



Renfrew South District Women's Institute

NEWSLETTER

SECOND ISSUE - FEBRUARY 2004

Hi from your District Executive.... Here is your second Newsletter and we hope you will help us by sending your news and views from Renfrew South District WI for future issues. Do you have an anniversary coming up or a very special event you would like to tell us about... We would like to tell others in our District about your wonderful events. In this issue we are going to touch on some of the upcoming events and some of the highlights of the District Directors meeting.

We are sorry to report that our past PAC representative, Dwyla Pilgrim has passed away. Dwyla was a very busy WI member and will be missed in Renfrew North District and at our Area meetings. Also, thanks to all who offered sympathy during the loss of Jo-Anne Camelon's husband, Sandy. Your concern is greatly appreciated by all of our families.

We are looking to fill two positions in the Executive and hope that you are thinking about joining us and making a difference. The positions open are for Treasurer and PRO - we hope that you will step up to the challenge remembering that you will have lots of support and guidance when you need it.

Submit your feedback and news to Jo-Anne Camelon and Joanne McDonald by regular mail or by email to jocamelon@hotmail.com See you next time.

ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS _ 2004

We have a deadline to meet - and we want to make sure that all RSDWI members are informed and honoured for the 2004 Voluntarism in Ontario Awards. So the information is in and we are willing to get the information off to the Ontario government - but we need your help.

The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards are a way for the government to recognize volunteers for their undeniable contributions. The awards are also a way to thank volunteers for their continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to a group. The years recognized are for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of CONTINUOUS service.

So here is our plan for 2004. Because we are limited in the number of names nominated, we would like to submit your name if you have 30, 40 and 50 years of service and have not received a pin for that number of years in 2002. This means that if you received a 50 year pin in 2002, you will not receive another one, but if you received your 30 year pin and have over 40 years with WI, you can submit your name for this pin....which is new this year.

Here is the information that we will need....

Mrs/Msyour name.....

Address with Postal Code

Telephone number

Age Category: 65+ or over 24

Occupation if applicable

Number of consecutive years as a volunteer in the organization

We need this information from each branch in RSDWI sent to Jo-Anne Camelon by March 20, 2004 to meet the deadline of March 26, 2004. There is a great deal of paperwork to be completed so please get this information to us as soon as possible.

RALLY 2004

Eastern Area WI are very excited to offer the experience of their 2004 Area Rally in Almonte on April 24, 2004. The Theme for the day is 'Just For You' and offers many displays and ways to pamper yourself. There are no meetings at this rally so you will have the opportunity to visit all the displays being offered. Why not get a group together and plan on having a wonderful day in Almonte 'Just For You'. See your Secretary for more information. Hope to see you there. *Deadline is April 8th.*

CHEMO HEADWEAR

This has been such a worthwhile project and it is amazing how our WI Branches have continued to provide this much-needed headwear to those who continue to battle Cancer.

Admaston WI held a workshop on January 28th for members and friends to complete as many scarves as possible. If your Branch would appreciate some instruction on this project - or if not sewers, would like to contribute money or material to other Branches as support, please get in touch with Lynn Clelland for more information. This project supplies Chemo Headwear to both Renfrew and Arnprior hospitals and is greatly appreciated by staff, volunteers and the recipients. Good Job RSDWI

Certificate Contest - ENTRY DATE MAY 7 2004 - YOUR SECRETARY HAS ADDRESS & INFO MUST HAVE - WI CREST; FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF ONTARIO; SPACE FOR NAME; SPACE FOR CATEGORY; DATE; LOCATION OF CONFERENCE; 8 1/2" x 11" PAPER.