



My emotions are mixed. I am feeling the excitement of moving on to new things but there is the nostalgia of leaving behind the old familiar office facilities and the long-time staff. There is the anticipation of the benefits of using our own office space with WI returning to the very location where our constitution was penned.

The renovations are completed. The office area at the Lee has new windows and doors, new insulation, fresh paint, and recently welcomed new staff. The supplies and office furnishings have been transferred from Guelph to Stoney Creek. The gift shop has been relocated and redecorated. A beautiful new sidewalk leads to the entrance door that has been widened to be wheel chair accessible. The displays have been rearranged. All is ready and waiting for our official opening.

The shelves, cupboards and closets at Park House were emptied. Some things were purged. Files were sorted and consolidated. There was a feeling of accomplishment as boxes were filled and labeled. But, there was a sadness to see the bare walls and empty rooms where so many staff and Members have met, discussed and accomplished so much. We have had to say goodbye to Lynn, Vicki and

Mary. Their contributions were much appreciated and they will be missed.

Gratefully, Andrea is staying with us with the new title of Program & Communications Manager. As well, we are happy to welcome Kim, Lynn and Sandy to the positions of Office Administrator, Bookkeeper and Receptionist.

This also will be my last message as president. How quickly the time has passed. My busy term was made even busier with the decision to relocate the office but the Board worked as a team with a lot of outstanding assistance. It was a blessing to work with such capable Board Directors with their diverse skills and knowledge. It also has been uplifting to meet so many dedicated and enthusiastic Members. Each of us is the face of WI. May your smile reflect the positives of WI so that WI flourishes anew. I believe that through WI we can give new meaning to the lives of many women.



The "Addie Doll" was recently created by Crowland WI (Hamilton Area) to be kept in the President's care and to travel with her to WI events across the province. Keep a look out for Addie at Area Conventions this fall! Pictured outside the former FWIO Provincial Office in Guelph on August 12, 2014 is (L-R): Naomi Cho, Glenna Smith, Mary Shortt, Alana Robinson, Eleanor Williams, Margaret Byl, FWIO President Evelyn Peck (holding Addie), Kim Sauder, Mary Chisholm, Barbara Weese and Andrea Morrison.