

"Keeping in Touch" with JWIO

By Donna Henderson

This year, Hastings County hosted the Junior Women's Institutes (JWIO) Annual Meeting and Conference in Belleville, Ontario, from October 18-20, 1991. In keeping with the continuing thrust on improving the communication within the organization, the theme of the Conference was "Keeping in Touch."

The new JWIO Executive is as follows: Marg Greig - Past President; Cindy Ashton - President; Pat Dyke - First Vice-President; Susan Peavoy - Second Vice-President; Cathy Berrigan - Secretary/Treasurer; and, Donna Henderson - Public Relations Officer.

Highlights of the business session included the awarding of the JWIO Scholarship to Kate Tervit of Howick Township. Kate is enrolled in the Educational Assistant Diploma Program at Conestoga College in Kitchener. She is half-way through a two-year, nine-course program. When she graduates, Kate will qualify for employment by a school board to work with special needs students.

Five Certificates of Merit were awarded to individuals nominated by their Branches for their outstanding contribution to the Junior Women's Institute. Recipients of this award included Laurel Glencross of Aberdeen, Brenda Bunker and Connie Dickson of Howick, Mary Milson of Jean Scott, and Cathy Snider of North Grey Branch.

This was followed by reports on our role in the ACWW organization, the spring meetings, and the fee structure within the JWIO.

We would like to thank our outgoing Board Director, Bernice Andrews, for her report and work on our behalf. And wish the best to Ronna Lee Johnson and Darlene Harding as they continue the strong ties between the FWIO and the JWIO. Also, many thanks to Karen Smith for her dedication to the job of Secretary/Treasurer over the last two years.

Three new committees have been formed within the JWIO. A Fundraising

Committee will be developing a fundraising strategy for the upcoming year. The Finance Committee will go over the budgeting of the JWIO, and the Education Committee will actively look into educational opportunities available for our members.

The afternoon program was a combination of "Fall Remedies" - a look at folk remedies from the past - by Vickie Busby, and "Your Own Style" - a look at colour, fashion and how you communicate your style by the way you dress - by Jill Redwood.

Stan Ferguson was the Banquet Speaker. Stan is a resident of Port Hope.

His slant on communication came from eighteen years as an OPP Officer and Criminal Law Instructor. Now, he is the local Esso Sales Agent. Stan successfully relayed a number of messages by voice and actions to convey his intended communication.

Another successful JWIO Conference ended with Sunday brunch. And then, members went their own ways in anticipation of 1992, and our 25th annual conference.

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OFAC offers balanced view of agri-food system

Food for Thought: Facts about Food and Farming in Canada is an impressive new publication from the Ontario Farm Animal Council. The 26-page booklet presents a balanced view of Canada's agri-food system, while countering arguments of the numerous special-interest advocacy groups.

OFAC's aim is to provide the public with more complete information about our food production system. It bridges the gap between consumers and the people who provide their food.

Food for Thought provides an overview of modern food production that is so often absent from media coverage of

the subject. The publication explains the crucial role that ever-increasing efficiency of food production has played in the development of our society.

The booklet also tackles issues such as organic food, animal welfare, and the environmental impact of modern agriculture.

The Canadian Animal Health Institute assisted in the development of this publication. *Food for Thought* is available at a cost of \$2 per copy from the Ontario Farm Animal Council, 7195 Millcreek Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5N 4H1, (416)821-3880.

Other recommended readings:

Agriculture Canada, *Recommended Code of Practice for Care and Handling of Pigs* (Also: poultry, dairy cattle, special fed veal).

Christian Farmers Federation of Alberta, *Animal Care: Livestock and Poultry on Today's Farm* (CFFA, 1988).

Gary Fairburn, *Canada Choice: Economic, Health and Moral Issues in Food from Animals* (Agricultural Institute of Canada, 1989).

Foundation for Rural Living, *Farming and the Rural Community in Ontario* (University Press, 1985).

Fresh for Flavour Foundation, *"Get the Facts" - Produce Safety Resource Kit* (1990).

J.S. Gavora, et al., *Animal Breeding: Recent Advances and Future Prospects* (Agriculture Canada, 1989).

Alan Herscovici, *Second Nature: The Animal Rights Controversy* (CBC Enterprises, 1987; General Publishing, 1991).

Journal of Agricultural Ethics (University of Guelph).