

#### Ontario 4-H Foundation:

Elinor Humphries, Director of Development of the Ontario 4-H Council, reported that the Foundation's goal is \$2.5 million, to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Ontario 4-H program. The Foundation is looking for corporate, association and individual charter members. The decision concerning charter membership for FWIO was turned over to the Finance Committee to report to Board in August.

**WI Member Lives Here Signs:** The Lorneville-Argyle WI submitted a proposal to FWIO to share the profits from the sale of "WI Member Lives Here" signs. They will have either the *Home & Country* logo or the centennial logo, and will be made of corrugated plastic. This proposal was approved by the Board.

**Ambrose History Book:** History Book Committee Chair Jane Croft reported that the pace of sales is slow. The book is now being made available to libraries and book stores. There have been several book reviews in newspapers. Tom Allen, host of the CBC Radio program *Fresh Air*, interviewed Linda Ambrose, on February 22, 1997.

**Display Booth at RAWF:** The Committee Chair reported the cost of the 1996 booth was \$6245.98. In addition, members worked 847 volunteer hours to mount and staff the display. She reported that FWIO has two Board Directors on the Board of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF). FWIO also presents awards at the Women's Day at the Royal Luncheon. The planning committee for this event is composed of WI members. The Display Committee's recommendation to discontinue the booth because of high costs and lack of positive results was not accepted by the provincial Board. A new committee will be named for 1997.

**International Exchange:** Donna Russett reported on the tentative plans for an exchange with the Michigan Family and Community Education Association. The Board moved that FWIO pay the costs and provide host homes for a WI applicant. Board also decided to explore the possibilities of covering the costs from the International Scholarship Fund.

**Marketing Committee:** The Marketing Committee will be composed of three members - one from the office staff, one from the Finance Committee and a member-at-large. This committee will develop a uniform policy for the sale of items from the Provincial Office, develop various marketing methods for selling items and suggest new ideas for raising funds for the Provincial Office.



## RESTRUCTURING PLANS

**Resignation:** The Board received the resignation of Restructuring Committee Chair Marg Eberle with regret.

**Notices of Motion:** The following Notices of Motion were read (The full wording is available from Board Directors.):

- that Area Conventions be planned by a convention committee, be self-sustaining, have a balanced educational/business format and meet the needs of the Area
- that the FWIO Resolutions Committee be composed of the Convener and five members
- that the Elections procedure be changed when a full slate of officers is presented
- that the following be left out of the *Handbook* in the section about the duties of the FWIO President - "be responsible for the work of the provincial office."
- that the Provincial Board be made up of one Board Director per Area, one JWIO Board Director, a Past President, a President or Chair of Board, a President-Elect and an Administrative Assistant (with no vote)

**Recommendations Accepted:** The following recommendations concerning restructuring were accepted by the Board:

- that the same page in each issue of *Home & Country* have Board highlights and provincial upcoming events
- that the final Restructuring Report be utilized by the Constitution Committee
- that advertising in *Home & Country* be considered to defray the costs of publication
- that the current FWIO membership fees be submitted to the Provincial Office by June 30 of each year, to be implemented after November, 1997
- that a copy of the Branch membership list be sent to the FWIO Office
- that, due to the deficit situation of FWIO, requests for money from other organisations be carefully considered
- that a President's letter to all members not be sent, due to financial restraints



## OTHER NOTICES OF MOTION

These will be considered at August Board:

- that the position of Past President be deleted
- that the FWIO Finance Committee be composed of the President, Past President in her first year, President-Elect in her second year, FWIO Treasurer (non-voting), a member-at-large (Chair for a 4-year term) and two Provincial Board Directors
- that the Finance Committee examine all aspects of FWIO finances, keep the investment portfolio current, prepare a budget to present to the FWIO Board and advise of their financial position at each Provincial Board and Executive meeting
- that the FWIO President, Finance Committee Chair and FWIO Treasurer make investments for FWIO on advice from the Finance Committee

## DECISIONS

**CAPRO:** Donna Lunn, Project Coordinator of the Community Abuse Program of Rural Ontario (CAPRO), explained the objectives of the program and the action plan. Arthena Hecker, Chair of the Safe & Healthy Communities Steering Committee, will represent FWIO on the CAPRO Advisory Committee.

**Program Committee:** The following recommendations of the Program Committee were accepted:

- supporting the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) recommendation for provincial standards for mammography services and equipment
- asking FWIC to recommend national standards for mammography services and equipment
- initiating pilot projects in the four FWIO Regions, working in conjunction with the OBSP
- working with the Osteoporosis Society of Canada to present *Changes, Choices and Challenges - A Women's Health Forum on Osteoporosis and Menopause*
- inviting Kayla Glynn Associates to conduct a workshop at August Board on "A Role for Biotechnology in Canada's Food Production"
- asking the Ontario Ministry of Health to allow the Women's College Hospital in Toronto to continue operations

## Upcoming Events

**April 1 - September 1:** display of glass from Royal Ontario Museum in drive shed at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home

**June 25:** plaque unveiling in memory of Mrs. Alfred Watt (first ACWW President) at Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal

**July:** Student Project, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead

**July 15 - August 31:** Art Show and Sale, Erland Lee (Museum) Home

**August 18 - 20:** FWIO Board Meeting, Village Inn, Ironbridge

**September:** Regional PRO Workshops (See details on page 9)

**September 23 - 24:** Harvest Lunches, Erland Lee (Museum) Home

**November 2 - 4:** Membership Organizers Workshop, FWIO Office

**November 8:** JWIO Fall Conference/Annual Meeting

**November 15:** Victorian Christmas Fair, Erland Lee (Museum) Home

**November 18 - 21:** Annual FWIO Board Meeting, Ramada Inn, Cornwall

**December 7:** Christmas Open House, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead