

# Board Briefings

March, 1997



Members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have asked that *Home & Country* be used for more communication with members. As a result, the format of the March Board Report has changed to include more business and less discussion of details. Please let the Editor know your views about this change in format.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Scholarships:** There were 39 applications for the 4-H Regional Scholarships. The distribution of the new scholarship brochure was given credit for the dramatic increase in interest. In 1998 the value of the scholarships will remain \$350 each. The essay theme will be "The Pros and Cons of the Internet."

**FWIO Telephone Number:** After research into costs and analysis of benefits to FWIO of having a 1-800 number, the Board decided to make no changes at this time.

**Erland Lee (Museum) Home:** Guelph Area will supply the crafts for sale in 1998. Central Area is the alternate.

**Junior Women's Institute:** JWIO has a new membership committee to promote and maintain membership. The goal is two new members per Branch. JWIO's membership fees are now \$30 per year.



**Convention '97:** Chair Peggy Knapp reported that FWIO has acquired sponsorship for keynote speaker Dr. Roberta Bondar. On March 18, 1997, there were still many openings for registration for both the Convention and the special days. Every registrant is reminded to bring a Christmas ornament to the Convention, to be sold in support of the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead.

**FWIO Tartan:** The FWIO Tartan may be ordered from the Provincial Office (see details on how to order in separate box on this page). It is made of 14-ounce wool and is 62 inches wide.

**Brochure:** A new, colourful promotional brochure about FWIO is now available, replacing the gold pamphlet.

**Constitution Committee:** This Committee, composed of President Marg Harris, Past President Donna Russett, President-Elect Arthena Hecker, Board Directors Ann Dyas, Winnifred Mann, Ann McDougall and members-at-large, Pat Ozsvari and Gail Murdock, will attend a workshop on writing constitutions before they start their work.

**FWIC Competitions:** The Ontario winning submissions to FWIC are:  
**Senator Cairine Wilson Essay** ("WI - A Family Affair")  
- Lois Yellowlees, Solina WI

## Tweedsmuir Competitions:

Community History (photo history of century-old building)  
- Joan Chalmers, Vandorf WI  
Handicrafts (hooked rug)  
- Isabel Annis, Honeyvale WI  
Cultural (one-act play)  
- Agnes Foster, Elders Mills WI  
Collection of Artifacts in Use at the Turn of the Century  
- Dorothy Morgan, Puslinch WI

## FWIC UPDATE

**FWIC President-Elect Candidates** - Margaret Munro (ON), Joyce Johnson (MB) and Faye Mayberry (AB) have let their names stand for election.

**Convention Voting Delegates** - FWIO covers the registration costs of the 10 voting delegates to the triennial convention. The delegates are Ediith Lazaruk, Dianne Orr, Laurena Ulrick, Mary Vezeau, Eda Van der Linden, Winnifred Mann, Anne Dyas, Donna Russett, Alta Vance and Olive Macdonald.

**BOB the Beaver Campaign** - This campaign to raise funds for FWIC (started in 1994 with a goal of \$100,000 over 3 years, or \$3 per member) has reached its goal in Alberta, and New Brunswick is expected to reach theirs before the Convention.

## FINANCIAL DISCUSSIONS

**Personnel:** Lynn Ruigrok is now the full-time Executive Assistant, as well as the Bookkeeper for FWIO.

**Financial Report:** Lynn Ruigrok presented the financial report and the Auditor's recommendations. The FWIO

fiscal year is from October 1 to September 30. As of February 28, 1997, there is a deficit of \$45,359.96. This is being adjusted as 1996 fees come into the Provincial Office and as Ambrose History Book sales continue. The recommendations from the auditor include:

- that all financial transactions (Provincial Office, Erland Lee (Museum) Home, Convention '97, Centennial Committee and Conference '96) be under the control and responsibility of the Provincial Office, rather than through the 5 different accounting systems now in use, and,
- that FWIO ensure that their accounting system reflects the 1996 legislative changes made on GST.



**Finance Committee:** Committee Chair Joe Ann Lane reported that a new budget form is now available to all committee chairs, in order that budgets be submitted in a uniform manner. The committee will be developing a five-year financial plan in June.

**Partnerships:** PRO Mary Janes presented several considerations if FWIO wishes to partner with companies or corporations for financial assistance. The Board needs to be sure the research has been careful and thorough and that there is a relationship of trust between the two partners. The Board needs to consider the disadvantages and the benefits to both sides. A partnership, because it will impact on FWIO's image, reputation, values, credibility and future, needs to be entered into cautiously and carefully. The Board of Directors decided to consider partnerships on an individual basis.



## FWIO Tartan for Sale

Please place your order based on the following:

Metres \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping/Handling = \$5.00

Subtotal = \_\_\_\_\_

7% GST on Subtotal = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your order and cheque payable to the FWIO to the Provincial Office at 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2.