

Board Briefings

August 21-23, 2000

The Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) gathered for a three-day meeting at the Provincial Office from August 21 to 23. President Christine Reaburn happily announced that the Agricultural Adaptation Council (AAC) is giving FWIO a \$7,300 grant towards the ACWW Conference in 2001. She remarked that from the time the FWIO Fundraiser began preparing the proposal to the AAC to the time the grant was received was nine to ten months. This is a prime example of the time lines involved when applying for funding.

The following are highlights of the August meeting.

Resolutions

From the Ivanhoe WI, Hastings North District

- That FWIO urge the Government of Ontario and the Minister of Environment to immediately stop granting and/or renewing permits allowing companies and individuals to take natural source water for bottling or export until thorough study and investigation has been undertaken to discover the ramifications of removing large quantities of natural source water from watersheds.

From the St. Pauls WI, Perth South District

- That FWIO lobby the Government of Ontario to enact legislation to enforce stiff penalties and higher fines for speeders and aggressive drivers.
- That FWIO lobby the Government of Ontario to enact legislation to have additional rest areas and wider paved shoulders on roads to combat driver fatigue and to have safety zones for law enforcement officers.
- That FWIO lobby the Government of Ontario to enact legislation to reinstate helicopter patrol of major highways, especially the 400 series.

Recommendations

- That the District Tweedsmuir Curators record the whereabouts of Tweedsmuir Histories from disbanded Branches in their District (see page 43, *FWIO Handbook*).
- That an increase in the cost of dues paid for the Erland Lee (Museum) Home be increased from 60 cents per member to \$1 per member per year effective for 2001 fees.

Budget Discussions

Finance Coordinator, Lynn Ruigrok, presented the Proposed Budget for FWIO for the upcoming fiscal year, 2000-2001. To facilitate the budget discussion, the Finance Coordinator outlined a detailed explanation of any increase or decrease in the budget versus the 1999-2000 budget figures. Board found this useful when reviewing the budget. Several recommendations from the Budget Committee were approved by the Provincial Board.

Fundraising

Notable recent fundraising developments include a \$7,300 grant from the Agricultural Adaptation Council, an \$11,500 grant to the Erland Lee (Museum) Home from the Hamilton Community Foundation, a \$1000 grant from the J.P. Bickell Foundation, and a \$1000 grant from the George Lunan Foundation. Numerous donations and contributions, as well as gifts in-kind have been received due to the efforts of FWIO's Fundraiser, Mike Paquet.

Education Coordinator's Report and Recommendation for New Theme

Joan King, FWIO Education Coordinator, reported having linked up with her committee chairs via teleconference this past summer. One outcome of this teleconference was a recommendation to Board that Women's Institute programs in Ontario adopt the United Nations theme, the International Year of the Volunteer, for the year 2001.

They felt that this would in no way detract from or interfere with the ROSE Health Program, or other programs that may be developed under the auspices of *ROSE - rural ontario sharing education - FOR WOMEN*.

Watch for a detailed, two-page spread of programming ideas in the Winter 2000-2001 issue of *Home & Country* based on the theme, the International Year of the Volunteer.

The Education Committee will conduct research and ask members for ideas for future programming direction and possible themes. In addition, the committee is working on revising the Education Coordinator's Resource Manual.

Permission to Use the ROSE and FWIO Logo

Written permission to use the FWIO crest and Rose logo on sales items, web pages, monuments, or provincial advertising must be approved by FWIO.

Permission to Use a List of FWIO Health Partners

Permission to list any FWIO Health Partner must be approved by the Health Program Coordinator, who will also obtain approval from the Health Partner.

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF)

Volunteers are needed to help out at the WI Booth at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair from November 2 to 11, 2000. Anyone interested in lending a hand, contact the Committee Chair Dianne Orr at: Phone: 519-848-6440, Fax: 519-848-3476 or Email: orrway@cyberus.ca

Remember, on Friday, November 3, 2000, FWIO, in partnership with the RAWF, will present their "Excellence in Agriculture Award" to a woman who is a Canadian citizen residing in Canada who has contributed to the RAWF in an outstanding manner over a period of time. Show your support of this First Lady of the Royal by attending the presentation of the Award at the Opening Horse Show. The RCMP Musical Ride will also be featured the opening night.

Group Rate:

- Horse Show Tickets and Admission - \$26

Note: The Women's Day Luncheon has been cancelled due to cost.

International Quilt Block Competition

The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Triennial Conference Committee and the Ontario Coordinating Committee (OCC) invited all WI members last fall to enter an International Quilt Block Competition. The almost 400 submissions are being made into quilts and cushions and will be raffled with the proceeds going to Conference 2001.

Tickets for the quilts and other items will be sold at the Women's Institute Booth at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. When you stop at the Booth, be sure to ask. The draw will be made at the close of the ACWW Conference in 2001.

FCE Michigan Exchange

A member of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) will be selected to participate in the International Exchange and Study Program with the Michigan Association for Family & Community Education. The purpose of the program is to increase the understanding of others and to help FWIO members gain a deeper insight into the people of another country.

The Exchange will occur some time between May and October over a three to five day period at a time agreeable to the hostess and applicant. FWIO has made up to \$500 available to the successful applicant to help cover the cost of travel (etc.). Watch for more details.

Note

- For complete Board Briefings or information re: Motions/Other Recommendations from the May or August meetings, ask your PAC or Board Director.
- Due to enthusiastic Branch reporting and consequent space constraints for other items, the FWIC Convention will not be covered in the *Home & Country* as usual.