

# RSDWI NEWSLETTER

## AREA FAIRS

I know – it does seem early to be talking about the Fairs, but you have to start early, right?

This year there are lots of celebrations at the local fairs. Both Arnprior and Renfrew have their lists out and we hope all WIs in the District are planning to show at both. Last year Renfrew only had five WIs showing while Arnprior had eight. Remember that you are not limited to which fair you show at, and if you are making the WI competitions, why not look at the other competitions and show your skills there.

Don't forget the Ottawa CCEA – if you are interested, please contact Jean Henderson and she will make sure that you receive a list and will make arrangements for your article to get down to Ottawa. Thanks Jean for looking after us....

## DISTRICT DIRECTORS MEETING

January 24, 2004

Much of the information in this Newsletter was discussed during this meeting. You will have read about the Chemo Headwear, 2004 Rally in Almonte and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the local fairs. Plans are also underway for the District Annual hosted by Horton North on May 15, 2004 at the New Horton Community Centre. The Theme is 'Year of Rice and the Roll Call is "Definition of a food related diseases. There will be a craft table and WIs are asked to bring priced article(s) totaling \$10 to be sold that day. Nominating Committee are Burnstown, Calabogie and Dewars. Please help these ladies as they try to fill all the positions in our executive.

Congratulations to our Representatives for the Wall of Fame. Lynn Clelland and Marjorie Watts have prepared the RSDWI nomination of the late Margaret Hamilton – a well-known newspaper correspondent and author from the Glasgow WI. Watch for the results in local papers on March 6, 2004. Great Work Gals! Cindy Zorgel – PAC for Subdivision 3 – gave a detailed report on the FWIO and ROSE programs. Of course the rise in fees what discussed and it is important to realize that our organization is not growing as it should. Remember that our fund raising projects should not be used to pay our fees, but we can do special fund raising *collections in meetings* to meet these increase costs. Be inventive and make it fun for everyone. The Home and Country magazine will have 3 issues instead of 4 in another cost-cutting move. The Conference in Oshawa on June 11-13<sup>th</sup> is a great opportunity to meet other WI members. This is a very reasonable cost and we hope that many from this District will attend.

Look for a Provincial fundraising event for 2005 – Quilts, Quills and Bears. There will be a quilt block competition and information will be mailed out in March 2004. There is also a storybook competition – 500 word maximum – suitable for a grade 3 level reading about a teddy bear named Quincy and his adventures with a quilt. Deadline for entries is May 2004.

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE TWEEDSMUIRS GONE

"At our last Renfrew South District Directors Meeting in January I accepted the responsibility to find out

where disbanded branches store their Tweedsmuir Histories. The following is a list of where branches store their histories.

COMBERMERE - Madonna House Combermere  
PINE GROVE - Arnprior ~~Museum~~ Archives  
GOSHEN - Alternatively With Their Members  
BONNECHERE VALLEY - Renfrew Archives  
HORTON SOUTH - Margaret Barbers Home Then Renfrew Archives  
Sincerely

Mae Craig"

**Note:** it is recommended that your Tweedsmuir Histories be kept in a secure place. This information is very important especially with the great interest in Genealogy and Family Tree research.

## ROSE PROGRAM \_ FAQ

What is a Rose Session and how can it work for you.....

A ROSE session is any educational session (workshops, presentations, health fairs, craft shows etc.) where the community is invited to attend. Leadership training was provided in 2000/01 and will be offered in 2004. Each Branch should have a Planning Guide to help with their plans. A ROSE session can feature any organization, guest or partner that you wish. Look for the names of the partners on the website or in your documentations.

There are new free ROSE Brochures available and can be ordered from:  
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RENFREW FAIR BOARD IS LOOKING FOR MEMORABILIA FROM THE PAST 150 YEARS..  
BOOKS BEFORE 1950, RIBBONS, CERTIFICATES ECT. PHONE HELEN 432-4761 OR JUDY AT  
432-5331. MARK NAME CLEARLY IF TO BE RETURNED.  
ITEMS FOR ERLAND LEE HOME, MADE FOR SALE, ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE DISTRICT MEETING.