

Resolutions Sustained at the FWIO Annual Meeting

The following resolutions were sustained at the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) annual meeting in November, 1995. They included:

From the Eastern Area

- asking the Federal Minister of Justice for revisions to the Young Offenders Act in three areas - so that serious personal injury offences, such as murder and sexual offences, be tried in adult court; so that sentencing court be empowered to direct service of all or part of a sentence in a youth institution; and, so that the court has the authority to direct mandatory psychiatric treatment with or without consent of the offender and/or the guardian as a condition of release.

From the Kingston Area

- asking that the FWIO take action to publicize the research findings on air pollution in our homes (no decisions were made as to how this should be done; any suggestions would be welcome).

From the London Area

- asking that the Federal Minister of Justice release the names of young offenders only after they have been convicted and found guilty.
- requesting that the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC) more closely monitor the use of offensive language on radio and television.

From the Hamilton Area

- requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to adopt a graduated driver licensing system for seniors.

From the Guelph Area

- requesting the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General and the Ontario Ministry of Consumer & Commercial Relations to enact legislation forbidding the selling of mailing lists without the consent of the persons on the list.
- urging the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) to ban all forms of pornography on television.
- asking the Federal Department of Justice and the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General to amend current legislation in order that stiffer sentences may be imposed by judges.
- urging the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of the Solicitor General to enact legislation defining "reasonable discipline and abuse."

From the Northern Area

- urging the Minister of Agriculture & Agri Food Canada and the Minister of Health & Welfare Canada to enact legislation requiring that the name Monosodium Glutamate or MSG be used to indicate when free glutamic acid, in any form and in all concentrations, is used in processed foods sold in Canada.

From the Southwestern Area

- requesting Health & Welfare Canada to undertake more independent research on the growth hormone rBST before it is used on dairy cattle.
- asking that Health & Welfare Canada require all imported dairy products produced from rBST injected cattle be labelled as such.

From the Grey Bruce Area

- urging that the Ontario Minister of Health maintain adequate funds to meet the current standards of health care in Ontario.
- asking Health & Welfare Canada to ban the use of the growth hormone rBST on dairy cattle.
- requesting the Canadian Standards Association to improve the present quality of zippers.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario also agreed to support the following two resolutions presented at their annual meeting:

- BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) work with our health care partners to lobby the government so that acceptable health care services are provided for rural areas.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Hospital Association advocate that the Minister of Health take immediate action to implement an appropriate physician reimbursement system for Emergency Services in Ontario; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minister of Health take immediate action to implement the Scott Report, specifically the recommendations on reimbursement, retention and recruitment of physicians in rural Ontario.

From the North Central Area

- asking Health & Welfare Canada and Agriculture Canada to ban the growth hormone rBST for use in Canada.
- requesting Agriculture & Agri Food Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Consumer & Commercial Relations to change the present food labelling regulations to include the amounts of trans-fatty acids with other fats.
- asking that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Tourism & Recreation not use the colours blue and gold for any other signs except museum and historical marker signs.

Note: The four resolutions concerning rBST will be sent together to help demonstrate the growing unease amongst the public with the proposed use of this hormone. Also note that I have written to your Area Resolutions Convener regarding the fate of your resolutions, including those that were defeated and the reasons for their defeat.

Please Note:

- The FWIO Resolutions Convener Gillian Catto can be reached at Box 16, Site 14, RR 1, Whitefish ON P0M 3E0, (705)866-0253.
- Resolutions Manuals can be obtained from the FWIO office for a cost of \$3.



Gillian Catto, Resolutions Convener for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO), is pictured above after her briefing to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) in October. She urged the CRTC to take measures to control violence on television. Other members of the FWIO also attended. Standing from left to right are Glenna Smith - Program Coordinator, Marg Harris - President Elect, Donna Russett - President, and Marg Eberle - Past President.