



Provincial Advisory Councillors, First Year - Seated left to right are Glenys Hepinstall, Lynda Brooker, Marlene Webb and June Petch. Standing, left to right, are Cindy Zorgel, Joyce Payne, Ruth Axford, Gerd Hamilton, Wilma Young and Victoria Hargrave.



Provincial Advisory Councillors, Second and Third Year - Seated left to right are Doris Needham, Verna Lapish, Pauline Weiland, Leone Foerter, Elna Blackburn and Chris Stesky. Standing, left to right, are Helen Weirmeir, Anne McGugan, Glenna Smith, Frankie Higginson, Ellen Chojko-Bolec, Margretta Corrigan, Mary Ellen Closson and Edith Jenkins.

exports and legislation to limit the amount of brine solution injected into certain foods and to label such products with a percentage figure. Dyas requested he remind his ministers to respond, stating that our resolutions were not taken lightly, underwent considerable research and were backed by the full membership of 10,000 and their families. A similar letter was sent to Premier Ernie Eves with regard to the resolutions requesting consistent funding to provide adequate home care services province-wide to those in need.

Resolution Passed at the Annual Meeting

That FWIO strongly urge the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General to enact legislation to amend the Gaming Control Act, 1992, so as to enable volunteer organizations to conduct raffles and draws, which net an annual income of up to \$5,000, under a separate set of guidelines.

Refer to page 8 for FWIO's response to the resolutions passed by ACWW in 2001.

Membership Coordinator's Report

Congratulations to all Branches who signed up new members in the past year. A special congratulations to Kemble WI in Grey North District with eight new members and to Morson WI in Rainy River District with six new members. These two Branches led in the Membership Recruitment Campaign's New Member Incentive Program for the period from April 1, 2001, to March 31, 2002. Overall, FWIO gained 291 new Women's Institute members in the past year.

Last fall, the Membership Coordinator attended five Area Conventions with FWIO President Dianne Orr and presented Membership Recruitment Workshops offering ideas to get potential members to join the Women's Institute. Lockhart noted that meeting and talking with members and sharing ideas and concerns was great!

Interim ROSE Health Program Coordinator

Interim ROSE Health Program Coordinator Gail Murdock was not able to attend the Annual Meeting, but some of the highlights of her report follow. The ROSE Health Program will be a subcommittee of the ROSE Coordinator in 2003. This is only an administrative change; it will not change what members do.

The statistics on the number of health programs sponsored by members is positive. Approximately 131 programs were presented via health fairs, seminars or meetings (etc.). From these, 33 different health-related topics were identified, with numerous others reported only as ROSE Health Sessions. Well over 8,000 people attended these programs to learn about various health topics, although 24 sessions reported no attendance records. Remember, it is important to record the details of the ROSE Health Session your group has organized, in addition to the attendance numbers.

The Women's Health Matters Forum and Expo in Toronto each January continues to be an excellent venue to showcase the ROSE Health Program to women and the public. And the ROSE Garden newsletter, published twice in 2002 with only one copy sent to each Branch, continues to keep members current.

There are numerous other health organizations wanting to partner with FWIO's ROSE Health Program. With the members help, the health portion of the ROSE Program will continue to provide services and resources to participating WI Branches and their communities.

Erland Lee Home Committee Report

The outgoing Chair of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Swadesh Sachdeva proudly announced the following items:

- That Erland and Janet Lee were inducted into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction in 2002 for the role they played in founding the Women's

Institute organization. Curator Michael Gemmell, accompanied by Erland and Janet Lee's granddaughters, attended the Nineteenth Annual Induction Dinner on Wednesday, November 13, 2002, at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

- The Erland Lee (Museum) Home was recently designated as a National Historic Site of Canada. The National Historic Sites and Monument Board of Canada initiated research of the site in the summer of 2001. The Board accepted the recommendation for designation in June 2002, and a presentation of a historical plaque is expected in 2004. With designation as a National Historic Site, the Museum becomes eligible to apply for funding relating to the restoration of the nearly 200-year old structure.
- The "Restore the Roof" shingle fundraising campaign has raised approximately \$20,000 to date, with \$9,500 coming from the "Shingle Campaign," a \$5,000 grant from the local Taro Community Trust, and the balance coming from the Erland Lee Committee's local fundraising efforts.
- An invitation was extended to the FWIO Board to enjoy supper at the Lee Home prior to the start of their August Board Meeting.

International Report

International Convenor Christine Reaburn reported that two opportunities in 2002 gave members the chance to explore international information. Last June, Elizabeth Rushton, Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Area President for Canada, attended the FWIO Provincial Conference in Sault Saint Marie. Elizabeth spoke of the work of ACWW in various spheres around the world, and of the importance of working with the United Nations and other world bodies to ensure that the voice of rural women all over the world is heard. Four members of the Michigan Association for Family

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