



A Message from FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC, Christine Reaburn

The results are in: 106 Members in 22 Branches walked 97,816,962 steps in the 'Walk Across Canada' challenge. To everyone who participated, my grateful thanks.

Congratulations to Ruth Fountain, Harvie Settlement WI (Simcoe Area), who walked 5,404,178 steps. As Ruth was unable to attend Convention, as were several other Members, it was Diana Knight, Fonthill-Singers Corners WI (Hamilton Area), with 3,099,520 steps whose name was sent to FWIC. PEI Member, Susan Doiron, with 8,064,480 walked the most number of steps in Canada. Unfortunately, she was not able to attend the Convention, so British Columbia Member, Judy Watson, with 3,933,450 steps received the paid registration to the Convention.

Several Members entered the FWIC Tweedsmuir Competitions and congratulations go to June Sparling, Springmount Bluewater WI (Grey-Bruce Area) whose crib quilt was chosen, and to E. Ruth Algire, Williamstown WI (Eastern Area) for her Essay on the 'History of WI in Your Province'. Both have been sent for National judging.

The Senator Cairine Wilson Competition drew five entries and congratulations go to Wilma McCagg, Consecon WI (Trent Valley Area).

Conference reminders:

- The final registration date is April 30, 2012 - registration form available at www.fwic.ca.
- The Unity Project is collecting new pajamas, socks, slippers, underwear, writing journals, new regular size toiletries and cosmetics for the Victoria Women's Transition House.
- Please consider registering for the random draw for a chance to participate in the FWIC History Quiz Game.
- Don't forget your red dress for the closing GALA Banquet.

To everyone who participated in National activities this triennial, my sincere thanks.

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Open Provincial Positions

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 9, 2013** at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre in Barrie. There are currently several volunteer positions open at the provincial level for enthusiastic WI Members! It is a great way to get involved, share your talents and develop new skills! For more information, speak with your Regional Board Director or contact the FWIO Provincial Office.

The following Provincial Positions will be open at the next AGM and, in accordance with Area by-laws, nominations can be made at Area Conventions this fall.

- President-Elect
- Eastern Regional Board Director
- Western Regional Board Director
- Southern Regional Board Director
- Membership Coordinator
- Tweedsmuir Coordinator

Be sure to mark the next AGM on your calendar and stay tuned for more details in the next issue of the *Home & Country ROSE Garden!*

FWIO Provincial Conference IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 2012 FWIO Provincial Conference has, unfortunately, been cancelled due to low registration. Conferences are run to break even and are based on a specific number attending to ensure affordability to everyone. A substantial loss would have been incurred. The Provincial Board would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Co-Chairs Joan King, Marg Eberle and their outstanding committees for the work and planning that was done. All registrants will be reimbursed as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.