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ACWW Triennial Project in Kenya

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Area President for Canada, Elizabeth Rushton, has advised that the Canadian Triennial Project will be in Kenya. It is a fruit and vegetable-processing project with the Lorgot Farmers Group. The project will improve the shelf life of otherwise perishable products by using technology available to them. This will enable farmers to store the surplus produce and sell it at a better price later on, thus improving their income. If you would like to support this project, please forward your donation to the FWIO Provincial Office, payable to FWIO and mark "Kenya" on the memo line.

Renewing Your ACWW Membership

I encourage you to renew your individual membership in ACWW or take one out this fall at your Area Convention. Would your Branch consider taking out a IVa (Group) membership, which costs 25 pounds a year. This would bring *The Countrywoman* to you four times a year and keep you up-to-date on projects and activities around the world.

ACWW Resolutions

I hope you are studying the resolutions passed at last year's world conference in Hamilton and initiating advocacy on these important topics. The resolutions are listed on page 8 of the Fall *Home & Country* newsletter.

ACWW Area Conference – September 20-22, 2002

This Area Conference, hosted by the Quebec Women's Institute and Les Circles des Fermieres du Quebec, is being held in St. Hyacinth, Quebec. ACWW President Hilda Stewart and Deputy President Ursula Goh will be there, so it will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet them, as well as members from across Canada. Registration forms are available from the Provincial Office. The registration deadline is July 12, 2002.



Do you celebrate World Rural Women's Day (WRWD)?

The first WRWD was held on October 15, 1996, to highlight the part played by women in rural and agricultural development worldwide. The aim is to present a positive image of rural women and their work through effective networking, which empowers small farmers and entrepreneurs

and strengthens their role in agricultural decision making. The day is designed to increase and gain recognition for the contribution made by rural women to producing food, managing natural resources, creating jobs and raising the next generation.

What can we do to celebrate this October? Perhaps you could design a display showing how rural women produce food, protect the environment, create jobs and sustain the family unit? Or sponsor a public workshop to showcase rural women. Or organize a farm tour and bring your urban/city neighbours to a working farm to gain first-hand knowledge of the process of food production. I would enjoy hearing about how you recognized this day.

If you require further information on international activities, please contact me at RR 1, 720 Lookout Rd., Westmeath ON K0J 2L0, Phone/Fax: 613-582-3569, Email: christinereaburn@hotmail.com

A Lesson in Geography



Pauline Richards (right) and Leone Foerter (left) of the Fordwich Women's Institute are seen pointing out Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) countries on a hand-quilted banner. As well as becoming familiar with ACWW countries, this proved to be a lesson in geography. A quiz related to WI Areas and Districts added to the entertaining meeting.

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