

A message from new JWIO president

As the winter winds blow, a new year begins. 1984 is Ontario's Bicentennial; a year of celebrations! Many communities have special programs planned with many branches taking an active part in them. The Junior Women's Institute of Ontario have presented (22) maple trees to the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton, to be planted around the Women's Institute Hall to commemorate Ontario's Bicentennial. These trees represent the number of Junior Women's Institute branches in Ontario.

Congratulations to Jean Scott, Riverside and West End branches on their work in organizing the 1983 Fall Conference held in Guelph. It was an excellent conference with 105 registrants and invited guests. Our best one yet.

Congratulations are extended to Marg Greig of Howick, Linda Tottenham of North Grey, Nancy Alton of Lucknow, Donna Clark of Aberdeen and Ruth McCurdy of Hastings in receiving the Certificate of Merit presented to these members for their outstanding work in branch at provincial levels.

The Junior Women's Institute award was presented to Carol Godenede of Howick branch. Congratulations Carol and best wishes in your future studies.

As your new provincial president, I hope to carry on in June's footsteps; continuing to promote Junior Women's Institute and help in its growth throughout the province.

Junior Women's Institute hopes to continue to meet the needs of our members and especially those of other young women in our communities, encouraging them to become involved in Women's Institute. Remember, in order for us to succeed we must all work together as a conscious group, and not just leave it up to the executive, whether it be at branch level or provincial level. A reminder to you that there is a membership drive on and we hope to reach our goal of 500 by May 1st, 1984. It will take every one of us to reach this objective.

A bit about myself. I live with my husband Ken and son Andrew on a dairy farm near Belleville. Our family farm has been in operation for over

125 years. I am active in the community, being involved with 4-H; having received Advanced Honors in the homemaking clubs and leading 4-H for 10 years, director on Stirling fair board, and a member of the United Church and Rebecca's. I have been extremely active in J.W.I. over the past seven years, being active in my branch as Public Relations

Officer, President and serving on several committees. On the provincial level I have served as program advisor, board director and vice president.

On behalf of my family and myself we wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year.

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