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## Advocacy Advice

By Pat Salter

Thanks to all Members who have shown an interest in Advocacy. I was a little bit disappointed, when attending FWIC Conference out in Red Deer, to hear that not much action has been realized from our present resolutions. Perhaps we need a different approach. The committee and I will choose a couple of resolutions and try to present them in a positive light and hopefully get some action. Your help is definitely needed for the collection of any background information, which will give us a strong position. We need more than just a supporting statement. Magazine or newspaper articles and true experiences will help to reinforce our resolutions.

### Don't forget!!

You must fill in the form on page 8 of your Advocacy Manual – be sure to include your name, address, phone number or email address so I can contact you. I have received many resolutions with no contact information, which sends me to the Provincial Office to find out where you live.

I was pleased to respond to Newington Cedar Brae WI to inform them that the Government has lightened up on the community catering regulations. I thanked the Minister for his common sense approach to such an important issue in urban and rural communities.

### Tid Bits...

- I assisted a high school justice class in lobbying an MPP in Guelph for the Steven Truscott review after 500 days had passed since the order for review was given...
- I also sent a letter of support for the Ontario Optometrists on our behalf.
- At the present time the Advocacy Committee is reviewing 6 resolutions and consensus will determine where our energy will be directed first.
- While we love to hear what is happening across the province, we are receiving many local resolutions. The greatest impact on the issues affecting your community is action from local residents. A letter writing campaign – directed to the right people – can be very effective.

Keep your good ideas coming!

For Home and Country

Pat

## HOT NEWS

The FWIO Annual Meeting is January 9, 2007 at the Kempenfeldt Centre in Barrie. Paid registrations must be received at the Provincial Office by December 19, 2006. Workshops the following day will be open to meeting participants. Watch for details in your next Connecting Link. More information can also be found online at [www.fwio.on.ca](http://www.fwio.on.ca) or by contacting FWIO at 519-836-3078 or [fwio@fwio.on.ca](mailto:fwio@fwio.on.ca).



Gillian Catto is encouraging all WI Members to use cloth bags to pack

your groceries and other purchases. Help keep those plastic bags out of landfill sites and help preserve the environment. Why not host a ROSE Session in your community on making cloth bags?



STAY TUNED!

## Not Just A Quilt Show

is happening at the Barrie Event Centre  
June 21-23, 2007

Quilts, crafts, displays, demos and much more!

More information will be available at Area Conventions.

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