

JWI potential is unlimited

"Whatever the mind can conceive and you can bring yourself to believe, you can achieve!"

For me, the next year in Junior Women's Institute is limited only by our imagination and our desire to believe in ourselves!

At our recent fall conference, held at Solina, I sensed a mood of renewed enthusiasm and commitment at both the branch and provincial levels. I am honored that you have expressed your faith in my leadership by asking me to be your president for the next year.

My involvement in WI goes back a long way, to my earliest days in a rural community in Halton. Through 4-H, WI scholarships and Junior Farmers, I gained an appreciation of the deep concern the WI has for rural women. More recently, I have served on the JWIO executive and as editor of our book, *Still More of Everything*. The highlight of my Institute years was serving on the provincial board of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario from 1983 to 1985.

Carol Hyde

The network of friends I have made in WI enriches my life.

The WI has changed and is being challenged to change and grow even more. I too have felt the pull of our busy world. To try to meet the needs of two sons, one clergy-husband, church ties, a full-time museum job, Institute work and needs.

It is towards this challenge that I will try to lead the JWI during this year. We will be taking the last half of the motto, "for personal growth and community involvement" to heart. Every branch will be challenged to find at least one real need in their community and then do something creative to meet it. I hope this will involve branches with other community groups. A sense of working and achieving something together is very rewarding.

I have always felt the existence of a close bond between JWI and FWIO. It has been gratifying for me to see a slow but steady growth in communication and mutual understanding in recent years. We have so much in common that mutual respect should be automatic. The ways in which the work is accomplished is immaterial. The end result — community enrichment — is the goal of all of us. That is why, I personally, have never been hung up on names and ages. The work, whether accomplished by 20 year-olds or 80 year-olds, is still accomplished! An atmosphere of open dialogue and shared experience is green hat thinking. Who needs black hat thinkers all the time?

In closing, I would like to thank the other members of my executive for coming on board. Together we can make this ship either sail or flounder. It's up to us to make all JWI members believers in themselves.

Carol Hyde
JWIO President

Annual meeting, tours speakers at fall conference

The Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario held their annual conference in October, focusing on an annual meeting, several presentations and tours.

A new executive (listed on this page) was elected and complete updates were given on our commitment to the Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association; our book, *Still More of Everything*; and the new constitution.

The JWIO Scholarship Award was presented to Anne Hart of Hastings JWI Branch. Anne is studying to be a Registered Nurse. Also, Certificates of Merit were presented to Jane Hall and Carol Hyde for their work on *Still More of Everything*. Diane Walbridge, Bonnie Prevost and Henrietta Clause also received Certificates of Merit on the recommendations of their branches.

Carol Stewart-Kirkby, editor of *Home & Country*, and Barb Weese, Rural Organization Specialist, led the group through a discussion on different attitudes, identified by different

colored hats. The remainder of the conference was sprinkled with accusations of black hat thinking or plaudits for green hat thinkers! We all came away impressed by the power of our attitudes to color our success or failure.

FWIO President Charlotte Johnson brought us up-to-date on the 90th anniversary convention in 1987, the upcoming free trade seminar and other news.

Ken Knox, director of the Farm Products Marketing Branch of the

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, was the banquet speaker. He urged all JWI branches to set some realistic goals and to become more visible in the community.

Tours of the home of the founder of General Motors, Col. Sam McLaughlin, and of Cullen Gardens in Oshawa rounded out the weekend.

Thanks to Village People Branch for hosting the conference. The 1987 conference will be held in the Brant-Haldimand area on Oct. 16 to 18.

Carol Hyde

New JWIO executives

(Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario 1986-1987 Executive)

Past President:

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