

Advocacy Update



The Government of Ontario's Seniors Secretariat is launching its Age Friendly Communities consultation process this Fall. The FWIO is encouraged to send representatives to these meetings, or to volunteer for the Local Working Groups which will be responsible for organizing the forums and for following up on outcomes. Community outreach will be an important role for the Local Working Groups.

Some time commitment is needed to participate in the Local Working Groups. However, FWIO involvement could be through an FWIO "team" to share participation responsibilities.

Broad-based community consultations will take place beginning in October. The proposed locations include Kenora, Sault Ste. Marie, Ottawa, Barrie, Windsor, Toronto and Hamilton. However, these locations will draw in broader communities as well and your participation is encouraged. If you want to GET INVOLVED and help make your community more age-friendly, please contact Judith Moses at 416-300-1322 or at judithmoses@rogers.com.

New Resolution

At the FWIC Convention in PEI this past summer, the following resolution was presented and approved.

RESOLVED that based on further consultation with CANGRANDS, the FWIC affirm their intention to help protect the needs and rights of Canadian children who will benefit from kin care rather than foster child arrangements in the home of strangers; and

RESOLVED that the FWIC commits to providing advocacy support to the organization, CANGRANDS, through provincial WI's, to help CANGRANDS seek fair and responsive government efforts to assist children to stay with their grandparents when appropriate and when their own parents are unable to care for them.

HOT NEWS

**Don't miss the
Annual General Meeting**

January 6, 2010, Kempenfelt Centre in Barrie

\$34 includes an agenda, Annual Report, muffins and Danish upon arrival, unlimited use of beverage station and a buffet lunch.

(Additional pricing options are available for Members who wish to join the Provincial Officers for dinner or those who will not be eating on site – please review the registration form for full details).

Workshops will be held in the same location on January 7, 2010.

PLEASE NOTE: PAID registrations **must** be received at the Provincial Office by December 17, 2009 in order to meet Kempenfelt's due date for final numbers. If we have not received your payment before this date – you are not registered. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made.

The AGM registration form can be downloaded from the FWIO website in the Coming Events section. It can also be obtained by contacting the FWIO Provincial Office at 519-836-3078.