

International Connections

By International Officer, Margaret Christenson

The ACWW 28th Triennial World Conference will be held at the Warwick Conference Park, University of Warwick, Coventry, England from August 17th – 23rd, 2016. The Theme of the conference is “Working Together for a Better Future”. Cost of Registration is £390 if you register before April 16, 2016. The forms are available on the ACWW website. Travel arrangements can be made through Arthena Hecker, who is working with our partner, Collette Tours. Contact: 705-246-2377 or email arthena_hecker@hotmail.com.

At the recent FWIC Convention in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada Area President, Sheila Needham, announced that Canada Area Project #0960 (the project involving production of pickles and candles by women of Tamil Nadu) has reached completion and is up and running very well.

Juliet Childs, ACWW Projects Administrator, expresses her gratitude for the support from the Canadian societies. ACWW has enough funds coming in to cover the amount shown outstanding on the chart below.

Project	Pledge	Donated to date	Amount outstanding
0960	£1,337.00	£1,263.11	£73.89
0961	£2,786.00	£585.11	£2,200.89

We are also doing very well with #0961, the “fish project”, and we have lots of time to complete it before the end of the triennium.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Special Note: 2015 is International Year of Soils and World Soil Day is December 5th. Visit the Members Section of the website under “International” for tips on how to improve soil health.



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DIGITIZING UPDATE



By Digitizing Coordinator,
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In mid-July, we formally discontinued our agreement with the Ontario Genealogical Society as the project was not moving forward and their e-library concept did not materialize.

We are now applying for a grant for the digitizing of the Tweedsmuir (and possibly minute and other record books) and making them all accessible on the internet. We should know before the end of 2015 whether we are successful. While the original documents will remain locally, WI Members and researchers across Ontario, Canada, and the world will be able to access these historical documents.

The first phase, which ends March 31, 2016, intends to create a searchable, free website for the Tweedsmuir, *Home & Country* newsletters, and any other books that have been previously digitized but not yet available online. As well, we plan to test our intended process to digitize and repair documents by doing so for a small number of Tweedsmuir Collections and the minutes of Stoney Creek, our first branch. From there, we will apply for another grant for the remaining Collections and record books.

What can you do in the meantime? Continue to try to locate Tweedsmuir – they are the blanks in the ‘TH’ column on the Tweedsmuir list on the website. Review your Tweedsmuir to ensure they are ready for digitizing. Is the Branch name and volume number on each book? Are the pages numbered? Can more names and dates be added to the photographs? More information is available on the website in the Members Section under ‘Tweedsmuir’.

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