

News from FWIO August meeting

The Executive and Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario opened their August 13th meeting with the planting of a sugar maple tree at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home in Stoney Creek, Ontario. The tree planting is just one of the many that have taken place across Ontario. It is a symbol of the Institute's environmental initiatives and future growth.

Many thanks to the Erland Lee Home Committee and Curator for the picnic supper and tour of the Museum that followed.

The Board meeting resumed at the College Inn in Guelph the next morning. Peggy Knapp, President of the FWIO, opened the morning discussions with congratulations for Charlotte Johnson. Charlotte was recently elected President-Elect of the FWIC at their 12th National Convention held in Victoria in July.

That evening, the retiring second-year Board Directors hosted a party at Guelph Township Park. This time the West End Women's Institute prepared a picnic supper.

Numerous reports and updates on a variety of topics were on the two-day agenda. And several innovative recommendations were put forward and passed by the Board Directors.

Some of the Executive Committee's recommendations were passed as follows:

- that the Board create the position of Director of Development to research possible donors and sources of short and long-term funds;
- that the Board set a goal of organizing 14 new Branches across the province by August of 1992;
- that the Board appoint Hilde Morden as the first Provincial New Branch Co-ordinator to help organize new Branches;
- and, that a \$25 per year fee for an individual contributing membership in WI be accepted.

Some of the topics reported on by Board Directors included:

Hospitality Homes

If you want to make use of or be included on the hospitality homes list contact your Board Director.

Conference '92

"Reach for the Stars" is the theme of Conference '92 to be held at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay on August 7-8, 1992. The focus of the workshops is on you - the member - "looking good, feeling good." A tour of the city and Old Fort William is on the agenda. The conference is also open to non-WI members.

Conference '97 Steering Committee

The 100th anniversary celebrations of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario will be held at the Toronto Convention Centre from June 21-30, 1997. The centennial celebrations will be held in conjunction with the Thirteenth Triennial Conference of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. An organizational committee and numerous sub-committees will be established in the months to come.

Scholarships

The following are some of the recommendations put forward by the Scholarship Committee and passed by the Board: that the 90th Anniversary Award be \$600 in 1992; that there be one Helen M. McKercher Scholarship in 1992 worth \$1200; and, that the FWIO use \$2000 from the International Scholarship Fund to purchase educational material for OXFAM's Region IV Women's Training Program in Nicaragua.

Cancer Society Breast Screening

In May of 1989, the Ministry of Health announced their commitment to funding a breast screening program in Ontario. Screening centres are operating in conjunction with Regional Cancer Centres. For information on the Ontario Breast Screening Centre nearest you contact: Hamilton - (416)389-0101; Kingston - (613)384-4284 or 1-800-465-8850; London - (519)432-0255 or 1-800-461-0640; Ottawa - (613)728-0777 or 1-800-465-

6226; Sudbury - (705)675-2283 or 1-800-661-8897; Thunder Bay - (807)343-1610; North Toronto Area - (416)480-4662; South Toronto Area - (416)924-0671, ext. 5418; and, Windsor - (519)253-0903.

Centennial

If you have an idea for a theme for the 1997 Quilt Competition please send it to Katharine Garwood, RR 1, Campbellville, Ontario, L0P 1B0. Or if you have a title suggestion for the coffee table book, to feature the history of kitchens and other rooms in a home in the past 100 years, send it along to the FWIO Office, Box 1030, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6N1.

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

The first ever "Women's Day at the Royal" will be hosted by the FWIO on opening day, November 7th. A limited number of participants will receive admission, a luncheon at Cafe Royale (to include a fashion show or a guest speaker), and evening tickets to the horse show. The FWIO is also co-ordinating and supervising a craft exhibit located on the second floor of the West Annex, adjacent to the FWIO Booth.



Pictured above is Sandra Kell, Chair of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee, and Peggy Knapp, President, FWIO.