

By Mary Janes

A year from the time of writing this article, ACWW 2001 in Hamilton will be but a memory – of friendships renewed and friendships new, of dynamic speakers and exciting ideas, and of projects you will want to try. It will also be a time to contemplate how to incorporate these programs, projects and ideas into our local plans to help women help themselves and their families through education, awareness and financial support.

In the meantime, the Ontario Coordinating Committee (OCC) is busy finalizing details to make ACWW 2001 in Hamilton the most memorable Triennial Conference ever. Included in these details are the following items.

#### Souvenir Sales

The Sales and Displays Committee of the OCC is busy planning for sales of many unique Canadian souvenir items, including quilt blocks, stamps and post cards.

#### Photographs

A professional photographer, Mark Zelinski, has been hired for the full conference to take candid photos of conference activities and pre-planned group photos. Photos will be available for sale on a first come, first serve basis.

#### Audio Tapes

Plans are currently being made with the Convention Centre staff to have professional audiotapes of the theme speakers available for sale at the close of the Conference. Audiotapes will be pre-ordered during the Conference.

#### Meals

Breakfasts are included in the costs of accommodation at specified hotels in Hamilton. Lunches and dinners are not included in the registration fee, except for two special events – the Ontario Day tours and barbecue on Saturday and the gala banquet on Sunday.

A meal package is currently under negotiation with the Convention Centre.

#### "As Space Allows" from Article VIII, Triennial Conference

Hamilton Place, the location for all the plenary sessions of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Triennial Conference, comfortably accommodates 2100 people. The City of Hamilton has hotel and motel accommodation for thousands of guests! The Ontario Coordinating Committee (OCC) does not anticipate a lack of space for any Individual Members who wish to attend the Conference as non-voting delegates.

#### Day Visitors

Day visitors are welcome. Day visitors do not have to have Individual membership in ACWW. Day visitors will be **limited to 2 days** of the conference, not including Ontario Day. Application forms will be available through the FWIO in the fall. Return registration forms and fees for Day Visitors to FWIO at 7382 Wellington Road 30, RR 5, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6J2.

#### Costs are:

- **June 12** – evening; Opening Ceremonies - \$35
- **June 13** – all day; Keynote Speaker Norman Rebin, Interfaith Service, ACWW President's Address, plenary session - \$70 (includes lunch)
- **June 14** – evening; A Canadian Mosaic - \$35
- **June 15** – all day; 4 theme speakers and discussion groups - \$70 (includes lunch)
- **June 17** – late afternoon and evening; Canada Area Meeting; Farewell Gala Banquet and speaker - \$70 (attendance limited, maximum of 1400 participants)

#### Ontario Day (June 16)

All full-time delegates will spend the day on buses touring the Hamilton-Wentworth-Halton-Niagara area and meeting WI members. All buses will meet at a central spot (location to be announced) for an evening barbecue and special entertainment.

Day visitors are invited to attend the barbecue and evening entertainment and to meet Conference delegates. - \$35

#### Companion Tours

The Tours Committee of the OCC is currently making plans for interesting day trips in the Hamilton Area for spouses or companions of delegates who do not wish to attend the Conference proceedings. Destinations of the various tours include the City of Hamilton, St. George, Stoney Creek, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Brant County, Haldimand-Norfolk County and Toronto. A variety of sights will be featured at each location. Details will be made available at a later date.

#### Full Conference

To attend all activities from June 11 to 18, 2000, at the Hamilton Convention Centre and Hamilton Place, you must be a fully paid Individual Member (Category IVb) of ACWW for at least one year.

Please note that if you have been chosen as a voting delegate by your Society, you must follow the Society's/ACWW's regulations re: membership.

Full Conference registration is *200 pounds sterling* before January 15, 2001, and *225 pounds sterling* after that until the cutoff date April 27, 2001. Registration forms are printed in *The Countrywoman* (January-March and April-June 2000 issues). They must be returned to ACWW Head Office, Clutha House, 10 Storey's Gate, London, SW1P 3AY, England, with the registration fee.

**Note:** Full Conference registration includes pre and post conference Canada Area meetings, Opening and Closing ceremonies, a Canadian Mosaic, Ontario Day Tour, Farewell Gala Banquet, all speakers and workshops, all plenary sessions, displays/sales and Interfaith Service. It does *not* include accommodation or meals.

Mary Janes is the Public Relations Director for the Ontario Coordinating Committee planning the ACWW 2001 Conference.



#### Kemptville WI Supports ACWW 2001

*Kemptville Women's Institute members pose with their collections of stamps and quilt blocks to be donated to the ACWW Conference 2001 fundraising projects.*

Submitted by Florence Frukala, President, Kemptville WI, Grenville.