

Provincial Calendar of Events, 2003

Nov. 24 – Handbook Committee
Nov. 25-27 – FWIO Board Meeting

FWIO Open Annual Meeting - 2004

The FWIO Open Annual Meeting will be held at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre in Barrie on January 13, 2004. The 43 evaluations of the 2003 Meeting were overwhelmingly positive.

Cost of Open Annual - \$33, includes lunch, breaks and an annual report

Deadline for Registration - December 13, 2003

Same Day Registration - Cost - \$10 (no meals or annual report)

Note: In order to arrange meals for busloads and large groups, advance registration is required. Only those who pre-register will receive an agenda, an annual report and meals. To register call the FWIO Provincial Office at 519-836-3078.

Gift Memberships

What a great idea? Promoting the purchasing of a Gift Membership as a gift to a guest speaker, whether it is a speaker at a Branch, District or Area event. And what a great way to boost our membership numbers!

New Provincial Office Hours

Please note that due to a reduction in staff hours, the FWIO Provincial Office will be open to the membership on Wednesday and Thursday beginning the week of November 3, 2003. The office will no longer be open on Monday.

2003 Christmas Ornament

"Eleven Pipers Piping"

The eleventh in the Christmas Tree Ornament Series, "Eleven Pipers Piping," is now available from the FWIO Provincial Office. It is inscribed with Season's Greetings, 2003. Cost: \$5



New FWIO Brochure

A sample of the new FWIO Brochure will be mailed out with your Fall *Home & Country* newsletter. Please ask Branch Secretaries to pass it around for everyone to see. The new brochure can be ordered through the FWIO Provincial Office at a cost of 25 cents each, plus taxes, shipping and handling. What a great promotional tool to use to help target those potential new members. Order your new brochures today!

Hospitality Homes

Are you planning a vacation? Remember, Hospitality Homes in Ontario are open to all WI members and their companions for \$10 per night per person. To obtain a list of Homes, send three 48 cent stamps to Gillian Catto at Box 16, Site 14, RR 1, Whitefish ON P0M 3E0, Phone: 705-866-0253, Email: gilcat@sympatico.ca

FWIO Advertising in *Home & Country*

Any Women's Institute member interested in placing a business ad in a future edition of the *Home & Country* newsletter, please get in touch with the Editor. We are just taking a quick survey to gauge the number of members who might be interested in placing ads before we come up with a fee schedule. Eventually, it is our hope that advertising can help offset the cost of producing the provincial newsletter.

Please respond to roelensgrant@wightman.ca or fwio@sentex.net, or write to the FWIO Provincial Office at 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2.

Women's War Stories

A sincere thank you to the 230 Women's Institute members who took the time to document their wartime experiences. Unfortunately, the anticipated launch of the book will not be until late spring to early summer 2004. Please make everyone aware that the Wartime Stories book will not be available for this Christmas season, but that they can put it on their list for next year!

FWIO Tartan on Sale

The FWIO Tartan is now on sale at \$40 a meter, plus GST. Pre-paid orders are to be picked up by a designated individual at the FWIO Annual Meeting. Orders will be on a first come, first served basis. Place your order in writing to the FWIO Provincial Office. All cheques are payable to FWIO.

Note: No orders will be shipped at this price; pre-orders can only be picked up at the Annual Meeting.

Volunteer Recognized at Country Heritage Park

The Country Heritage Park honoured its volunteers at an Awards Night. Guelph Area WI President Cindi Rabstein received an award for the FWIO from the Board of Director's Vice-Chair David Nattress.



4th Line Theatre Remounted *For Home and Country*

In August, Robert Winslow, Artistic Director of the 4th Line Theatre, an outdoor theatre company in Millbrook, Ontario, remounted the play *For Home and Country* written by Toronto playwright Leanne Brodie. The moving and entertaining performance told the story of a divorced urban mother, who returns to her family's rural home, and develops a close relationship with an older resident - a member of the Women's Institute. Through a combination of comedy, song and drama, the play explored community and belonging while uncovering the history of the WI.



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