

SDCI Explorer's Club hosts documentary film screening



On November 5, Strathroy District Collegiate Institute (SDCI) hosted a film screening of “We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes.” This screening was generously sponsored by the Strathroy & District Historical Society and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 278 - Thedford. Proceeds from the event will help support the SDCI Explorer’s Club’s upcoming “Giro Finale” Trip.

This award-winning documentary film discusses the true story of 40,000 volunteer teenage girls, called Farmerettes, who ensured critical food production during the Second World War. Following the screening was a Q & A with the filmmakers, Colin Field and Bonnie Sitter. In March 2026, the SDCI Explorer’s Club will embark on the adventure of a lifetime as 42 students and 7 teachers travel to Belgium, France and Italy over 10 days. They will visit the Colosseum and the Pantheon, enjoy gelato and chocolate, and marvel at the art and fashion of Europe!

While visiting war cemeteries in Europe, students will pause to remember the Adair Brothers of Strathroy – Charles, Robert and Ken, who were killed in the Second World War.

The Explorer’s Club at SDCI began in 2008 and provides students with the opportunity to expand their horizons and travel internationally.

Learn more about their trip and follow along at <https://sites.google.com/view/sdciexplorersclub/home>