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Left to right:: Virginia Greening, Marjorie Doyle, Diane Cechvala, Effie Peiluck, Pat van Rysselet, Vicky Hrabluk, Nancy Bollenback, Marion Newsham, Sharon Romanow, Sandra Schultz, Marilyn Davis and Robin Myers-Keller showing off their fleece blankets

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During 2009, some service projects and events that took place in Manitoba included:

The Crocus Trefoil Guild started collecting 100 pairs of socks to be donated to the Siloam Mission. This was a project to celebrate Guiding's 100th Birthday. The Guild also made fleece blankets to be donated to charity. They packed 82 toiletry kits for Children's Hospital as did several other Guilds.

Pembina Trail Trefoil Guild participated in a breakfast program at Dalhousie

Elementary School, prepared and donated Christmas Hampers to the Winnipeg Inner City project as well as to Winnipeg Harvest. They donated clothes, food, toys and money to Osborne House tool.

Intermountain Trefoil Guild prepared hot chocolate packages for the Christmas Cheer hampers for Dauphin and Gilbert Plains.

The Portage Guild made blankets, scarves, and mittens and distributed them to the Women's shelter, Day cares, the Young Parent Resource

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Center and Koats for Kids. They prepared 60 bags of supplies for school kits to be sent to under developed countries.

Assiniboine exchanged ideas regarding what the Trefoil Guilds do and then joined Trefoil Guilds across Canada to support the Trefoil Guild Fiji Fund. Brandon Guild has sent school supplies overseas, purchased gifts and contributed to the Christmas Hampers. Several rooms in the Nurses' Residence are rented to family members from out of town who have to stay in Brandon due to family or friends admitted as patients to the hospital. The Guild purchased 11 alarm clocks and labelled them so that people would know who donated them. What an excellent way to get the name Girl Guildes out there!

The Winnipeg Guild continued to collect Campbell's soup labels and donated them to two of the schools in their area. Their focus at Christmas has been a hamper. This year it was donated to the Winnipeg Inner City Mission of Presbyterian Church of Canada. The members of the Guild attended the Whitehorse Emporium for a lunch and dessert buffet in June. All members had a lovely time and some ladies liked to shop as well!

Marjorie Doyle, Jean Sorko, Virginia Greening and Effie Peiluck from the Crocus Guild as well as Connie Fillion and Diane McClellan from Pembina Trail Guild attended the Trefoil Guild Gathering in Kamloops at the end of June. We shared many

ideas and experiences with the 348 Members who attended. There were delegates from Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and United States. This conference is every three years with the next one being held in Regina, SK in 2013.



*Bottom, left to right Effie Peiluck, Marjorie Doyle, Virginia Greening
Top, Jean Sorko, Diane McClellan and Connie Fillion*

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Winnipeg Trefoil Guild

Submitted by Irene Crofts



Winnipeg Trefoil Guild enjoying a barbeque at Helen Pomeroy's Home

Front: Allison Cowell, Genny LeBlanc, Billie Rutherford, Heather Cullaton, Hilda Greenlough, Jo Shaene, Joyce Hill, Ruth Henry

Back: Betts Havens, Roz Holland, Nancy Holland, Doreen Botterweg, Barb Friesen, Libby Downes, Erna Sullivan, Ina Allaire, Helen Pomeroy

In the fall of 1981, Evelyn Williams, Winnipeg Area Commissioner asked Gwen Muir to form a Trefoil Guild for the Winnipeg Area. This Guild was registered October 6, 1981.

The Winnipeg Trefoil Guild has continued in much the same way as it did for the first nineteen years! However, some significant changes have taken place. We have had to accommodate the winter travel plans of more retired members and to change our meeting places in order to have access for wheelchairs and walkers!

Since 1982, we have organized, staffed and provided the crafts for a cart table at the annual Camp Tea to raise funds for the established camp at Caddy Lake, however, we were beginning to slow down, and in 2003 we worked with the Southeast Winnipeg Trefoil Guild

on the table.

In September 1999, we began holding a meeting on the official Registration Night, an idea we borrowed from the Assinboine Area Trefoil Guild, in order to get our fees in more promptly and we have combined this administrative function with a service project. For some years we made school kits in cloth bags for the Mennonite Central Committee for schools in Iraq. Another Registration Day project has been making health kits (toothbrush, comb, etc.) for Ronald McDonald House and the hospitals to give to people who come to the hospital on an emergency basis and have nothing with them.

Our Trefoil Gold has continued to support the various functions for all the Trefoil Guilds in our Province: an Annual Fall Luncheon in Portage la Prairie or

Brandon, a Thinking Day Dinner in February, initiated by our Trefoil Guild, and now organized on a rotational basis by the various Winnipeg Guilds; and the Provincial Annual Meetings. In 2005, our group undertook knitting 95 pairs of mitts for the Girl Guides' 95th Birthday. We donated them to several charities!

In 1999 we finally managed to sort out our "identity"! When we started in 1981, Winnipeg was one Area and we were the Trefoil Guild for the Winnipeg Area; however, in 1988 the Winnipeg Area was divided into four Areas, none of which knew much about the Trefoil Guild. We were attached in one of the Areas for administrative purposes, but had no real connection. We had Members who lived in all the Areas. As new Trefoil Guilds were formed in new Areas, some of our Members went to those Guilds that were closer to home. A most recent change was that Irene Crofts has now retired as Secretary and Newsletter Editor after 25 years and wishes the new Secretary every success!

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You're Invited!

Fall Trefoil Guild Fall Luncheon

Winnipeg Trefoil Guild invites you to attend the Annual Fall Luncheon

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010
Time: 11:30 a.m. and gather to eat at noon
Where: Herman Prior Senior Center, Portage la Prairie, MB
Cost: \$13.00 per person
RSVP to: Ruth Henry phenry@mts.ca by Sept 1st, 2010

Totally accessible and all services available
Program and information to follow

Tell Us Your Stories

If you have any news or service projects to share with other Guilds for this Newsletter, please send the information to Marjorie Doyle (editor) at doylemj@mts.net or to Effie Peiluck (Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser) at pegeiluck@yahoo.ca. "The News" will be published three times a year.

Brag a little. We want to hear what you've been up to!