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The Branches have been active with resolutions lately. But first, the disposition of past resolutions.

The resolution urging the Federal Government "to provide sufficient funding for both public awareness programs and targeted lead screening of at-risk populations, especially children," was also passed at the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Convention in Lennoxville, Quebec.

The difficulty in obtaining lottery licences is an ongoing saga. We are working on suggested new guidelines for smaller organizations to obtain licences. With an upcoming provincial election, I firmly believe that each member should make this an issue with their MPP as many Branches use raffles as their major source of fundraising.

In response to our request to reinstate Home Economics courses in the school curriculum, the Minister of Education replied that one Family Studies course is a requirement for high school graduation. Most of the courses available are parenting courses.

The following two resolutions were passed at the FWIO Provincial Board Meeting in August:

- That FWIO request the appropriate ministries within the Government of Ontario to immediately implement the 58 recommendations of the Inquest Jury of Gillian and Ralph Hedley (February 2002) concerning domestic violence.
- That the FWIO request the Federal Government of Canada to act as quickly as possible to exonerate Steven Truscott to ensure that justice may be restored to Mr. Truscott.

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## A Festival of Dolls



Planning Committee members from left to right are Olive Smith, Louise Bolton, Joyce Morgan and Gwen Brooks.

Kerwood Women's Institute held a Doll Festival last March, with 275 dolls on exhibit ranging from half an inch to two feet in height and including a collection of 35 Barbie and Ken dolls in their original packages. A Coronation Doll, dressed by a local woman and her daughter in 1953 when Queen Elizabeth was crowned, was one of the more unique exhibits.

In addition, there were four furnished doll houses, as well as doll buggies, cribs, cradles and furniture. Two of the cradles dated from 1920 and 1927. Children's tea sets were a part of the display, one dated to 1862 and another belonging to a Kerwood WI member dated to 1935.

The Festival also included two contests for children – writing a doll story and making an outfit for a paper doll.



Submitted by Joyce Morgan, Kerwood WI, Middlesex Northwest, London Area.

## Books for Haiti



The Princeton-Woodbury Women's Institute contributed books and other teaching aids to a mission project undertaken by Princeton resident John DeKoning for the past three years. Shown from left to right are Irene Courtney, Sharron

Dyment, June Kipp, Helen Ovington, John DeKoning, Billie Forrest, Millie Tillotson, Anna Spee, Margaret Karn, Vera Davis and Lillian Beamer.

Submitted by Irene Courtney, PRO, Princeton-Woodbury WI, Brant, Hamilton Area.



Another Quote from the Kitchen:

Making onion soup is like learning to love. It requires commitment, effort, time and it will make you cry.