

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

Board Briefings

August 16-18, 2004

2004-2005 Budget

In an effort to balance the budget, the FWIO Provincial Board reviewed each budget submission in detail to ascertain the spending necessities and the accuracy of the estimated income.

After much discussion in regard to cutting expenses, the impact of changes made last year but not reflected until the 2005 budget and the review of the membership numbers, it was determined that a fee increase in 2005 was not necessary. Therefore, the FWIO Membership Fee of \$30, plus the FWIC fee, will remain in effect for 2005.

FWIO Financial Statements

Arrangements have been made for members to obtain audited financial statements as an email attachment. These attachments will be forwarded to your Branch email contact a few weeks after the FWIO Board Meeting in November. All other Branches will receive a copy in the December Branch mailing. Districts wishing to obtain a copy should forward a contact and email address to lynnr@fwio.on.ca

Provincial Officers Positions

The following Provincial level positions are open at FWIO's Annual Meeting in January 2005:

- Membership Coordinator
- Public Relations Coordinator
- International Officer
- Eastern Regional Board Director
- Northern Regional Board Director

The Board has appointed Rose Marie Smith, a Marburg WI member, as the Interim Public Relations Officer for the balance of this year.

Membership Recruitment Challenge

At the end of July 2004, there were 160 new members in the province. Once again, the Membership Recruitment Challenge has been issued for 2004-2005. The Branch who gains the most new members in the period up to March 31, 2005, will win one paid registration to the FWIO Provincial Conference, plus \$50 in FWIO Bucks. The second place Branch will win \$100 in FWIO Bucks and the third place will win \$75 worth of FWIO Bucks.

The new Membership Recruitment Packages cost \$1 through the Provincial Office.

Resolutions Sustained

The FWIO Board passed the following resolutions at their August meeting:

From the Waterloo District

- That FWIO request the Government of Ontario and the Federal Government to enact legislation to change the print size and colour on consumer products to increase legibility.

From the Lanark South District

- That FWIO urgently request the Province of Ontario to reassess the impact of the associated regulations of the Safe Drinking Water Act on rural communities.

From the Algoma East District

- That FWIO urge the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to provide sufficient funding so the Community Health Service can more closely fulfill the health care of each community.

From the Carleton District

- That FWIO strongly urge the Federal Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General of Canada to change the age of consent to sexual activity from 14 years to at least 16 years of age.

"Quilts, Quills and Bears" – the FWIO Quilt Show

The FWIO Quilt Show will be held in Hall 1 of the International Centre in Mississauga from September 16 to 18, 2005. Quilts are needed for display, as well as to sell. And stuffed bears are needed to fill the police car. Watch for your Letter of Intent to submit a quilt for either show or sale; the form will be coming to you in a Branch mailing. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time to help out at the Show, please contact Arthena Hecker, Chair of the Quilt Show Committee, at 705-246-2377 or email Arthenia@sympatico.ca

2005 Programming Theme

The programming theme for 2005 is "Sharing Our Heritage." Watch for details in the Winter 2005 issue of the *Home & Country* newsletter.

Branch/District/Area Related Items

- Remember to report the total amount of your "Focus High for WI" donations to the Lee Operating Fund to your Provincial Advisory Councillor at your Area Conventions this fall.
- A fact sheet entitled "Non-Profit Government Filing Criteria" will be mailed to the Branches in the future. Watch for it!
- The revised 2005 4-H Scholarship Information Packages were mailed to the District Secretaries in mid-July. Essay Topic in 2005 – "Where will 4-H be in 90 years?"

Area Voting Delegates – Role and Responsibilities

This fall at your Area Conventions, members will have elected by ballot an Area Voting Delegate and an alternate. The Voting Delegate from each Area is able to attend the FWIO Annual Meeting. FWIO will pay the expenses of the Area Voting Delegate to attend the Annual Meeting.

Role:

- Area Voting Delegates are the liaison between Regional Board Directors and members.

Responsibilities:

- attend the FWIO Provincial Meeting, with full voting rights and expenses paid
- be a member of the Area Convention Committee and Executive
- be paid allowable expenses for communication to a maximum of \$50 per year
- be a member in good standing

Selection:

- Area Voting Delegates are elected annually by ballot at the Area Convention for a maximum of three years. Their alternates are also elected annually.

FWIO Headquarters Fund

As of July 31, 2004 - \$618,662.90



Past Presidents Honoured at ROSE Forum

In the back row, from left to right, are Marg Eberle, Dianne Orr, Arthena Hecker, Donna Russett and Christine Reaburn. Seated from left to right are Charlotte Johnson, Margaret Munro, Margaret Zeller, Peggy Knapp and Marg Harris.