

For Your Information

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.

Christmas Ornaments Requested



The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) request that each person attending Convention '97 bring a handmade Christmas ornament to be sold for \$5. The proceeds will go to support the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead. Everyone delighted in purchasing Christmas ornaments as mementoes of the last Convention. Take this opportunity to show off your talent!

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.

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/~edjanes>

Bob the Beaver

The FWIC Bail-Out-Bucket project, or B.O.B. the Beaver, will come to an end at Convention '97. The target of \$1 per member in Canada for three years has not yet been met. Send your donations payable to FWIC, Bob the Beaver to the FWIO Provincial Office today!

Ombudsman Ontario

Ombudsman Ontario tries to make sure the way our government works is fair and reasonable. If you would like more information about Ombudsman Ontario, contact the Toronto Office at 125 Queen's Park, Toronto ON M5S 2C7, Phone: (416)586-3300, Fax: (416)586-3485, Toll free lines: 1-800-263-1830, or contact any of the district offices.

Heartfelt Thanks for Headquarters Donations

Your collections taken on February 19, 1997, for the FWIO Headquarters Fund are pouring into the Provincial Office. A tremendous personal Thank You to each one who gave for this special donation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marg".

Marg Harris,
FWIO President

Your Provincial Office Staff are:

Lynn Ruigrok - Bookkeeper/Executive Assistant

Lise Simmons - Office Assistant

Janine Roelens-Grant - Editor, Home & Country

The Women's Program

The Women's Program was created as part of the Department of the Secretary of State in 1973, as a result of a recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. In its report, the Commission recognized the key role played by voluntary groups in bringing about improvement for women, and recommended that the government provide support to women's organizations working toward women's equality. In 1993, the Women's Program mandate was renewed on a permanent basis. In 1995, it was integrated within Status of Women Canada. The current objectives of the Women's Program are:

- to increase public understanding of women's equality issues in order to encourage action;
- to promote the organizational development of women's groups in order to increase their effectiveness in working towards equality for women;
- and, to promote action by institutions to incorporate women's equality issues into their decision-making structures, policies and programs.

For more information about the Women's Program, contact: Women's Program, Status of Women Canada, National Office, 360 Albert St., 7th Floor, Ottawa ON K1A 1C3, Phone: (613)947-0934, Fax: (613)947-0761, or contact any of the regional offices.

The Women's Institute



For Home and Country

Convention '97 Video

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the formation of the first Women's Institute in Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1897, the Convention '97 Committee is producing a professionally prepared video which will combine the centennial celebrations in Hamilton with historical background about the Women's Institute and its roots. For those who would like a commemorative item from the centennial celebrations, but are unable to attend "A WI Centennial Celebration & FWIC Convention '97" in June in Hamilton, this video is ideal.

The cost of the video is \$50 (taxes, shipping and handling included). To reserve your copy, please send a \$50 cheque, payable to Convention '97, to:

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario
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Guelph ON N1H 6J2

Mark Convention Video clearly on the cheque, and indicate if it needs to be a system other than what is used in Canada. For example, in Europe the PAL system is required. The videos will be shipped in October, 1997.

Convention '97 Commemorative Booklet

A Commemorative Booklet of "A WI Centennial Celebration & FWIC Convention '97" will also be produced. This is an ideal memento for those who are unable to attend this once-in-a-life-time event. Order your copy today. Send a \$10 cheque, payable to Convention '97, to:

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Mark Commemorative Booklet clearly on the cheque. The Commemorative Booklets will also be shipped in October.

Return Address:

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