

ACWW 22nd Triennial Conference - Pretoria, South Africa

Six hundred and fifty delegates and friends from around the world attended the 22nd Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World in Pretoria, South Africa, in April. Sixty-nine delegates were Canadian.

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) President Arthena Hecker (standing left in top left photo) felt it was an honour and a privilege to have had the opportunity to attend. During an interview after returning home, she said "it hit home how much women are exploited worldwide. I realize how lucky we are here. I also realize we can do something about it by belonging to ACWW and helping ACWW projects."

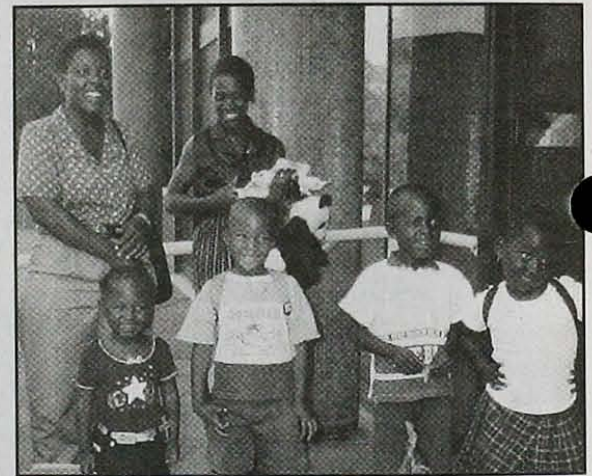
President-Elect of FWIO, Christine Reaburn (standing right in top left photo), said the highlight for her was "realizing the power you hold with your voting card and realizing that you can be part of the solution."

Watch for more ACWW Conference coverage in the Fall issue of the Home & Country newsletter, including a list of the resolutions passed and highlights from the keynote speakers.



A very happy group of South African children (bottom right) happily accept the 1,141 children's books that delegates were asked to bring. A few of the Canadian delegation (top right, from left to right) - Donna Russett, Marg Harris, Rosella Clancy, Glenna Smith, (conference hostess), and Marilyn Sharp - are pictured holding their book selections.

Photo Bottom Left: Peggy Knapp (right), outgoing Area President for Canada, introduces her replacement, Elizabeth Rushton (left) from Alberta.



Photos courtesy of Donna Russett and Marilyn Sharp.

Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition

The Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition (OHCC) provides WI members with contacts around the world and information about grassroots initiatives across Canada. FWIO is an association member of the Coalition. OHCC animators are trained in bringing communities together, working towards a common vision. Initiate a much needed program in your community today. Contact the Community Animator in your area.

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