



## Update from JWIO president

Here we begin, a fresh new start. Your April 1 elections should have taken place and I hope you have some new faces on your executive as well as some new faces in your membership. Fresh new ideas help to keep interests going and friendship spreading.

The spring district meetings should be well under way. District 1 is holding their meeting on Saturday, April 13 and will be hosted by Hastings Branch; District 2 meets in May with the host Branch, Villa Nova; and, District 3 will be meeting on Saturday, April 13 with the host branch being North Grey. I hope you will try to attend the Spring District Meeting in your area. It will give you a chance to enjoy some workshops and meet some new friends as well as old friends, and guess what, there is no business. This is really a chance for you to enjoy some of the learning experiences of other J.W.I. members. Please try to attend and support your district.

The Women's Institute has formed a committee called Concerns of the Women's Institute of the Future. This Committee is headed by Mrs. Verna Maluske who is a past president of the F.W.I.O. Carol Hyde and myself have been attending these meetings and have learned quite a bit. The committee will be putting forth recommendations to the Board of the F.W.I.O. in the fall. Please, if you have any issues of concern or any ideas, let us know by dropping Carol or myself a line. I am only too pleased to pass on your comments.

The Rural Organizations and Services Branch sends out a publication called Network. In the past issue were a few bits of information I would like to pass on to you.

1. Promotional kits containing a poster and brochures to stimulate ideas for International Year of the Youth are now available.
2. Joyce Canning has compiled a list of program resources for rural

women's groups from publications to audio-visual aids.

If you'd like a copy of either of these issues, please contact Network, R.O.S. Branch, Guelph Agriculture Centre, P.O. Box 1030, GUELPH, Ontario. N1H 6N1.

Let's look ahead! Fall Conference, our 16th, will be held this year hosted by Howick J.W.I.

Has your branch been sending it's contributions to **A little Bit More of Everything?** This publication is in great demand and it can only work with your support.

The J.W.I. will be making a presentation at the F.W.I.C. Conference being held in June from the 16th to the 20th in London, Ontario. We would be very pleased to see some J.W.I. faces there for support. The J.W.I. presentation is on Tuesday, June 18 in the morning. If you could be there for support it would be very much appreciated. For more information about the F.W.I.C. Conference, contact Mrs. Velma Ritchie,

R.R. #3, Parkhill, Ontario, N0M 2K0.

How is your project for the International Year of the Youth going? If nothing else, you could support some youth groups or even send a boy or girl to camp. Your help is needed with the Youth in this special year dedicated to them.

Well, enough for this publication, we will try to keep you informed of what is happening if only you will read our letters. One important thing to remember is to publicize what you do, no matter how small. We will soon educate people as to why the J.W.I are and why. We are here to achieve, not just one goal or purpose, but endless goals and purposes.

Your support has been great, keep up the good work and keep those cards and letters coming.

**Yours for Home and Country**  
**MARION KOEPKE**  
**Provincial President**



*The members of Forester Falls Branch have reason to smile these days. After several years of extensive lobbying, flashing signals were installed at the CNR crossing near the village. (The visibility at the crossing was very poor and with increased traffic to the area, a disaster was inevitable).*