



NEWSLETTER

FIRST ISSUE - DECEMBER 2003

Welcome to the first Renfrew South District Women's Institute Newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy reading about what our District is doing and news items from Branches as they complete new projects. Your assistance is needed to keep this information up-to-date, so please help us by submitting your activities to us. This is a trial project, so we are not sure when the next edition will be printed. Please have patience with us as we get all the logistics worked out. For now, we hope that you enjoy your first RSDWI Newsletter and submit your feedback and news to J. Camelon and J. McDonald.

Do you know your Executive.....



Front- S. Campbell Tres, J. McDonald Pres, J. Henderson 1st Vice, K. Pender Past Pres. Second- C. Zorgal PAC, S. Gibbons Course Coordinator, S. Forrest Lobbying, J. Reid Financial Reviewer, A. Schubrink Asst Curator, A. Neill Curator, J. Camelon PRO, L. Clelland Education Coordinator

and your District Directors.....



Front- N. Dewar, A. Majaury, P. Dool, B. Comba. Second- C. Zorgal PAC, J. Henderson, A. Schubrink, J. Brown, S. Crozier, A. MacLeod, A. Kubiseski, A. MacGregor

Remember your District Director's meeting is January 24, 2004 – look forward to seeing you there.

Updates from the Area Convention 2003 – Metcalfe Ontario

Were you there? Did you hear the news? It was a very informative day and those attending enjoyed meeting friends (old and new), a great meal and updating their WI information.

RSDWI President Joanne McDonald brought information on the Bone China Osteoporosis Tea to be held at the Chateau Laurier in November and WI stepped up to the plate. With the encouragement of Cathy Hall, WI members dipped into their purses collecting over \$750 to support a table at this event and eight lucky names were pulled to attend. Our PRO contacted FWIO and we provided ROSE brochures and door prizes for this event. From all accounts, the day was a huge success. Congratulations RSDWI for your part in this achievement.

Other items of interest included
- increase of fees in the next three years. In 2004 to \$30, 2005 to \$40 and 2006 to \$50. WI is still a good investment for your time and money. Did you know that Girl Guides costs \$100 to join and sports prices are out of site....and at least we do not have to buy a uniform!! If you have suggestions on how to defer these costs, please pass them on to your RSDWI Executive.

- Johnston Insurance reported 80 quotes have been issued to WI members with no obligation to purchase. FWIO has received \$20 for

each quote.

- Ontario Government has created the Ontario Early Years Centre and satellite centers in every riding to assist parents in parenting and literary skills for 0 to 6 years of age – a good opportunity to WI to get involved in.
- Erland Lee Home has been designated a Canadian Nation Heritage site – which helps with restoration costs. They are looking for articles, jams and pickles to be sold at the home. PACs have been enlisted to take these items to the home.
- FWIC office has moved from Ottawa to Guelph area.
- ACWW World Conference is to be held in Tasmania in March 2004. Christine Raeburn is running for ACWW President.
- New brochures are available for the ROSE program and FWIO – make sure you order yours soon.
- Provincial Conference will be held in Oshawa in June 2004.

Next Eastern Area Convention will be October 18th, 2004 in Prescott.

Congratulations to our Bernice Noblet Award winners....

Birdhouse – J. Headrick Lorne Sutherland 1st
Essay – L. Clelland Balsam Hill 1st, A. Majaury White Lake 2nd
Door Decoration – J. McDonald Balsam Hill 2nd, Sheilah Gibbons 3rd Balsam Hill

Get your competition list for 2004 from your Branch Executive.

Looking for a Pen Pal???

Contact Peggy McLeod for a new friend in our twin province PEI, or contact Frankie Higginson for a new pal in South Australia.