

What Ever Happened to the Resolutions?

By Gillian Catto

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions are one way to change a law that's wrong,
It tells our MP's that we want a Canada that's strong,
An issue on pollution or a traffic rule that's needed,
Will tell our politicians that these items should be heeded,
So get together with your Branch, be part of the solution,
Stand up, speak out, be counted and form a resolution!

Written by Dorothy Dobbie, Birr WI

Here is a brief update of the resolutions passed at the FWIO annual meeting last November (See page 6, Spring 1993 *Home & Country* for the resolutions).

1. The Federal Government committed \$25 million for research, standards of care and exchange of information on breast cancer.
2. The FWIO will work with the Ontario Breast Screening Program to encourage women to have mammograms and to learn about Breast Self-Examinations.
3. Canada Post responded that they will continue with its century-long association with community retail businesses in order to keep costs at reasonable levels and avoid maintaining post offices.
4. The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released a document - *Common Curriculum, Grades 1-9* - outlining what students should achieve by grades 3, 6 and 9; it places a priority on language and mathematics and the use of methods necessary to achieve its objectives, including letter clustering and phonics.
5. A four-page letter, received from the Honourable Pierre Blais, discusses this resolution and many other as-

- pects of the Young Offenders Act. Anyone wishing to see a copy of the letter, please write to Gillian Catto, FWIO Resolutions Convenor, RR#1, Whitefish, Ontario, P0M 3E0.
6. Health officials feel that teaching adolescent females about breast self-examinations would cause unnecessary anxiety amongst girls experiencing breast changes during their menstrual cycle.
7. The Government of Ontario argues that if the Planning Act deems all lots created prior to 1979 as separate parcels, many problems could be created for municipalities and a great demand made on local services.
8. The Government of Ontario does not believe that the incineration of scrap tires is the best possible use of valuable raw material; however, they are currently supporting projects which divert Ontario's used tires from disposal sites.
9. The Government of Ontario believes that with a cautious, controlled approach, casinos will enhance community economic development and generate government revenues.
10. See number 5.
11. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation passed this resolution on to the Transport Operations Branch for detailed review.
12. The Government of Ontario provided several million dollars to the Ontario Provincial Police for recruiting more officers.
13. Both the Federal and Provincial Governments believe that health care should be available to all, and to levy charges would be contrary to the Canada Health Act.
14. See number 11.
15. Agriculture Canada added this resolution to the list of food and drug regulations under review.
16. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has a policy on 'Good Taste' requiring programs reflect the generally accepted values of contemporary society; but it is difficult to establish precise rules in the area of 'good taste.' Video Hits is now off the air, but for eight years this program followed strict guidelines.

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A Partridge in a Pear Tree



The FWIO Executive Officers took the initiative and purchased 1000 Christmas tree ornaments (made from recycled materials) to 'kick off' their contribution to the Headquarter's Campaign.

The ornaments will be available at your Area Conventions through the Board Directors. The 'Partridge in a Pear Tree' ornament is the first of a series depicting the Twelve Days of Christmas. The ornament will be inscribed with: Happy Holidays 1993, From the Women's Institutes of Ontario. The cost is \$4 each.

What a wonderful gift for family members and friends! So start your Christmas shopping early this year at your Area Convention.