



CANADA 150

UPDATE

By Canada 150 Chair, Irene Robillard

Real Life Stories – About 350 stories have been submitted – a great response. Thank you! Winners of the three draws for \$10 off our membership fee were Marianne Vogel (Rockton WI, Wentworth District), Hazel Armstrong (Silver-Wood WI, Wellington-Halton District), and Betty Jean White (Bervie WI, Bruce County District). The committee will now review the submissions and determine the next steps. Two Members have volunteered to review and edit the stories. If you are interested, please contact me.

Canada's Untold Stories – This Canada-wide project is now receiving stories. Tell your friends and neighbours! They can be any length, so if you have a story that was more than 1,500 words for our project, you can submit the whole story here. Or the story can be as short as a photo with a short explanation. You can either go to their site (www.Canada150.ca) or through our website by using the logo at the bottom of our home page. You do not need to go into the Members Section. You can also browse what has already been submitted. Note: Please use 'WI' after your name, so that we know the story came from us. And do not provide your address and phone number within the story.

Human-Animal Bond Stories – The Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services is a partner of Canada's Untold Story initiative and is also collecting stories that will be part of the whole. If you have a human-animal bond story you want to share, please go to their website.

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In January, Tec We Gwill WI (Simcoe South-Kempfenfeldt District, Simcoe Area) joined together to write and type stories for the Canada 150 project. It was a great way to support one another and ensure their stories were ready in time for the deadline! Pictured are Bonnie West and Judy Langford working on their Real Life Stories.

International Connections

By International Officer, Margaret Christenson

ACWW Canada Area has two projects to support this triennium: Pickles and Fish

These were the top two choices from the Members attending the Canada Area Conference in Camrose, Alberta in June 2014. Our total commitment for the two projects is \$7,500.

ACWW Project #0960 takes place in India and is to help women with an income producing venture making pickles and candles. Because this project was already partially funded by another society, Canada Area agreed to send funds for it and to partially fund a second project – Project #0961, which is also in India. This is an income generating venture in fish processing.

It is suggested that you use a pickle jar labelled **"Put In Cash Keep Ladies Employed"** and another container (perhaps a small fish bowl) labelled **"Funds In Sends Hope"**.

Set these out at meetings and other events and venues to collect for these two worthy projects. Many of you have already started collecting. As of September 15, 2014, the Canada Area President had sent on about \$800 for Project #0960. When making donations, you can choose whether they go to the pickle project or the fish project. Make cheques payable to ACWW and indicate #0960 or #0961 clearly on the memo line if you have a preference. The ACWW Canada Area President, Sheila took more donations over to the council meeting with her in March. When you have collected a significant amount, send it on to Sheila Needham, ACWW Canada Area President, 19 Cameron Road, Bolton Est, QC J0E 1G0 Canada or ACWW, Mary Sumner House, 24 Tufton Street, London, UK SW1P 3RB (Attention: Projects).



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