

F.W.I.O. news

Where would you look when you want to study current issues; influence action; improve communities; develop leadership skills; enjoy fellowship; and generally be involved? The same place 23,000 other women looked and then joined the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO).

Since 1897, Women's Institute has been an educational organization promoting personal growth and community action. 1987 has been a year to celebrate 90 years of achievements, to decide where the organization stands today and to build for tomorrow.

FWIO President, Mrs. Margaret Munro, welcomed the Executive and 34 Provincial Board Directors to the Annual Board Meeting held in Toronto from November 16-20, 1987. Attending for the first time was recently hired FWIO Executive Secretary, Mrs. Anna Jackson.

Four Provincial Officers were elected at this meeting - President Elect - Mrs. Peggy Knapp, Georgetown; Program Coordinator Mrs. Hilde Morden, Rodney; Public Relations Mrs. Geraldine Campbell, Ridgeway; FWIO Vice President (Ontario) Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, Cochrane.

Nine new Provincial Board Directors were ratified - Mrs. Christine Reaburn, Westmeath; Mrs. Marion Morey, Havelock; Mrs. Doris Dunn, Stouffville; Mrs. Elsie Parry, Washago; Mrs. Sandra Kell, Churchill; Mrs. Fran Hyatt, Mount Bridges; Mrs. Betty Walther, Otterville; Mrs. Mary Shorrock, Dryden; and Mrs. Donna Henderson, Listowel.

FWIO is an educational organization. Therefore, learning is of primary importance and is encouraged at all levels. Fifteen FWIO MacDonald Awards valued at \$300 each will be available in 1988 to students from Ontario admitted to the second semester at the College of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Guelph. Application forms may be procured from the Assistant Registrar at the University.

Helen M. McKercher Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate in Home Economics from a Canadian University/College who is studying at a higher level. Half of the

Award is granted at the beginning of the course and the remainder upon completion. In 1988, the value will be \$1100. Application forms are available from FWIO office in the Guelph Agriculture Centre.

Women's Institute Branches present scholarships, medallions, plaques, awards at graduations and prizes/awards at science fairs, public speaking competitions, music festivals and sports events. They also fund daycare centres, nursery and playschools, 4-H Clubs; sponsor swimming classes and an annual bicycle rodeo which stresses safety; initiate adult courses on crafts,

homemaking skills and even second languages. Many Women's Institute members act as volunteer leaders for both 4-H Clubs and Adult Courses.

A Provincial Leadership Development Conference will be held at Queen's University, Kingston from May 13-15, 1988 with the theme "Educate/Initiate". Women's Institute members will have the opportunity to learn organizing skills and gain information which can be applied to investigating, initiating and implementing a program of recycling newspapers, glass and tin within their communities.

YES!

The Purple Valley Community Centre will hold a New Year's Eve Dance.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1987
Entertainment by the Northern Airm

Spot dances, door prizes
and lunch provided
Admission \$10.00 per
couple.

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