

Introducing FWIO's President-Elect – Rosemary Moran

I was born and raised on a dairy farm in the rural community of Glen Miller in Hastings County. After graduating from Trenton High School, I worked in a bank as a teller before marrying. I spent most of my life as a partner on a dairy farm. Now, I work with seniors as a Dietary Aide in a retirement home. My family - two daughters and one son and eight grandsons, with another grandchild on the way - is an important part of my life.

For years I taught sewing classes and did sewing for other people. I like to encourage people to sew and be creative, especially when they say they can't do it. I was a leader for many years with the 4-H Program and sat on the Ontario 4-H Council in its initial years.

My Women's Institute involvement began in 1971 when I joined the newly formed Mapleview Branch. I have been involved at all levels of the organization, including holding all offices at the Branch level, completing terms as President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Northumberland District, sitting as

President and on various committees at the Area level and participating as a Provincial Board Director during the time when the Board was in its transition phase from a large to a smaller body. In addition, I have sat on the FWIO Conference '98 Committee, and am currently a member of the FWIO Quilt Show Committee.

The provincial level positions were particularly challenging. Although many challenges remain and await everyone, I feel the organization has made great strides in rejuvenating itself. I am looking forward to my future work at the provincial level of the Women's Institute and am confident that I can meet the many challenges that await me.

I am a member of the local quilt guild and enjoy the outdoors and gardening. My goal each day is to experience something new, whether I learn a new skill, read something new from a newspaper or meet a new friend. I truly look forward to meeting many of you in the near future.



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Singing "WI Blue Hats" from left to right are Cindy Lockhart-Board Director, Western Region, Elsie Stephenson-FWIO President and Cecilia Maines-Board Director, Eastern Region.

WI Blue Hats

Blue hats, we saw you standing in line,
Without a blue hat like mine,
Without a feather so fine.
Blue hats, you know just what we
were there for,
You heard us say a prayer for – a pretty
hat to care for.
We challenge you to wear your hat,
To every function WI holds.

It's our heritage, so please adorn me.
And when we looked, the hats were
blue and gold.
Blue hats, now we're no longer alone,
Without a hat of our own,
With decorations of gold.

Read more about the "Blue Hat Challenge" on page 16.
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