

LOTTERY LICENCING



Former Interim Lobbying Coordinator for FWIO Anne Dyas recently attended a Lottery Licencing Training Seminar organized by her local town council with members of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission explaining information and answering questions. Some of the information Dyas gained at this Seminar is outlined below.

- Any time you pay for a chance to win a prize you are participating in a Lottery. This includes "in house" events, 50-50 draws, penny table sales and any carnival games of chance, as well as the obvious bingos, raffles and break-open tickets.
- When applying for a lottery licence you must provide all the documentation requested, including proof that you are a charitable or religious organization and an explanation of how you provide programs and/or services of public benefit to residents of Ontario.
- Your constitution and bylaws must include: the name of the organization; the date of the constitution and bylaws; detailed objects and purposes of the lottery (i.e. where you plan to donate your lottery funds must be detailed in your bylaws); a clause stating there will be no financial gain for members; and, provision for replacement of officers and directors (i.e. when elections will be held, etc.).
- Be specific when asked for the use of the lottery proceeds. The uses must also be listed in your bylaws.
- Licenced events cannot be cancelled or postponed except by "An Act of God," and only then if your licencing authority agrees.
- It is illegal to sell raffle tickets to children under 18 years of age or to allow raffle tickets to be purchased in a child's name.
- It is deemed a "Conflict of Interest" to participate in a lottery event if you are one of the organizers/sellers.
- It is essential to have a paper trail to allow for a proper audit; therefore pay everything by cheque.
- Something new as of January 2003, which answers in part the FWIO Resolution from the Annual Meeting, is the Blanket Raffle Licence. Municipalities may issue a Blanket Raffle Licence for a large number of small raffles for a maximum period of six months and a total prize value up to \$5,000. Ask for Information Bulletin #32.
- Up-to-date lottery information is available from your Municipal Licencing Authority. In the event of conflict or misunderstanding between the applicant and the municipality call the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario at their toll free number at 1-800-522-1876.

Submitted by Anne Dyas, Clute WI, Cochrane, Cochrane-Temiskaming Area.

Harwood WI Quilts a "Mile a Minute"



The Harwood Women's Institute donated eight quilts to the Golden Plough Lodge last fall. Branch members Cindy Trew, Betty Taylor and Rita Reed (from left to right) presented the residents' council President Lawrence Samis with what are known as "Mile a Minute" quilts.

The Branch also participated in their community's 5th Annual Winter Carnival. Branch President Jan Stapleton came up with a great way to introduce WI to families who attended. The group set up a table where children could come in out of the cold and spend some time making their very own warm, fleece scarf. What a great way to introduce the community to the work of the WI!

Submitted by Donna Hooley, PRO, Harwood WI, Northumberland West, Trent Valley Area.

Top photo courtesy of Pete Fisher, Northumberland Today.



Tweedsmuir's More Accessible to the Public

The records of the Hillier WI in Prince Edward County have been converted to a CD-ROM program to make them more accessible to the public. It was a trend-setting idea that came to Pat Van Kregten, the Tweedsmuir Curator for the Branch. Pat, her husband Jim and a second-year Computer

Programming and Analysis student at Seneca College Jean Blanchette, began compiling information dating back to 1914, the year the Hillier Branch was formed. Pat, Jim and Jean scanned three Hillier Branch Record Books in their entirety. Pat and Jim continued with the work once Jean returned to his studies. Pat suggested: "Ideally we will give one copy to the Libraries and keep one copy with our Branch."

Submitted by Joyce Brown, PRO, Prince Edward, Trent Valley Area.

Student Jean Blanchette is shown seated at the computer with Hillier WI President Priestman (left) and Tweedsmuir Curator Pat Van Kregten (right).

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