

Associated Country Women of the World Update

The theme of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Council Meeting in July was Looking for Tomorrow's Solutions to Today's Problems. One topic covered was AIDS. There were two speakers, one each from Zambia and Kenya. Each country has to contend with differing cultures and beliefs in addressing their problems. As an example, radio is the best medium for reaching people in Zambia as there are no magazines. AIDS is a global issue which we cannot ignore; it affects all countries and cultures. Educating the public is a priority. The fight is against AIDS, not against the people suffering from the disease.

Money for operating ACWW is an ever present problem, especially since donations of **unknown** amounts represent the bulk of revenue. Some societies are not as generous in giving their Pennies for Friendship as the WI societies in Canada, making budget setting very difficult. I would at this time like to

Between the Lines

Margaret Munro



thank all members in Ontario for their support of ACWW.

I am often asked how many societies are members of ACWW. The following is a breakdown:

177 Contributing Societies (All the WI societies in Canada come under this status with the exception of Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario.)

45 Associated Societies (accepted by Council) JWIO is an Associated Society

203 Corresponding Societies

2,671 Life Members (Individual Membership)

6,611 Contributing Memberships (Individual Membership)

1,290 Contributing Groups.

The ACWW Triennial Conference of ACWW will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, Sept. 21 to Oct. 1, 1989. At that time it will hold its 60th anniversary.

The theme for the conference workshops is Partners in Progress. Topics covered will be:

1. Changing Family Structures
2. Progress in Family Health Programs
3. Our Agricultural Interdependence and its Impact on Society
4. Energy for Living

Details of the conference have not yet been received with the exception of the registration fee of 45 pounds sterling and the convention fee of \$125 U.S. Details will be made available as soon as they are received by the office.

WI Members tackle IPM catering job

The biblical story of the feeding of the multitudes must have been in the minds of the Perth County WI members working at the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show in September!

Two years ago in August, the branches in Perth met to discuss the possibility of running the official catering tent at the IPM, and six WI members, Roberta Dundas, Doris Denham, Verna Young, Ruth Ann Duncan, Helen Sinclair and Ann Stacey were appointed to the first organizing committee. Their job was to assemble the physical requirements and volunteers necessary to provide both fast foods and full course dinners to visitors throughout the IPM, as well as catering three banquets and serving on-site meals for the VIP's and Queen of the Furrow contestants.

By April of '88, all plans were being finalized. Ann Stacey says the work couldn't have been done without the help of all 38 Perth WI branches. The initial set-up costs alone, for the tent and rental of stoves, freezers, fridges and microwaves were about \$15,000.

One of Ann's biggest jobs each day of the Match was to pick up the 200 to 300

pounds of meat for each day and take it to Avonton Presbyterian Church where it was cooked. Fruit pies and muffins served in the tent were also prepared by members and brought to the site by 30 to 35 volunteers who staffed the booth each day.

Organizers agree it was a once in a

lifetime job, and while they were flattered by Essex County's invitation to repeat their role as official caterers at IPM in 1989, they are just as happy to pass on the responsibility to someone else. As Ann Stacey says, "You'll learn a lot by doing it, but you'll only do it once!"

Congratulations...

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

85 years

New Filos WI, Simcoe Centre
Annan WI, Grey North
Staffa WI, Perth South
Cathcart WI, Brant South

60 years

Seaforth WI, Huron South
Metcalf WI, Carleton East

50 years

Carry-On WI, Wellington North
Innisville WI, Lanark South

Best wishes to the following Women's Institute members:

Life Memberships

Mabel Cawker, Ontario South District
Mrs. C. W. Downey, Bowmanville WI
Jean Reaney, Metcalfe WI
Charlotte Mercer, Star of the North WI
Marion McCaughey, Ellen Vivian,
Staff WI
Jean Bye, Agnes Hofman, Laura
Knight, Annan WI
Irma Culver, Gertrude Nicks, Lynnville
WI

Certificates of Merit

Winnie Collver, Lynnville WI
Marion Johnson, Annan WI
Beulah Jones, Junetown WI
Jennie Dow, Metcalfe WI