

Help make WI communication lines work

Communication is an essential ingredient in our lives. It comes in many forms — on a one-to-one basis between two people, or through television via satellite to reach millions. Whatever form it takes, it is a vital part of our interactions, learning and sharing information. Imagine your life without newspaper, TV, radio, telephone, mail service and neighbors.

Our organization has a large communication network with a unique information reporting system. Communications received are not only for information, but for action. If action does not follow, there is a breakdown in the chain and a component of the overall picture is missing, causing problems.

As an example, the treasurer has a number of responsibilities. Among these are the following.

BRANCH TREASURER

— sends in the fees and assessments, and names and addresses of life members to the district treasurer by FEB. 1.

DISTRICT TREASURER

— compiles all the branch reports and sends them on to the FWIO office by APRIL 1.

As you will see, if the district treasurer does not receive branch reports on time she cannot meet her deadline.

At the same time, the district treasurer forwards to the FWIO office the names, addresses, telephone numbers of the branch president and secretary/treasurer. This is how we compile and update our mailing lists so that we may send our communications to the correct person. If the wrong person receives them, then there has been a breakdown somewhere along the line.

DONATIONS REPORT

This report is now completed by the TREASURER at all levels.

The BRANCH TREASURER forwards the donations report to the district treasurer at least 10 DAYS prior to the district annual meeting.

Between the Lines

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The DISTRICT TREASURER compiles these reports and adds on the district's donations. She then forwards the written report IMMEDIATELY to the area treasurer and gives the oral report at the district annual.

The AREA TREASURER compiles all the district donations reports and adds the area's donations. She then forwards her report to the FWIO office before SEPT. 1, to be compiled for the annual meeting of the FWIO Board.

This is a very important and interesting document, showing the trends of our financial support to communities and organizations across Ontario.

FWIO BOARD DIRECTORS receive the final report and in turn passes the information to the members.

This is the report which I referred to at the area conventions last fall. The Women's Institutes gave well over \$700,000 across Ontario last year. The report indicated that organizations who fund raise to support their projects, as do Women's Institutes, received more money from the WI at branch, district and area levels than was donated to our own projects. This is certainly food for thought.

Reports by other convenors and officers come through our communications system much the same way — the work of every elected person is important. Communications are a two-way street, enabling us to reach and receive communication from the grass roots, the lifeblood of the organization.

We will endeavor to do our part, with your cooperation, so that we may all work together for Home & Country.

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

Congratulations...

Congratulations to the following branches of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario on their anniversaries.

Kinsale WI, Ontario South — 90 years

Kemble WI, Grey West — 90 years

Ethel WI, Huron East — 85 years

Rockton WI, Wentworth North — 85 years

Allenwood WI, Simcoe Centre — 80 years

Minden WI, Victoria East — 80 years

Edgeley WI, York West — 75 years

Wellandport WI, Lincoln — 70 years

Sunderland WI, Ontario North — 60 years

Best wishes also to the following Women's Institute members.

Kathleen Fennell, Dorothy Adair, Erindale WI — Certificate of Merit

Beulah Jones, Junetown WI
— 37 years of service

Pearl Green, Lake Dore WI
— Life Membership

Margaret Arnold, Mary Black, Margaet Odor, Maple Valley WI
— Life Memberships

Lillian Lindsay, Castleford WI
— Life Membership

Doris Ferguson, Castleford WI
— Certificate of Merit

Florence Bell, Rena Foster, Bertha Mead, Cherry Valley WI
— Life Memberships

Bertha Wilson, Ruth Rose, Verna Kuake, Edith Davis, Bernice Trivers, Flo Wlaton, Marie Brown, Willow McDiarmid, Nobleton WI
— Certificates of Merit