

Resolutions Sustained at the Annual Meeting

The following resolutions were sustained at the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario annual meeting in November, 1997. They included:

Guelph Area

- requesting the Minister of Health to support the passing of a Natural Health Products Act which will deal fairly and exclusively with the category of "Natural Health Products"
- requesting our government to continue its efforts in seeking an international ban on the production, sale and use of land mines and support efforts to remove such devices wherever laid

Simcoe Area

- requesting the Department of Justice to introduce legislation to impose severe sentences for adults engaged in any form of pornographic behaviour with those under 18 years of age
- requesting the Department of Justice to investigate ways that children be protected from sex and violence on the Internet and to promote the availability and use of inexpensive television "chips" which enable parents to control and block sex and violence on the home television

London Area

- requesting that the Ontario Minister of Transportation enact legislation requiring the installation of reflective tape on the sides and rear of all farm equipment accessing roads in Ontario after dusk to increase farm equipment visibility (letters also to be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Farm Safety Council)
- requesting that the Ontario Minister of Transportation enact legislation requiring the installation of a strobe light on all school buses in Ontario to enhance the visibility of the school bus
- requesting that the Ontario Minister of Transportation enact legislation requiring each primary grade school bus in Ontario be equipped with a safety bar that makes the young child walk far enough ahead of the bus so that each child may be seen by the school bus driver

Grey-Bruce Area

- requesting that the appropriate branch of the United Nations take action to focus attention on the plight of women in Afghanistan who are being subjected to outrageously harsh persecution by an extremist group

Northwestern Area

- petitioning the Ontario Government to enact legislation that prohibits the possession of a loaded firearm between the road and fences, or if no fences, within eight metres of the traveled portion of all secondary highways and maintained township roads in the Province of Ontario

Please Note: The Resolutions Convener encourages the use of the *Resolutions Manual* when researching and writing a resolution. They can be purchased from the FWIO Office.

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Meet Your 1997-98 Executive and Board of Directors



The FWIO Executive - standing from left to right are Mary Janes - PRO, Donna Willows - Southern Regional Vice-President, Mary Lou Norton - Program Coordinator, Winnifred Mann - Western Regional Vice-President, and Lynn Ruigrok - Executive Assistant. Seated from left to right are Marg Harris - Past President, Arthena Hecker - President and Christine Reaburn - President-Elect.



The Third Year Board Directors standing from left to right are Anna Hodge, Dianne Orr and Anne Dyas. Seated from left to right are Laurena Ulrick, Winnifred Mann and Marie Thomson.



Second Year Board Directors, from left to right, in the back row are Vera Miner, Shirley Gleadall, Willa Johnston, Rosemary Moran, Margaret Crawford and Shirley Woodburn. Seated in the front row, from left to right, are Margaret Walton, Billie Power and Betty Vietch.



First Year Board Directors, from left to right, in the back row are Pat Salter, Evelyn Duff, Faith Nelms, Frankie Higgison (alternate Subdivision 1), Donna Willows and Elsie Stephenson. Seated in the front row from left to right are Barbara Clara, Dwyla Pilgrim, Jane Ilett and Marilyn Rennie. Absent - Luella Robinson.

Branch Centennial Reports



The mandate of the Centennial History Committee is to collect and record a historical summary of all the celebrations held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the WI. All Branches, Districts and Areas are to record their centennial projects and activities and send them to this committee. All items will be placed in a large book of archival quality to be on view at the FWIO Provincial Office.

This project will record all festivities held between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997. Send all reports of your 100th anniversary celebrations to Leda Archer at 34 Lorne St., Elmvale ON L0L 1P0, (705)322-2130.