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FWIO MAILBAG:

July 14, 1997

Dear Provincial President:

One of our members, Alma Milligan, was recognized recently at the 1997 Provincial Convention for her lengthy service in the WI. Alma joined the Hazel Grove Branch of the Prince Edward Island Women's Institute in 1922 at the age of 15. In 1929, ... she transferred to the Sherbrooke Branch. At the age of 90 Alma is still able to participate in meetings, something she has done without interruption for the past 75 years. This is recognized as a record for our province.

Our Branch is proud of Alma's achievement and anxious to share her feat with fellow members across the country. We are curious to know if any other WI member in Canada holds such a record... Other Prince Edward Island members are older, but cannot boast as long a membership.

I would appreciate hearing from your province to determine how many other members of the WI hold this distinction, and if there is a member with a longer continuous membership than Alma.

With all good wishes,
Joan Homans
Secretary, Sherbrooke WI

Please write to the FWIO Provincial Office with this information. And to Joan at the following address:

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June 16, 1997

Dear Janine Roelens-Grant:

You asked for comments on the new *Home & Country* [board reporting] format. I think it is "GREAT" - much easier to get the highlights of the Board briefings and other activities. Your headings are clear and distinct.

I read the *Home & Country* from cover to cover and it makes you feel you really know what the WI is doing.

Keep up the good work.
Yours in WI,
Barbara Senske
Fonthill

With Thanks

As Chair of the Planning Committee of the Centennial Celebration/FWIC Convention held at the Hamilton Convention Centre in June, may I express my thanks to all members of the committee who dedicated five years to making sure it would be a memorable occasion.

But the fifteen members of our committee did not work alone. On their behalf, may I express gratitude to those on the sub-committees and the multitude of volunteers who worked at the Registration Desk, helped with setting up and staffing the Wentworth Display and Sales Room, carried floral displays to stage and dining rooms, conducted or sang in the International Choir, prepared the Interfaith Service, worked so diligently on the program in both the Convention Centre and Gage Park, took part in the Fashion Show and Pageant, and acted as hosts on the Tour Buses and ushers or greeters in the theatre.

Thanks to our Ontario members in attendance for being such warm and considerate hostesses, and members at home who provided lunches for our guests from across Canada and from beyond our borders and hosted visitors in their homes. Letters of thanks continue to arrive, written expressly to pay tribute to the hosting society for the welcome they received.

Then there is FWIO President Marg Harris and her Board of Directors, the helpful staff in the Provincial Office, as well as a most cooperative and experienced group of people at the Convention Centre itself and in the FWIC Office in Ottawa.

Without all of you such a major undertaking could not have been planned and carried out. Each task you undertook added to the success of the whole. Many, many thanks to you all.

Sincerely,
Peggy Knapp
Chair, Convention '97 Planning Committee