
Leadership Development Conference

The Leadership Development Committee of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) are pleased to announce a conference to be held May 13 to 15, 1988 at Queen's University, Kingston.

The committee suggests one delegate from each branch, district and area attend the conference, in particular the program coordinator OR the public relations officer.

The conference has several goals.

1. To stimulate interest in identifying local community projects.
2. To motivate and develop leadership in the areas of program planning and promotional activities.
3. To provide direction in program planning.
4. To educate the members re: the issue of waste management/recycling.

5. To initiate 100 rural recycling projects across Ontario by January 1990.

Accommodation, meeting rooms, meals are located close together.

For more information, contact your FWIO Board Director or consult the written information which was sent to branch secretaries in January.

Resolutions are for everyone

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president Charlotte Johnson. This gives her time to check it and possibly gather more supportive material or check if the resolution has been presented previously.

When the sustained resolution reaches the provincial board, it is reviewed by the resolutions committee and the supportive material checked. It is then discussed by the board as a whole. It is your responsibility to make sure that your board director(s) are well-informed on the resolution. It is the board director's responsibility to take note of the discussions, so that she can speak to the resolution at the board meeting.

The provincial convener then sends on the sustained resolution to the correct places accompanied by a letter which incorporates the supportive material which you provided. That is why the material must be current and correct. The resolutions which are not sustained are returned with an explanation.

It seems like a slow process but as we have no provincial convention at which resolutions can be discussed, it is a democratic process in which representatives from all over Ontario have given their views and support. It is not just the random ideas of a few people.

The amount and diversity of the resolutions indicate the awareness of the members of problems facing

society. If we don't let it be known that we disagree with something, we will have no chance to change it. Politicians are sensitive to the needs and wishes of their constituents — if not, they should be. Our organization alone has almost 24,000 voting members.

The explanations above were prompted by questions asked me at the area conventions. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for the warm receptions accorded me at these conventions. It was truly a wonderful and educating experience to attend them for my first time.

Just to remind you that this winter each branch was sent two mailings — one in December '87 and one in January '88. Make sure each officer who was sent information receives it. If the wrong person gets it, then the new names and addresses have not been forwarded to the office.

There are a number of ways in which we get news to the branch:

- a) direct mail
- b) your district director brings back a report to the branch of the district meeting at which a report is given of the subdivision meeting
- c) the district annual
- d) area conventions
- e) **Home & Country** which prints reports after both the annual and semi-annual meetings of the board.

Every member in every branch receives a copy of **Home & Country**. Make sure that you fill in the form sent to you in December to update the name and address of the person who is to receive the bundle of magazines.

We realize the importance of the branches being informed. The above are some of the avenues of communication open to us, the rest is up to you.

Margaret Munro is the President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

WSA has partnership guide

The Women for the Survival of Agriculture have put together a new booklet called *Cover Your Assets — A Guide to Farm Partnerships*. The publication is free and may be obtained by writing to Dianne Harkin, R.R. #1, Winchester, K0C 2K0.