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for Madge Watt. Because the United States and Canada were then linked within one North American Area, the US Area Past President Dorothy Camp and the Canada Area President Elizabeth Rushton joined forces to take the role of Grace Frysinger, the 1936 North American Area President. Irene Weirich, Past President of the New York State Home Bureau, and her Canadian counterpart Faye Mayberry, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC), received the unveiled plaque presented by Hilda Stewart, on behalf of the rural women of this continent. Narrator and President of the FWIO Christine Reaburn summarized details from the rest of the original ceremony.

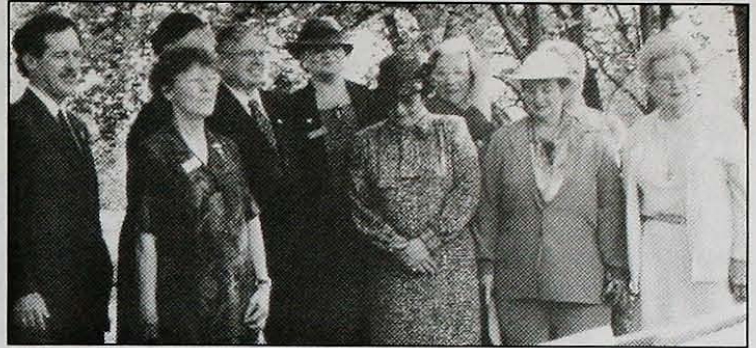
It was thrilling to hear the greetings by each of these outstanding women leaders. They spoke of peace and sisterhood and the fundamental role of women in the home, their communities and in their respective countries, and the way ACWW had allowed women to work together to make a difference around the world.

A play, "A Tribute to Madge," showed how this Ontario native, influenced by Adelaide Hoodless, Emily Murphy and Lady Aberdeen had become convinced that the enabling concepts behind the WI movement could be expanded internationally within a world body – ACWW.

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop, MP John Maloney, MPP Tim Hudak's representative Anna Nunziata, and Niagara Parks Commission representative Joan Brunt spoke to the gathering. They honoured the organization's 9 million women in 71 countries and

paid tribute to their contribution in the local and world community. The selection of the site, a donation of a natural stone for the plaque, the lovely garden setting and a second explanatory plaque about Madge Watt and the other participants in the historic "pilgrimage of friendship" were all gifts of the Niagara Parks Commission, who were heartily thanked by the Area Committee.

As the two national anthems were sung within view of the Peace Bridge, there was a fresh understanding of the friendship of two neighbours first celebrated 65 years ago.



Pictured left to right, in the back row are Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop, ACWW President Hilda Stewart, MP John Maloney, MPP Tim Hudak's representative Anna Nunziata, New York State Home Bureau Past President Irene Weirich and ACWW Canada Area President Elizabeth Rushton. In the front row, left to right are FWIO President Christine Reaburn, Niagara Parks Commission Chair Brian Merrett's representative Joan Brunt, FWIC President Faye Mayberry, and ACWW USA Area Past President Dorothy Camp.

Submitted by Marion Egerter, PRO, Niagara District and Hamilton Area.

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ROSE HEALTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR NEEDED

Kelly Marshall-Rutherford completed her two-year term as FWIO's ROSE (rural ontario sharing education – FOR WOMEN) Health Program Coordinator at the end of June 2001. Gail Murdock, a member of the Health Committee for the past two years, is acting as an Interim ROSE Health Program Coordinator. Gail can be reached at RR 1, Richards Landing ON P0R 1J0, Phone: 705-246-2679, Email: g.r.murdock@sympatico.ca

FWIO is currently seeking a volunteer to continue in this role and carry out the following tasks:

- maintain communication between FWIO and the Health Partners by providing regular reports to the Provincial Board and the Health Partners as well address any concerns between either party
- assist FWIO to promote the ROSE Health Program to the public (i.e. RAWF, Health Forum, etc.)
- keep up-to-date records about each Health Partner (i.e. programs, services, staff contacts, special events, etc.)

- provide additional information to WI members about Health Partners (i.e. programs, services, staff contacts, special events, etc.)
- provide updated reports in each issue of the *Home & Country* newsletters and in the Annual Report
- write a newsletter – *The Rose Garden* - twice a year
- organize the Health Partners for a mini Health Fair at the annual meeting
- develop and/or upgrade display boards for the Provincial Advisory Councillors (PAC)
- provide displays for the FWIO Provincial Conference
- conduct additional tasks as required by FWIO

Qualifications:

- demonstrated strong commitment to fulfill tasks
- competent in the use of email, and can frequently access and maintain
- strong knowledge of program planning to support WI members who require assistance
- knowledgeable of the provincial and national health/social service organizations
- verbal and written communications skills

Selection: By application, to be sent to the FWIO Provincial Office.

FWIO WEBMASTER

For a job description and more information about this position, call the FWIO Provincial Office at 519-836-3078.

Clarification on Definition of a New Member

The following definition is in response to the Membership Recruitment Campaign that offered incentives to Branches who gain new members. It seems that there have been numerous questions as to who constitutes a new member.

- **A new member refers to an individual who has never before been a Women's Institute member.**

Please note that if for some reason a current member transfers to a new Branch, they are not considered a new member.

Coordinator's Manuals

The recently revised Tweedsmuir History Manual, Education Resource Manual and Resolutions and Briefs Manual will be available by the end of September from the Provincial Office. The cost of all manuals is \$7.50; make cheques payable to FWIO.