
FWIO Annual Meeting highlights

The board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario met for its annual meeting in November in Mississauga.

Several newsworthy items were on the agenda and should be noted by members for future reference.

Centennial

A committee has been appointed to plan for the 1997 celebration of the Women's Institutes 100th anniversary. Details will follow as plans unfold in the coming years. If you have any ideas or comments about the centennial, please send them to the FWIO office, P.O. Box 1030, Guelph, NIH 6N1.

Leadership Training

A leadership training workshop for 30 area representatives called Visions for Volunteers was held Jan. 17 to 19.

Theme

The theme for the 1989-90 WI year is Women and the Environment. Also, June has been designated as WI month. If WI members are planning projects or events or the spring, they are encouraged to focus their activities on June.

Ontario Farm Women's Network

FWIO Program Coordinator Hilde Morden is working on the Ontario Farm Women's Network Planning Committee for its March Conference, to be held March 20 to 22 at the Novotel Hotel, Mississauga.

Nicaragua

FWIO President Margaret Munro has been accepted to be a member of the 16-person Oxfam Farmers' Brigade "Women in Agriculture" Study Tour of Nicaragua in March. Presentations about the tour will be made at the Women in Development Conference (see information pages).

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

The FWIC conference will be held in Victoria in 1991. FWIC is sponsoring a competition of folklore stories. The story must be written by an individual branch member and be about 500 to 1,000 words long. It must be typed,

using double spacing on 8 by 11 1/2 paper and include the name of the member, address, telephone, name of branch, district, area and number of subdivision, in a sealed envelope. Each district is responsible for organizing the competition in the district and selecting one to be sent to the area.

Associated Country Women of the World

The 1989 triennial conference will be held in September in Kansas City, Missouri. Information came available just before the board meeting. Speak to your board director if you want to know more.

Ten resolutions approved by FWIO board

Ten resolutions were approved by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) Board at its annual meeting in November. They covered a broad range of topics.

1. seeking more uniform sentencing for criminals
2. ban of all alcoholic beverages on television
3. all retirement and rest homes be subject to government regulations, with frequent, unscheduled inspections
4. no day parole or temporary absence passes for convicted murderers or rapists
5. flashing amber warning lights on school buses

6. special funding for care for ambulatory Alzheimer patients
7. mandatory recycling in all municipalities in Ontario
8. mandatory ingredient labelling on all fast food, restaurant and catering services
9. mandatory labelling on all manufactured foodstuffs sold in Canada, specifically identifying any flavoring or coloring
10. investigation and testing for a safer pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine

If you want more details on any of these resolutions, contact your closest FWIO board director or the Resolutions Chair (see page 2).

Back in the saddle again

readers find at least one item of interest to them as they leaf through the pages. Now that I'm back, I'd like to hear from you — what you like, what you don't like about this publication. My address is on page two. I'll be waiting!

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There was a slight mix up with the mailing of the Dec. Jan. Home & Country. To avoid opening sealed bundles,

some packages had two labels attached to them. The one on top was correct. Some very conscientious readers wrote or returned the extra magazine. I apologize for this problem. I hope everyone eventually got their bundle. If you didn't, please drop me a note, or call and we'll do our best to correct the situation.