



# FWIO Travel

By Arthena Hecker

Off we went to England, Scotland and Wales on August 4, 2016 for 12 days of adventure before attending the ACWW Triennial Conference in Warwick. What a time we had; staying in castles, seeing Stonehenge, attending the Military Tattoo in Edinburgh, watching falconry shows, knights jousting and the list goes on. There were seven of us on this fantastic adventure. What a time of fun and fellowship we had. If you were a shopper, how you would have enjoyed yourself. Our tour guide was informative, the food was very good and the accommodations excellent. Attending the ACWW Conference at Warwick University put the finishing touch to a most enjoyable trip.

After the Conference, 15 of us took the train up to Edinburgh, Scotland for the beginning of a nine-day tour. We heard the pipes, saw highland dancing, the presentation of the haggis (got to taste it too), walked the Royal Mile and saw the Military Tattoo. We spent a couple of hours at the majestic Dunrobin Castle (1300's). My, what a view from the castle windows over the formal gardens to the North Sea. A ferry ride took us to the Orkney Islands where one of the sites was the remains of a Neolithic village. Now that was interesting! Of course we went to Loch Ness – didn't see Nessie though. We saw battlefields, crossed to the Isle of Skye, saw castles, watched a farmer work his sheep dogs and thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Scotland.

Where to next? The absolute trip of a lifetime – **Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice – August 27 to September 4, 2017.** This is going to be a fantastic trip! Interested? Contact Arthena Hecker at arthena\_hecker@hotmail.com or 705-246-2377.



*Pictured (L-R), front row: Donna Russett, Joan Holthe, Maida Hawley, Cecilia Maines, Dorothy MacDonald, Evelyn Peck, Verna Bird and Frances Bogner. Back row: Gerald Russett, Larry Holthe, Grant Maines, Leila Pettigrew, Elizabeth Sutton, Myrl Hawley and Arthena Hecker.*

## Don't Miss the 2017 Provincial and ACWW Canada Area Conferences!

**Location:** Best Western Pembroke Inn, Pembroke, Ontario

**FWIO Provincial Conference** – June 20-22, 2017  
Theme: "Our Journey to 2017 - Past, Present and Future"

**ACWW Canada Area Conference** – June 23-25, 2017  
Theme: "Women Helping Women for 90 Years...and Beyond"

In December 2016, a package was sent to Branches containing the registration information for the 2017 Provincial Conference, the ACWW Canada Area Conference and the pre-order information for the "Ordinary to Extraordinary" book containing 150 'Real Life Stories' from the Provincial Canada 150 Project. All of this information is available on the FWIO website and in recent E-Blasts.

Members from other provinces have registered, along with the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) President, the ACWW Canada Area President, the ACWW USA Area President, the FWIC President, and the Indiana Homemakers Exchange.

The Provincial Conference commences on the evening of June 20th with Dinner, the Official Opening and the launch of the Provincial Canada 150 Project book.

Wednesday and Thursday will have a varied program of speakers, (Women's Institute, ACWW, FWIC, as well as from the community), table discussions, a Q&A Session with the Provincial Board and a review of Women's Institutes 120 years of achievement. The Wednesday evening entertainment will feature music from the Ottawa Valley along with Fiddler and Step Dancing. Friday will include tours to Ottawa and the opening ceremonies to the ACWW Canada Area Conference. Saturday and Sunday will include speakers, discussion groups and entertainment.

### The Final Registration Deadline for both Conferences is April 30, 2017.

The Best Western hotel is situated on the corner of Highway 41 and Trans Canada Highway 17.

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