

By Donna Russett

The FWIC Annual Board Meeting was held in Moncton, New Brunswick, from July 9 to 12. The budget for the upcoming year was reviewed, reports were given and other items of business addressed.

The Literacy Project

The Literacy Workshop informing us about the second phase, of helping people cope with everyday tasks, was one of the main items on the agenda. A similar workshop will be held for FWIO Provincial Advisory Councillors following the Annual Meeting in November.

Kits, including a second video, will be going out to the Branches across Canada. Using the kits, the Branches are encouraged to plan a meeting for the coming year. We ask that you respond with enthusiasm. We stress that the idea is not to tutor but rather to help on a practical level.

Dorothy Silver the woman on the first video was the luncheon speaker and gave a moving first person account of the everyday difficulties experienced by an adult with low literacy skills. LINKS - Linking Institutes and Neighbours with Knowledge and Skills - was chosen as the project name with a butterfly as the symbol.

The Novisi Weaning Industry Project

A big thank you to all who have supported this international project. The goal of £1776 has been surpassed. The excess is being held awaiting information on whether there is to be a second phase to the project. If not, we will be seeking permission to reallocate the surplus to another project.

FWIC 2000 - "Up, Up and Away - Shaping Our Dreams"

Plans are progressing well for the FWIC Convention to be held in Brandon, Manitoba, from June 6 to 10, 2000. There will be an early bird registration fee of \$299 up until January 31, 2000. After that, the fee will be \$350. Final cut off date is May 1, 2000. Registration forms are now available from the FWIO Provincial Office.

Plan now to be there and launch our organization into the new century!

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Vera Knowles Takes the Plate

I was born just outside of St. Catherines in 1913. I became a teacher and taught for several years. During this time, I met my husband to be, who was from a family farm in the Langton area. We married in 1940. After the war, William and I farmed with his brother near Langton. There we had two sons, William and James.

In 1949, I joined the Langton WI and was President from 1959 to 1962. My husband represented our area as a Member of Parliament. I was busy, but did enjoy my monthly WI meeting and getting involved in the local fairs. I love art and contests, so I was thrilled to have my design chosen for the centennial plate.

The Langton Branch caters a monthly meal for the Langton Lions Club. The Langton WI seem to have a good reputation for catering food!



The Women's Institute has done a tremendous job all around the world. And I feel humbled and honoured to have my brief profile printed in our provincial newsletter *Home & Country*.

Vera Knowles is a member of the Langton WI, Norfolk.

"Eggs"tra Special International Meeting



The topic at the International Meeting of the Beamsville WI was Ukrainian Eggs. Shown are speaker Stella Spytkowski (far left) and members (from left to right) Patricia Watterworth, Margaret Romagnoli, Norma Burse and Nellie Mairs. Other activities of the Branch included silk ribbon embroidery and glass etching. Members continue to take part in the Adopt-A-Road Program and to set up displays at local fairs. Friend of WI Certificates were presented to Laverne Michener and Glenn Watterworth, for their assistance with Branch activities.

Submitted by Barbara Stones, PRO, Beamsville WI, Lincoln.



Finch WI Rolls Out the Carpet

The Finch WI in Stormont District commemorated the International Year of Older Persons by having the entrance to the Finch Community Centre repaired and the carpeting replaced. Many seniors use the facility and the group's efforts were appreciated. Standing from left to right are Lois Dillabough, Heather Brownlee, Audrey Nephew and Elizabeth Paauw. Kneeling from left to right are Beryl MacMillan, Corry Dingemans, Bernadette Beehler and Sandra MacMillan.

Submitted by Sandra MacMillan, PRO, Finch WI, Stormont.