

"Let's Get It Straight - Communicate"

By Donna Henderson

This is the theme of the Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario for 1990-1991. JWIO President, Cindy Ashton, adopted better communication within the organization as the goal for her term of office. The Executive has been making efforts to attend as many Branch functions as possible, and to answer any questions members may have about JWIO.

All three District Spring Meetings were held on April 20th this year. District 1 was hosted by Victoria County. The speakers included: Ron Armstrong, a local Taxidermist who explained how and why people preserve animals; Sheery Beers, an RNA and owner of the Foot Stop in Woodville who spoke on foot care; and, Bev Cousins who discussed astrology. In the afternoon members attended workshops on bow-making, quilting and table favours.

Mona Leedale of Port Dover was the keynote speaker at the District 2 meeting hosted by Haldimand County. She discussed "Holistic Nutrition and Reflexology" and how natural foods can be used as a means of improving your health and preventing disease. The afternoon workshops included: "Tie One On," Scarves by Linda Weir; "Dig In," Home Horticulture by Bruce Peart from the Royal Botanical Gardens; "Dolls and Dreams," Porcelain Doll-making by Pat Moore; and, "Appealing Appetizers," Fruit and Vegetable Trays with Distinction by Shari DellaPia.

District 3 was hosted by the Lucknow JWI with the theme of "Spring Into Action." Topics discussed included "Safety Awareness and Defensive Action for Women" by Andy Burgess of the Kincardine OPP and "Environmental Awareness Issues in Our Home, Communities and the World" by Larry Struthers of the Ministry of the Environment. Members attended workshops entitled "Reflexology" and "Make It and Take It Garlic Basket."

As a follow-up to the "May I Present" Workshops sponsored by the FWIO, the Juniors held a Public Relations Workshop on May 4th at the Speedside United Church in conjunc-

tion with their spring executive meeting.

These meetings and workshops have been a great opportunity to gain new information and ideas and "Pass It On." The JWIO Fall Conference and Annual Meeting will be held October 18-20, 1991, in Belleville, Ontario.

These are just a few of the ways the JWIO are trying to keep the lines of communication open.

Donna Henderson is the Public Relations Officer for the JWIO.

FWIO Officers for 1991



Pictured above are the Second Year FWIO Board Directors. From left to right in the back row are Donna Russett, Maisie Lasby, Bernice Andrews, Kay Taylor, Thelma Allen, Frances Fotheringham, Laurie Curtis, Barb Pinkney, Elna Blackburn and Joyce Watson. Seated in the front row are Margaret Atkins, Margaret Urbshott, Jane Croft, Helen Braithwaite, Corinne Croxall and Rose Green.



The First Year FWIO Board Directors, from left to right in the back row, are Ronna Lee Johnson, Lois Dillabough, Joan King, Sally McIntyre, Marion Lowry, Marg Harris, Peggy Dadd, Pamela Bronn and Florence Downing. In the middle row, from left to right, are Marcine James, Valerie Hamilton (No. 13 alternate), Betty McGregor, Joyce Glover and Elsie Howes. Grace McCallum (left), Irene Richardson (middle) and Peggy McLeod (right) are in the front row. Rosine Findley is missing.