

How Does It Function?

The Women's Institute organization is democracy at work. By voicing her opinion in the branch Women's Institute, the District and the Convention Area, the individual member is shaping the policy of the entire group.

In some counties the Women's Institute set up a county organization, meeting usually once a year to confer on county projects such as scholarships, etc.

All Women's Institutes in Ontario were federated in 1919 to form the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. (F.W.I.O.)

How Is It Financed?

1. By the annual \$1.00 fee to the branch Institute. From this

(1) 50 cents to support the provincial organization (F.W.I.O.)

(2) 25 cents to support the National organization, Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (F.W.I.C.)

(3) 2 cents to support the international organization The Associated Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.).

2. By individual or branch contributions to support the district and convention area.

Each member of the branch Women's Institute is automatically a member of the district, convention area provincial (F.W.I.O.), national (F.W.I.C.) and international (A.C.W.W.) Women's Institute organizations.

Junior Institutes

Junior Institute members are girls and young women of 16 to 29, and their programmes are planned for this age group. A Junior Institute has the same status as a Women's Institute in the District and Convention Areas, and two members selected by the Juniors, provincially, sit on the F.W.I.O. Board.

4-H Homemaking Clubs

Girls 4-H Homemaking Clubs are for girls 12 to 26. Most of these clubs are sponsored by the local Women's Institute members. The club programme is supervised by the County Home Economist of the Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, and includes projects in Food, Clothing, House-furnishing, Hospitality, Gardening and Home Defence.

Home Economics Branch

As part of their programme to encourage better homemaking, the Institutes organize groups of women in the community to take courses given by the Home Economics Branch of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and Food. Courses are available in Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Home Furnishings, Home Crafts, Health Education, Cultural Activities and Women's Institute Procedures.

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