

Meet Your Regional Vice Presidents

**Self-Profile: Eastern Regional VP
Ann McDougall**

I was born in Perth, Ontario, but lived in Carleton Place during most of my school years. I moved to Almonte in 1963. Rather than move to Ottawa, I prefer to commute to work; I have always been and always will be a "small community-minded person."

I am fortunate to have two parents with whom I reside and who are healthy and active in seniors' organizations. I have one sister, who resides in Almonte with her husband, and their three girls. Tragically, my brother was drowned eight years ago, but I am close to his wife Nancy and their three children. My nieces and one nephew are an important part of my life and play a large role in my decision to be so community active. They are our future and there needs to be a "safe and healthy" community for them.

I have been employed by the Department of Justice in the Civil Litigation Section for about twenty-five years. Currently, I am a Legal Assistant to a General Counsel. My exposure to the professionalism of the Department of Justice has provided me with an excellent background and knowledge for my "spare time" activities. I also had some exposure to private practice for about five years.

I joined the Almonte WI in 1980. Almost immediately I became the Branch Secretary-Treasurer. We are a small Branch of six and I still maintain this position. I was District Secretary-Treasurer for North Lanark for six years and President from 1991 to 1994. As Eastern Area New Branch Organizer, I attended the workshop held at Crieff in November of 1993. At present, I am Board Director for Subdivision 3 and Eastern Regional Vice-President.

While FWIO is occupying a good deal of my time, it is an organization I believe in. And, as my mother once told me: "You only get out of an organization exactly what you put into it" - words of wisdom I think about and constantly practise. A little extra effort never hurt anyone and the sense of the accomplishment far outweighs the hard work behind it.

Last fall, I was asked to take on the position of Secretary to the North Lanark Agricultural Society (Almonte Fair). I have been involved in the Fair Board for some years in the Homecraft and Women's Institute Divisions. As well, I am an active member of the Rebekah Lodge, another organization that is "near and

dear to my heart." In addition, when asked, I give as much time as I can to community organizations in and around my community of Almonte.

My favourite hobby is counted cross-stitch and I make the time to sit down with this craft. Relaxation is an important part of a busy everyday life for everyone. My English Cocker Spaniel, whose registered name is King's Counsel (K.C. for short), is also important to my relaxation and well-being.

**Self-Profile: Western Regional VP
Wilma Carter**

Except for two years of my life, I have lived in my present house on Stockdale Road near Orillia. It is an old frame home built in 1895 with lumber milled from the trees on the property. My father bought the farm in 1926 from the home's builder. Over the years, the farm has seen a variety of animals: sheep, turkeys, ranged cattle, bees, goats and the usual range of birds - ducks, geese, guinea-fowl and bantam chickens.

After graduating, I worked doing "Accounts Receivable" in an office at a hardware store in Orillia. After I married my husband Ivan, I became a stay-at-home Mom to five daughters and two sons. I was involved in the Parent-Teacher Association and other school activities. The local 4-H kept me busy as a leader, judge and scholarship chair. And, I sang in our church choir and taught Sunday school. When my children were older, I once again worked away from home: two years as a housekeeper in a local motel and eleven years as a clerk in a ladies wear store (the last two months as Night Manager).

In spite of a busy family life, I found time to enjoy knitting, photography and collecting family history. Today, I love watching my grandchildren play soccer and other sports.

Now that I am retired, I give the Women's Institute more of my time. I joined the Hampshire-Ardrea Branch in 1972, twenty-four years ago. I have taken on the positions of Branch President and Treasurer and District and Area Delegate. For the Simcoe East District, I have been the Convener of Resolutions and Family and Consumer Affairs, as well as spending a term as Public Relations Officer and Secretary Treasurer. Currently, I am Provincial Board Director for Subdivision 13 and Western Regional Vice-President. The WI is an important part of my life and the well-being of any community.

I thank the Women's Institute for giving me friends; my WI friends are the best! I thank the WI for giving me confidence to try new positions in life and for giving me tremendous support as I carry on. This confidence and this support has carried me to heights beyond my expectations; I can only wish the same for other women who get involved.

Congratulations

Anniversaries:

Hill View WI, Prescott	40
Beckwith WI, Lanark North	50
Bridgeport WI, Waterloo North	50
Kenmore WI, Carleton East	60
Zion Amabel, Bruce North	60
Locksley Rankin WI, Renfrew North	65
Roblin WI, Lennox-Addington	65
Elmhurst WI, Perth Centre	70
Monkton WI, Perth North	70
Wilton WI, Lennox-Addington	70
Leitrim WI, Carleton East	75
River Road WI, Elgin West	75
Shirley WI, Ontario South	85
Caledon WI, Peel North	90

Life Memberships:

Ashgrove WI, Halton
- Isla Allison
- Elizabeth Wilson
- Ethel Wilson
Caledon WI, Peel North
- Dorothy Petch
- Doris Ward
Hill View WI, Prescott
- Mary MacCaskill
- Asenath McGibbon
Rothsay WI, Wellington North
- Helen Black
- Erla Dickson
- Thelma Horne
- Joyce McDonald

Certificates of Merit:

Caledon WI, Peel North
- Marjorie Walterhouse
Erin Township JWJ
- Susan Peavoy
Hastings JWJ
- Heather Bailey
- Mary McCurdy
- Marlene Pollock
North Grey JWJ
- Bonnie Prevost
Pittsburgh WI, Frontenac
- June Fuller
Wallacetown WI, Elgin West
- Gladys Graham
- Mae Graham
- Dorothy Lamb
- Marjorie Ripley