

Board Briefings

May 15-16, 2000

The Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario gathered for a two-day meeting in mid-May at the Provincial Office in Guelph. The following are some of the highlights of this meeting.

Resolutions

All Provincial Advisory Councillors, and all WI members, are being asked to send all pertinent information (i.e. news clippings, magazine articles, etc.) related to current resolutions to the FWIO Lobbying Coordinator. Anne Dyas can be reached at RR 3, Cochrane ON P0L 1C0, Phone: 705-272-6886, Fax: 705-272-3425 (Attention: Anne Dyas). Resolution updates are printed in each issue of the *Home & Country*.

Board has approved a revision of the Resolutions Manual. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Anne.

Guest Speaker

Jan Craig, Community Food Advisor (CFA) Program Specialist, made a presentation to Board. The CFA was initiated under the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) about a decade ago. The crux of the CFA Program is food safety, healthy eating and food preparation. However, because OMAFRA has changed its focus to rural economic development and research and technology transfer, the CFA program is no longer in line with their mandate.

Similar to other programs, the CFA will no longer be supported by OMAFRA funding. Consequently, CFA is working towards the following goals:

- ensuring long-term sustainability and viability of the program,
- finding a new home base,
- building a new organizational structure, and
- obtaining and strengthening partnerships.

A New Brochure

The Promotions Committee has come up with a colourful new brochure for the organization, featuring the FWIO Tartan on the cover. Board commended committee members Winnie Trachsel, Marlene Archer, Ruth Jones and Helen Anderson for their initiative and creativity in this effort. The brochure is now available from the Provincial Office.

"A Grandmother's Legacy"

The project known as "A Grandmother's Legacy" was a great success! Many thanks again to all those Branches who participated and honoured their oldest member by presenting them with a history book.

Due to space constraints, the Editor of the *Home & Country* newsletter is not able to print the reports or photographs of these presentations, or the Legacies themselves. However, the Board has passed a recommendation from the Marketing Committee to produce a collection of some of the Grandmother's Legacies submitted by senior members in 1999.

Tweedsmuir Manual

An Ad Hoc Committee is being set up to revise the Tweedsmuir Manual. The goal is to have it available in the Spring of 2001.

Home & Country on Tape

There has been some interest expressed to have the *Home & Country* newsletter transferred to cassette tape for those who are not able to read the printed form. This is under consideration, depending on the response. If you are interested in cassette versions of the *Home & Country* or are interested in volunteering to record the information, please contact the Editor.

Scholarship Update

The topic for the 4-H Regional Scholarship Essay in 2001 is "4-H - Future Role in the Environment."

The deadline for nominations for the Erland Lee Award is Jan. 15 in the year of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Triennium Convention.

Projector Donated to ROSE Health Program

Health Program Coordinator Kelly Marshall accepted the donation of a portable overhead projector from 3M Canada Co. The portable projector is being used at the Leadership Training Sessions organized at the Area level across Ontario.

Curator Wins Tourism Award



Michael Gemmell (right), Curator of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, won a Tourism Builder Award as part of the Greater Hamilton Tourism Awards of Excellence. This Award recognizes "an individual responsible for the development, enhancement or expansion of a tourism organization, event or attraction that shows potential to contribute to the future growth of the tourism industry." Attendance at the Lee Home rose 18% last year, and 23% this year to date.



The Dunrobin WI was the Ontario winner of the FWIC Tweedsmuir Competition for Community History for the 1997 to 2000 triennium. The wall hanging depicts an area near Ottawa on the Ottawa River showing how the area developed: from canoes and voyageurs and pulpwood pulled down the river to pleasure craft use; from stone and log houses and barns to homes with two and three car garages; and, from dirt roads and corduroy bridges to paved roads and cement bridges. The multi-orange colour swath represents the Great Fire of 1870. Institute members who worked on this project are (from left to right) Ruth Kennedy, Barbara Reynolds, Eleanor Groot Koerkamp, Venetia Moorhouse, Emma Albert and Mildred Hogan.

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