

# Acid rain, alcohol ads, tackled

Five of a possible 17 resolutions submitted by Women's Institute Areas were sustained at the FWIO annual board meeting in November.

WHEREAS used bottles and cans are hazardous to the environment and our health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urge the Ontario Minister of the Environment and the Ontario Minister of Health to introduce legislation to make all pop and alcoholic beverage containers refundable.

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WHEREAS the topic of acid rain is being discussed at many levels of government, and many studies and some money has generated an awareness of the problem; and WHEREAS our trees, lakes and soil are perceived to be deteriorating at an alarming rate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FWIO request the Ontario Ministry of the Environment give **top priority** and take effective action now to reverse damage to the environment.

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## Resolutions Convenor

Janet Hiepleh



WHEREAS many Canadians view telephone service as an essential service that must be maintained at an affordable price for all; and

WHEREAS many residential subscribers, especially rural dwellers, senior citizens and the disabled, depend on the telephone for all forms of communication — business, social, medical and emergency services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FWIO inform the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission that our organization disagrees with the principal of rate-rebalancing.

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WHEREAS the advertising of alcoholic beverages on television portrays the drinking of alcohol as essential to have a "good time"; and WHEREAS there is increasing use and abuse of alcohol in our society;

and WHEREAS alcohol is a potentially addictive drug which can lead to tragic social consequences; and WHEREAS the victims of alcohol addiction put a very heavy burden on the health care and correctional systems of this province; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FWIO request the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations to take action to ban the advertising of alcoholic beverages on television in Ontario.

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WHEREAS our present judicial system has been far too generous in the size of some awards to personal injury claims of accident victims; and WHEREAS every facet of our Canadian society is being threatened by the high cost of providing protection against liable action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the FWIO urge the Attorney General of Ontario and the Department of Justice to monitor the judicial system to assure that a more realistic and careful assessment of each case is made before ruling on a settlement.

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## How to get involved — Ag in the Classroom

Suzanne  
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Agriculture in the Classroom programs are receiving more and more interest across the country, as government and non-government groups are providing school children and their teachers with lots of information and resources on agriculture.

Getting on the Agriculture in the Classroom bandwagon is easier now than ever before. What can you or your organization do to help? One concept that seems to be popular, efficient and very effective is the consolidated approach.

Perth Women for the Support of Agriculture, Federation of Agri-

culture, Pork Producers, Milk Committee, Egg Producers, and Women's Institute formed the Perth County Agriculture in the Classroom Committee. Together they plan and implement teacher training in conjunction with units of study prepared by Perth educators. This team approach has



been highly successful and is now being adopted by other counties.

Currently the Ontario primary/junior science curriculum is being

rewritten. If you believe agriculture is on the leading edge of technology and that the well-being of Canadians can be linked to the scientific accomplishments of Canadian agriculture research, then let the Ontario Ministry of Education know you want agriculturally literate citizens graduating from Ontario's schools.

Agriculture in the Classroom is not for the short-sighted — there are no quick fix-ups to agricultural problems. Agriculture issues are wide ranging and complex. Helping students understand them is what Ag in the Classroom is all about.

Suzanne Leitch is chairman of the upcoming National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference and a member of Women for the Support of Agriculture.