Lindsay circulated a copy of the financial statement as of March 31, 2008.

Roll Call, "Bring a recycle bag" proved to be a fun topic, as most W.I. members are ardent recyclers.

F.W.I.O. report was forwarded by the Voting Delegate Ruth Gourley.

Reports:

R.O.S.E. Coordinator, Joanne Erickson reported that there are currently fourteen partners available to work with the W.I. to present programs of interest to the communities in Elgin County.

Tweedsmuir History, Helen VanBrenk extended an invitation to attend a Tweedsmuir Workshop to be held at the Woodham Centre, Kirkton, August 5, 2008.

In 2009, Elgin District will be responsible for hosting the workshop.

Scholarships, Joanne Erickson reported that two Elgin students entered the contest for the Scholarship, the title for the essay "A Gift to Last".

L.A.M.P., Faye Thorn reported on a Feb. 4 and 5 meeting of L.A.M.P. delegates held in Elgin County at Stoneridge. Folders were distributed entitled "Act for Clean Water", An introduction to Source Water Protection and conserving water.

Children's Hospital, in the absence of Mary Veenstra, Madeline Jenkins, displayed several Premie Bonnets and utility bags to be donated to Children's

Hospital. Several W.I. are taking part in the "Change Bandit" program for fund raising for the hospital.

P.R.O. Marion McKenzie presented a list of the highlights of the many events pertaining to Women's Institute activities for the past six months.

Duncombe Home report was presented by President Joan Mansell.

The Elgin County Museum display of the Scottish "Kist" exhibit was greatly enjoyed by W.I. members.

Dates to note:

April 12, The West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Tea. 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bobier Villa, Dutton.

April is Cancer month and W.I. members have been faithfully selling tickets on the beautiful quilt to be drawn for at this event.

In 2008 this annual affair is being hosted by the Wallacetown W.I. and the Cowal W.I.

The bake table, white elephant table, and craft table will be hosted by Elgin Branches.

This Auxiliary was chartered in 1967 before the Canadian Cancer Society. This fact allows the Auxiliary to keep and spend all of the money raised locally for cancer patients in Aldborough, Dunwich, and Southwold Townships.

May 14 District Annual, 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck at St. James Presbyterian Church, Ferguson Line, St. Thomas.

June 6 -8. Women's Institute Provincial Conference, St. Lawrence College, Kingston, Ontario.

Oct. 7. London Area Convention, Keystone Complex, Shedden.

Ontario Volunteer Awards were received by several members of Yarmouth Glen W. I. at the recent awards ceremony held at East Elgin Community Complex, Aylmer.

In closing all members were congratulated for "Making the World a Better Place".

LONDON AREA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



94th ANNUAL CONVENTION

THEME;

"INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE POTATO"

LOCATION

SOUTHWOLD KEYSTONE COMPLEX
35921 TALBOT LINE, SHEDDEN, ON
NOL 2E0

519-764-2865

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2008

MIDDLESEX EAST, MIDDLESEX NORTHWEST
ELGIN COUNTY

PERTH SOUTH, HURON SOUTH, HURON WEST
OXFORD DISTRICT



HOSTING CONVENTION:

The Elgin District Women's Institute hosted the 94th annual convention Tuesday at the Keystone Complex in Shedden. Shown from left are Grace Campbell, president Elgin District; Marion McKenzie, PRO for District; Joy Trimble, president Federation of Women's Institute of Ontario; Anne Innes, president London Area; and Joan Mansell, chairman of conference. (T-J photo by Robert Chaulk)

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NOTE

PLEASE BRING THIS PROGRAM WITH YOU
Year-end reports will be available to all members

IMPORTANT

Each Branch and District Secretary is asked to order and
Pay for in advance the number of lunch tickets (9.00) and
Banquet tickets (16.00) required by your group.

Do not include anyone on the Area Executive or Convenors
Please include a list of the names of people purchasing the tickets.
Cost of Meal Tickets includes Area expenses for the Convention.
Please send a **STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE**

With your order and a cheque made payable to London Area

To: **Mrs. Margaret Ogar, Treasurer**
205 North Centre Rd.

Unit 15

London, Ontario N5X 4E2
519-645-1245 – by September 24th, 2008

If a Billet is needed – Pauline Lindsay
(519-631-5247)

pauline.lindsay@explornet.com

Please remember to bring your current membership card, as you will
need this in order to vote.

Each Branch is asked to bring **pre-priced** articles for
“Our Country Store” valued up to \$10.00

Lug your own Mug

District President is responsible for bringing the District Banner and
placing it ahead of time

Wear your name tag and Women’s Institute Badge
Map is on the back

LONDON AREA WOMEN’S INSTITUTE 2008 – 9			
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Scholarship Chair	Debbie Bauer	37229 Dungannon Rd. R.R. #2 Auburn NOM 1EO	519-529-7820
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APPOINTMENTS			
	Western Fair	Marlyn Brady 5846 Cobble Hills Rd. R.R. #4 St. Marys N4X 1C7	519-461-0303
	Western Fair	Katherine McNaughton 14284 10 Mile Rd. R. R. #3 Ilderton NOM 2AO	519-666-0887
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	2009 Oxford	Sheila Greason, R.R. #4 St. Marys N4X 1C7	519-349-2768

BANQUET
CATERED BY FINGAL U.C.W.

October 7, 2008
 5:30 p.m.

PIPER: Caitlin Simpson

CHAIR: ANNE INNES

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GRACE

TOAST TO THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE GUESTS: Ilene Chesterman

GREETINGS: Warden of Elgin County - Jim McIntyre

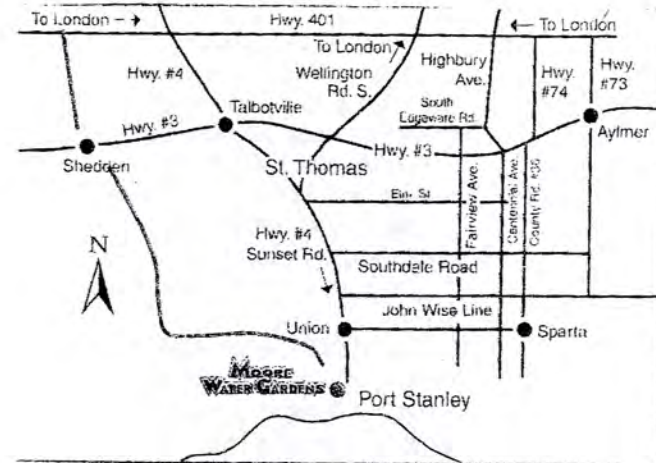
Presentation of Scholarships - Debbie Bauer

ENTERTAINMENT - West Elgin Choral Society - Director John Holland
 PRESENTATIONS - Anne Innes

CLOSING CEREMONY: RETIRE FLAGS

SING: ROYAL ANTHEM

2008 LONDON AREA CONVENTION DECLARED CLOSED



NOTES

22 Middlesex North West
 15 Perth South
 20 Oxford
 27 Middlesex East
 52 Elgin 14 branches - 13 branches now
 10 Huron Branches 15-21
 1 Huron South 21-2 week
 147 } used to be
 Green For Life 85 grown here }
 15 }
 know other way around. 1,766 members
 Club soda - food window cleaner 515 branches
 Aluminium foil - in dryer.
 Mary Eberle -
 \$5000 paint - Erland Lee -
 ACCW - Sorani donation \$15
 Open Magazine - fund raising WOW, sell tickets get 4

Elgin District Women's Institute news

By: C. Marion McKenzie, P.R.O. Elgin District W.I.

Fall Board Meeting, September 14, 2009

Representatives from twelve Women's Institute Branches met at the Elgin County Administration Building, Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, to deal with a very busy fall agenda.

President Grace Campbell welcomed the members and presented a humorous story entitled "What Went Wrong?"

Secretary Joan Mansell presented the minutes of the Spring Board Meeting. Treasures financial statement was circulated and read by Pauline Lindsay. Audrey Janes was ratified as Calton's District Director.

Congratulations of all present were extended to the two Women's Institute members nominated to receive the "Women of Excellence Fair Awards."

Nancy McGregor, recipient for the Rodney/Aldbrough Fair, and Grace Campbell for the Wallacetown Fair. Both ladies are very worthy of the honour.

Roll Call was answered by the member's response to the question, "What did you like about the London Area Tweedsmuir History Workshop?" hosted by Elgin District. The consensus of opinion was that it was a great success.

Convenor Reports: Joanne Erickson the district "Rose Coordinator" gave an excellent report of the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) seminar held Sept. 9, 2009 at the St. Thomas Youth Centre where Dr. Margaret Bertoldi was the featured speaker. There were twenty-one health

related displays and the presenter from each display gave a five minute "For Your Information" informative presentation.

Helen Van Brenk coordinator of the Tweedsmuir History Day for London Area held in August at the Keystone Complex thanked the many members who contributed their time and talents to provide a memorable day of history.

Interest was high in caring on the "Old Barn" collection of histories and photographs as an ongoing Tweedsmuir project.

Joan Mansell reported on the Elgin County Museum exhibition of Signature Quilts, with over twenty colorful quilts which originated from communities all over Elgin County and cover a period stretching from the 1890s to the 1960s. The exhibit runs from September 20/09 to February 28/10.

Jean Gooding and Joanne Erickson of the Scholarship Committee reported that Miss Lisa Watson, the winner of the scholarship and a former graduate of Parkside Collegiate, is presently attending Sr. Wilfred Laurier University. Madeleine Jenkins reported on the need for knitted garments for the Children's Hospital.

Marion McKenzie Public Relations Officer for the District gave a brief summary of the recent Women's Institute events and asked that members take note of the up-coming activities:

Oct. 4: County Car-A-Van Tour, 10 a.m. - 3p.m. Explore the Agri-food industry in Central Elgin, Malahide and

Bayham, a self-guided tour.

Oct. 15: 95th. London Area Conference hosted by Oxford area at The Oxford Golf and Country Club (Craigowan) The theme "Year of the Astronomy 2009" with Canadian Astronaut - Bjarni Trygvasson as the banquet speaker.

ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
12th District Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2009 @ 5:30 PM
Bethany United Church
35764 Talbot Line, Shedden, ON N0L 2E0
519-764-2668



THEME: "CHANGES"

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Nominating Com	Shirley Walker	519-768-1095
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Yarmouth Glen WI

Presentation of the Elgin County District Scholarship to Nicole Elizabeth Watson took place at the Dan Patterson Steamshow this past fall. Joan Mansell, Past President of Elgin District WI (on left) and Scholarship Convenor for the District, Joanne Erickson (on right) made the presentation. Nicole has shown outstanding progress and development, given excellent leadership and carries out club work of a high caliber in the 4-H Program. Nicole is presently in her first year at University of Guelph in the Bachelor of Agriculture and Bachelor of General Science programs hoping to pursue a career as a large animal veterinarian.



A beautiful quilt donated for charity.

JESSE CNOCKAERT/THE CHRONICLE

Grace Campbell, president of the Elgin County District Women's Institute, showed off a quilt which was hand-made by Ruby McGugan, a member of the Wallacetown Women's Institute. McGugan donated her quilt and it will be raffled off April 4 at Bobier Villa between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Funds will go toward the West Elgin Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Fund.

APR 2/09

HOSTESS BRANCHES: Shedden & Cowal

***NOTE:** Potluck Supper at 5:30 PM
Bring your own dishes and cutlery

REGISTRATION: 6:45 - 7:00 PM

WELCOME: Opening Ode & Mary Stewart Collect
President's Address

IN MEMORIAM: Middlemarch
HYMN: "Hymn of all Nations"

GREETINGS: London Area President – Debbie Bauer
Middlesex East President – Berniece Harris
Middlesex Northwest President – Joyce Morgan
London Area Voting Delegate – Ruth Gourley

FWIO Board Director of Southern Region – Marlene Archer

Ratification of Branch District Directors – Grace Campbell

ROLL CALL: Pennies for Friendship (receipt issued)

*State branch name, amount donated, number of active members,
how many present today, and total volunteer hours.

*Recall a special event held during the year.

MINUTES of 2008 District Annual (circulated)

TREASURER'S Report:

FINANCIAL EXAMINERS Report:

CORRESPONDENCE:

BUSINESS: Cancer Tea Report

CONVENOR Reports: R.O.S.E. Coordinator
Public Relations Officer
Tweedsmuir Curator
Advocacy Convener
4-H Scholarships

REPRESENTATIVES: Elgin Farm Safety
Elgin County Museum
Children's Hospital of Western Ontario
L.A.M.P.

2009-2010 BRANCH TWINS:

Boxall & Yarmouth Glen
Middlemarch & Crinan
Shedden & Cowal

Paynes Mill
River Road & Wallacetown
Kingsmill-Mapleton & Calton
Clachan & West Lorne

***EACH BRANCH** please bring a **PREPRICED** item under \$10.00
to the London Area Convention for the Country Store.
Give items to an executive member, if your delegate or alternate is
unable to attend the Area Convention.

*Branches to submit nominations for Woman of Excellence Award
to Elgin District Executive before June 1, 2009.

LIGHT & LIVELY: Wallacetown
Nominations Report.....
Election of Officers & Installation.....Debbie Bauer
Collection.....Hostess Branches
New Business.....
District Annual May 12, 2010 Invitation – Middlemarch & Boxall
Courtesies.....Pauline Lindsay
Adjournment
O Canada

Hymn of All Nations
This is my song, O God of all the Nations
A song of peace for lands afar and mine
This is my love, the country where my heart is
This is my hope, my dream, my shrine
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams the same as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover
And skies are sometimes blue as mine,
Oh hear my song, then God of all the Nations
A song of peace for their land and mine.

Knol Pres Church Wed May 12

LOOKING BACK

Date Oct. 1999

International Year Of The Older Person

By Twila McWilliam

A Grandmother's Legacy

Born June 24, 1923 at home, home births were very common especially in rural areas. Twenty-two years later when I had my first child, an uncomplicated delivery, could mean a hospital stay from 5 to 10 days. How things change.

I've seen many changes in my 76 years, and would like to tell you about my life and the changes that have occurred.

I remember when I was 4 years old. We lived on 21 Highway near Wabash, the highway was gravel. Department of Highways paved it from Thamesville to Dresden, and my mother boarded the workers. When I was a young child in the 30's, I learned the values of working hard and that even hard work meant you still might have to do without. I was lucky and my parents always made sure my sister and I had food to eat and warm clothes. Even though the "great depression" has been painted by history as one of the "worst of times" my sister and I had a great childhood. I remember Sunday afternoons in January when my father would hitch the horses to the "bob sleigh" loaded with hay and go up and down the concession roads and neighbor children would come out for a ride. I also remember knocks on the door and strangers wanting to work for a meal. Even if there was no work they were never sent away hungry and were offered a warm bed or a place to sleep in the barn. People are still in need as we approach the new millennium and we should remember to offer food and shelter to those less fortunate.

In 1941 I graduated from Chatham Vocational School and went to Chatham Business College. After graduation I worked in offices as temporary (while some on holidays) Full time jobs were hard to find. Part of the Wallaceburg Brass factory was converted to a "bomb room" for making gun shells for World War II. The pay was much better than office work and many around me in the office were going to the Bomb room, so I too became what was referred to as a "Rosey the Rivetter" Mother felt I was throwing my education away. I quit the factory in 1943, twenty days before I got married, as I had a home wedding which required much preparation and for a sit down dinner for over 80 guests.

In 1945 my husband and I had taken over the operation of the family farm. We had a new baby. my husband received notice to obtain his medical to see if he was fit for active duty. The Dr. determined his Heart was not sound and declared him unfit for war. I was relieved he didn't have to go to war, however His heart condition would change my life greatly. Today wars are called conflicts and there are so many we've stopped numbering them but the loss of human life remains the same.

We left the farm and started our own business in 1946. My husband was very mechanically inclined, So we purchased a garage with living quarters attached, built two cabins and renovated to include a small restaurant. Boy were we ambitious! There were no 400 series highways and #3 highway was a busy place (great for a hard working couple) I still shake my head and know my children doubt me when I Tell them about the Americans that would stop during the hottest part of the summer and wonder where The snow was. They knew very little about Canada back then. This was not surprising, few people Had the new invention called television and what you learned was in the paper or on the radio. Our world was much smaller back then. Today with the Internet and air travel so available to everyone We have a greater knowledge about people all over the world. My husband had no mechanic license And studied every evening finally getting the opportunity to try exams in January of 1947 which he Passed getting the Class A license which was the highest at that time.

In the early 1950's the #3 highway was reconstructed from Eagle to Kent Alborough Townline, taking Out many steep hills that had caused so many fatal accidents which proved beneficial to the wrecker And garage business, but bad on my husbands health. The province offered us a good price for our Property, it was too close to the road, and we sold and we moved to New Glasgow in 1957.

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With four children, cleaning, canning and helping with the business (running for parts) I had little time for outside activities. I joined the Presbyterian Church at New Glasgow in 1947 and have always been actively involved. Many laughs, recipes, friends and worthwhile pursuits have taken place in the New Glasgow Ladies Aid Society. My kids say they can't look at a penny without thinking about our penny Drive for the Missionary Society, and the traveling basket (another fund raiser) was always a hit at Our house. Today I'm still raising money for the church. I'm grateful I can't remember how many pot Scratchers I've crocheted for "Mission for Kids", but I'll keep crocheting because we are nearing \$6,000. I am so proud of the help we are giving to local families and children in Northern Korea Orphanages.

1963 will always be remembered as a tragic year. My husband died of a massive coronary. A thriving business and four children, thank goodness for family and friends. The garage was rented and I remarried. My new husband was a great friend and a great father, I stopped pumping gas and driving to the city for car parts, and started bailing hay and feeding pigs, and cattle. My mother-in-law had a huge garden and enjoyed sending green beans by what seemed the bushel basket. None of my children will eat a green bean to this day. I was also sewing and made several bridesmaid dresses for local brides, this proved to be a lot of work and very little money. My daughter and I started to figure out what I was working for. It was too depressing to think about. I still enjoy sewing and crafting, but realize you could never be compensated for the time and care you put into an item.

After 15 years of marriage my husband died from Diabetes. I met my third husband at a church function in 1981. We enjoyed 12 wonderful years together before he passed away in 1993 after several strokes. I Am a grandmother of 4 and 2 great granddaughters.

As a widow I try to keep busy in my community. I am active in the church missionary society, choir, Craft group, and Women's Institute. I joined the Institute in 1986. The W.I. is trying to implement In health care and our efforts to ensure rural communities have access to similar health related services And technology available to those in metropolitan areas. The W.I. promotes education in rural areas, Such as, breast screening, osteoporosis education and prevention and the community abuse program of Rural Ontario. In the over one hundred years of the W.I. many changes have been implemented, Pasteurized milk, sliced bread, signs on buses, slow moving vehicle signs and substantial local donations such as money to build the old town hall in West Lorne. W. I. Also donated much to the New hall.

I would like to thank the W. I. Honoring me as the oldest member in our branch. I have shared some of the changes I have experienced in my life, the changes of W.I. has invoked in their communities make Me proud to be associated with such a worthwhile organization. I hope to continue working with the W.I. for many more years.

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I have been a member of the West Lorne Women's Institute for many years. The year 1999 was declared The International Year of the Older Person.

Our meetings are always the 1st Tuesday of each month. In late Sept, our secretary received a letter from head office. The letter asked for the eldest member to write a Grandmother's Legacy, to be sent to head office by the end of Sept, consequently we did not receive it on time.

At our Oct. meeting they asked who was the eldest, which happened to be me. It was agreed that I would write it, and would be put in our Tweedsmuir book, which is kept at the library in West Lorne.

I completed it and gave it to the president at the end of the November meeting.

At our Christmas dinner Dec. 1999 when all the husbands and children attend, when dinner was finished, one member came to me with my legacy, and asked if I would read it. They pinned a corsage on me and pinned a ribbon with the words International Year of the Older Person, plus the home newspaper came and took my picture. When I finished reading I received much applause plus a standing ovation. I was very surprised as I had no idea what to write about.

This year 2001 the Head Office published a book of Grandmother's Legacy's, so of course mine was not published, due to being too late.