

Safe and Healthy Communities Focus of Women's Institute

After discussions ranging from budgeting, safety of citizens, child care, strengthening the work ethic, nutrition education to senior citizens' responsibilities, the Provincial Board Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) voted at their March meeting in Guelph to launch a new focus for the organization - Safe and Healthy Communities. Since 1988, the focus of FWIO has been the environment. In two years, members initiated over 350 projects. Across the province these included major recycling projects, tree planting, and refusing to use disposable items.

The first step towards Safe and Healthy Communities will be a

provincial seminar in the fall. Community leaders will be invited to identify and prioritize needs, develop ideas to address those needs and write the project descriptions required for funding applications. The Women's Institute will facilitate discussions with agencies that have expertise in the target areas. There will be opportunities to network with other community leaders.

Safe and Healthy Communities is intended to create a positive atmosphere for community living. The Women's Institute has a long history of involvement in community action for "Home and Country."

Mary Janes is the Public Relations Officer for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Avonton WI Receives Federal Award

The Avonton Women's Institute was presented with an International Year of the Family Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of their exceptional support. This Branch hosted two separate events - a "Meet Your Neighbour" evening, including exhibits and speakers addressing family-oriented issues and a meeting to view a Year of the Family Video and discuss various issues affecting the family unit. John Richardson, Perth/Waterloo/Wellington MP, is pictured above presenting the certificate to members Marlene Archer (left), Evelyn Matthison (centre) and Helen Schellenberger (right), Branch President.

Submitted by Marlene Archer, Avonton WI, Perth South.



1995 Queen's Birthday Parade



Monday, May 22, 1995, was the official day of celebration in Canada of the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This year, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) were invited to participate in the parade organized by the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust. The parade marshalled at the southeast corner of Bay St. and Wellesley St. in Toronto, and began with a short ceremony. It then proceeded east on Wellesley St., south on Yonge St., west on Dundas St. and north on University Ave. and Queen's Park Cres. E. to the Parliament Building. The Hon. Henry N.R. Jackman, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, reviewed the parade in front of Queen's Park. FWIO parade participants are Rosella Clancy, Stirling WI, who is carrying the FWIO sign out in front, Donna Russett, FWIO President, who is seated in the back of the car, and Glenna Smith (left), FWIO Program Co-ordinator, and Rosine Findley (right), Bent River WI, who are carrying the banner behind the car.

Submitted by Donna Russett, FWIO President, and a member of the Wellman's Corners WI, Hastings North District.

Congratulations

Anniversaries:

- Lake Dore WI, Renfrew North 60
- Purple Valley WI, Bruce North 60
- Hopetown WI, Lanark North 65
- Glenburnie WI, Frontenac 70
- Puslinch WI, Wellington South 90
- Springvale WI, Haldimand West 90
- Bowmanville WI, Durham West 95

Life Members:

- Lake Dore WI, Renfrew North
 - Joan Lett
- Massie WI, Grey North
 - Ruth Hamill
 - Dona Norton
- Purple Valley WI, Bruce North
 - Edna Cook
 - Beatrice Pruder
 - Margaret Urbshott
- Seymour West WI, Northumberland E.
 - Lois Brown
 - Gerane McConnell
 - Helen Pickens
 - Fleda Stillman
- Vinemount WI, Wentworth South
 - Doris Dunberry
 - Myra Oldfield

Certificates of Merit:

- Selwyn WI, Peterborough
 - Bernadette Caza
 - Margaret Killeen
 - Anna Northey
 - Evelyn Wilson