
Highlights from the FWIO Annual Board Meeting

The Executive and Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) met for their annual meeting from November 26-29, 1991, in Guelph.

In her report to the FWIO Board, Peggy Knapp remarked: "To have been President of FWIO at this time in our history has been demanding, fascinating, frustrating, interesting, rewarding, challenging, and an opportunity to serve with a team of exceptional women who continue to give and to share, to plan and to risk, and - always - to move forward."

The following includes some of the highlights presented by Board Directors throughout the three-day agenda:

Education Advisory Committee

Maxine Innes-Holbrough and Barbara Klages of "Pass It On" are offering a new course this year - "Entertaining with a Flair." Some of the recommendations put forward by this Committee and passed by the Board included: that the Education Pilot Project be extended for one more year; that local education committees be established with the Board Director as a member and at least one WI member from each District; and, that the local committee be responsible for promotion, co-ordination and planning of the training school.

Erland Lee (Museum) Home

This committee has had a pin designed featuring the Museum; and they also plan on having a special item designed to mark the 20th year of ownership of the Lee Home by the FWIO. Remember, all donations to the Memorial Fund or to the Lee General Fund should be mailed to Joan Playle, RR 7, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6J4. Be sure to specify.

Tweedsmuir Curator

Tweedsmuir Curator Myrtle Stone reported that to update her book she had to fill in gaps on the following topics: the Erland Lee (Museum) Home; the Women's Institute Hall at the Ontario Agricultural Museum; the FWIC Convention in Victoria; FWIO scholarship presentations; and, "Women's Day" at the Royal. She would also like a picture of Betty Piment, the first Executive

Secretary and biographies and photos of Peggy Knapp, Hilde Morden and Geraldine Campbell.

Centennial Plans

The request for a stamp to honour the 100th anniversary of the FWIO is in the hands of the National Philatelic Planning Branch of Canada Post. A rose - to be known as the "Laura" Rose - is the special project of the Laura Rose Branch in the Waterloo South District, Guelph Area. It is expected to be yellow in colour and introduced at the Royal Winter Fair in 1995 and for sale in 1996.

Remember, if you have an idea for a title for the "coffee" table book or an appropriate theme for the quilt competition, send it to Margaret Zoeller, Chairman, Centennial Committee, FWIO, Box 1030, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6N1.

Public Relations

Geraldine Campbell, Public Relations Officer, reminded all Board Directors, in conjunction with the District and/or Area Officers, are being asked to visit their

local MP's and MPP's with updated FWIO information. They are also requested to give the Warden and representatives of each County (or District in Northern Ontario) the updated information, as well as take them on a tour of the Women's Institute accomplishments in their area.

News from FWIC

News from President-Elect, Charlotte Johnson, included information that the national convention will be held in Truro, N.S., from June 2-6, 1994. The theme for the triennium is "Today's Families, Tomorrow's Future." The Cairine Wilson essay topic is "A little-known historical event which took place in your own province;" and, the Cultural Competition is a child's story entitled "There's a hollyhock looking in my window."

Also, the four recommendations from FWIC's Child Care Survey are to be studied by each Branch, with recommendations and results of discussion to be reported to Board Directors for the March or August Board Meeting.

Meet the New FWIO Executive



Pictured above is the FWIO Executive. Standing from left to right is Glenna Smith - Program Co-ordinator, Anna Jackson - Executive Secretary, Peggy Dadd - Western Regional Vice-President, Rosine Findley - Northern Regional Vice-President, and Margaret Atkins - Public Relations Officer. Seated in the front row is Donna Russett - President Elect (left), Margaret Eberle - President (middle) and Peggy Knapp - Past President (right).