

# For Your Information

## Manitoba Flood Relief

Donations for the Manitoba Flood Relief may come to the FWIO Provincial Office. They will be forwarded to the Manitoba Women's Institute. All cheques must be payable to the Manitoba WI, re: The Relief Fund. Thank you to WI member Amy Johnston for the suggestion.

## From Now On, It's All Gravy

Our beautiful centennial history book, *For Home and Country*, by Linda M. Ambrose has now covered its production cost. This means that from now on, it's all gravy! Every copy sold helps our organization directly.



You can make a difference by letting your friends, neighbours and former members know how to order copies. To order send a \$35 cheque payable to FWIO, to the FWIO Provincial Office at 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2.

## Tote Bags Great for Fund Raising

The new FWIO Tote Bags are a great fund raising idea for Branches. They also make a great memento and gift for speakers. The mailing from Pacific Ridge Packaging to Branches was approved by Executive. The WI can only benefit from the publicity, and a percentage of the profits will be forwarded to the FWIO from Pacific Ridge Packaging.

Branch Secretaries, watch for your free samples. Or for more immediate information about this new bag program, call Joyce Hancock at Pacific Ridge Packaging at 1-888-443-BAGS.

## Hospitality Homes In Ontario

Are you planning a vacation? Remember, Hospitality Homes in Ontario are open to all Women's Institute members and their travelling companions for \$10 per night per person. To obtain a list of the Homes, send three 45 cent stamps to Gillian Catto, Hospitality Coordinator, at Box 16, Site 14, RR 1, Whitefish ON P0M 3E0, (705)866-0253.



## Nominations Needed

Nominations are needed for the position of President-Elect for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. If you know of someone in your Branch, District or Area who is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the Women's Institute and has the time and talent required for this commitment, please encourage them to apply through the FWIO Provincial Office at 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR 5, Guelph ON N1H 6J2, Phone: (519)836-3078, Fax: (519)836-9456. Application forms can be obtained from the office.

## Please Note

The FWIC Bail-Out-Bucket or (B.O.B. the Beaver) and the Knitted Squares for Zambia projects will come to an end at Convention '97 in June.

## WI on the Internet

Information about the Women's Institute, including articles from recent editions of the *Home and Country* newsletter, is on the Internet at two locations:

<http://www.tdg.ca/ontag/fwio>

<http://www.xcelco.on.ca/~edjanas>



## Women's Institute Rose

The Women's Institute Rose is being distributed in 1997 through the Centennial Committee. The Women's Institute Rose will only be available through Sheridan Nurseries and its outlets in 1998.



## Please Note

The mandate of the Centennial History Committee is to collect and record an 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, to December 31, 1997. Please send all reports of your 100th anniversary celebrations to Leda Archer, 34 Lorne St., Elmvalle ON L0L 1P0, (705)322-2130.

**Note:** Any reports of this nature already sent to the FWIO Provincial Office or the Editor of *Home & Country* that didn't include photographs, have been or will be forwarded to Leda Archer. Any that have included actual photographs will be returned to be forwarded by the Branch, District or Area members themselves.

## Reminder to District Secretaries

This is a reminder to District Secretaries that the 4-H Scholarship Packages will be mailed out to them in August this year. This is so they have time to work with their District Scholarship contacts or committees to get the information out to the high schools in their Districts. This has been requested by the Provincial Board of Directors to get the information to all high school students.

Similar to last year, the 4-H Scholarship information will also be sent from the FWIO Provincial Office to the Ontario 4-H Council, who then include it in their provincial newsletter and distribute it to 4-H members via their Director mailings. In this way, the scholarship information is reaching the 4-H members.



## Villeneuve Applauds Volunteers

To help celebrate National Volunteer Week, Noble Villeneuve, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), recognized the invaluable contribution of volunteers and volunteer organizations for their selfless efforts and dedication in Ontario's rural communities. "Volunteer organizations like 4-H, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Junior Farmers' Association and horticultural societies play a vital role in daily life in Ontario communities," said Minister Villeneuve. "Their ability to work willingly together for the betterment of their community and themselves is a valuable resource."

Source: News Release, OMAFRA, April 18, 1997.

## "Royal" Seeking Memorabilia

This year - 1997 - is the 75th anniversary of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF). The theme of the Royal will be "A Fair to Remember" and Canada Post will issue a commemorative stamp on the opening day of the Fair, November 6.

If any readers have memorabilia, such as ribbons, medals, prize certificates, posters, etc., of previous Winter Fairs and are willing to loan them for display purposes in the archives exhibit, please send them to the following:

David E. Garrick  
Chief Executive Officer  
Royal Agricultural Winter Fair  
c/o The Coliseum  
Exhibition Place  
Toronto ON M6K 3C3



**"You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to sit on!"**

Source: Francis Gay's Friendship Book

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