
FWIO Have "Caught Wave Into the Future"

President of the FWIO, Peggy Knapp, addressed board members at the opening of their annual meeting on November 27, 1990. She expressed that it was an honour and a privilege to serve the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Her address opened with a quote from Shakespeare - "There is a tide in the affairs of men when taken at the

full..." She then went on to describe the treacherous waters off Maui where one must ride the wave at the right time. Peggy trusts that the FWIO have caught the wave and will ride it into the future.

Other highlights of the evening included: a slide presentation by Donna Russett of the anniversary celebrations held last summer be-

tween the National Federation of Women's Institutes in England and Wales and the FWIO members; a display by Jane Croft of gifts and souvenirs from this trip; and, another presentation of slides by Margaret Munro of her exchange visit to Nebraska last summer.

In the days to follow, several new members were elected to the Executive and Board of Directors. An up-to-date list of the FWIO Officers can be found on page 2. As well, a variety of resolutions were passed; many following the "Women and the Environment" theme.

Public Relations Officer, Geraldine Campbell, reminded all Board Directors, with the assistance of either their Area or District Executive, to meet with their local MPP and inform them about Women's Institutes and their activities and resolutions.

Joan Law, Resolutions Convenor, urges all WI members to write letters to their Municipal Government requesting them to prohibit the cutting of healthy growing trees along roadsides. She also requested that WI members write to their Members of Parliament and the various ministries (as outlined in Resolution No. 11) urging them to pass legislation legalizing the Living Will.

Resolutions Approved at 1990 Annual Board Meeting

Twelve resolutions were approved by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario at their annual meeting in November. They included:

1. requesting the Ministry of the Environment to pass legislation regulating manufacturers and distributors to pay a refund for the return of soft drink and juice bottles and cans;
2. petitioning the Attorney General of Ontario to increase staffing and funding to the Support and Custody Enforcement Offices across the province so that they may adequately carry out their mandates;
3. appealing to the Ministry of Health and the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services to maintain adequate support for Homemakers Services;
4. petitioning the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada to make fair and reasonable compensation to Thalidomide victims;
5. persuading the Ministry of the Environment to pass legislation to ban the launching of balloons into the atmosphere;
6. urging the Ministry of the Environment to change Regulation 309, 1:27, of the Environmental Protection Act to prohibit the disposal of all hazardous wastes in sanitary landfill sites;
7. requesting the Ministry of the Environment to require that all sanitary landfill operators provide facilities for the collection of household, commercial and industrial hazardous waste, and provide for transportation of such material to hazardous waste treatment facilities;
8. pressuring the Government of Canada to enact legislation to the effect that all frozen foods carry a clear consumer "best before" date;
9. urging all members at branch, district, area and provincial levels to refrain from using "plastic foam" products, such as disposable cups, trays and egg cartons;
10. pressuring Consumer and Corporate Affairs to reinstate the words "treated by irradiation" on the Radura Symbol, so consumers will be able to identify irradiated foods;
11. requesting the Solicitor General, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Senior Citizen's Affairs and the Minister for Women's Issues to introduce a bill providing for the legal enforcement of a Living Will; and,
12. appealing to the Ministry of the Environment to prohibit the use of the Marmoraton mine pit and surrounding area as a landfill site.

Nominations Needed

The term of office for the FWIO Public Relations Officer, Geraldine Campbell, and Program Co-ordinator, Hilde Morden, end in November, 1991. We also need nominations for President Elect. Please encourage your members to consider taking on one of these important positions. Application forms and guidelines are available from the FWIO Office, P.O. Box 1030, Guelph, N1H 6N1, 519-767-3510.