



RENFREW SOUTH DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWSLETTER

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Hi from your NEW District Executive.... 2004-2005 year of RSDWI has started and there have been a few changes to our Executive.... the most important is our new Treasurer, Irene Robillard from the Burnstown WI. We are very fortunate to have had such an able person in Sara Campbell to keep our finances in order for so many years. Sara and Irene's dedication to the organization is an example of how our organization continues to grow and remain strong. Next year we will be looking for more members to join the Executive so keep that in mind when you are planning for next year's events.

During our District Annual, it became very evident that there have been changes in our organization again.... they say change is good, but we have certainly have had a lot in the last little while. In trying to find out about these changes, I have had quite a few emails from Lynn Ruigrok and Julie Annett in answer to some of the questions arising from our District Annual. The second page of this Newsletter is dedicated to an email that Julie sent regarding the changes to Volunteer hours. I hope that some of our concerns have been answered.

One of the positions that are not required to report to FWIO is the PRO position. That does not mean that we do not need this and other positions in our organization. PLEASE keep your PRO in your branch and give that important person all your information so that we can keep this Newsletter up to date and keep our names in the local newspapers. All WI members should be promoting WI but we only need one dedicated person to report your successes to our members and the community. Good luck in your endeavours for the summer and we look forward to pictures and news-reports to pass on to our membership.

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.

RSDWI District Annual _ 2004

What a wonderful day and in such a beautiful setting – the new Horton Community Centre – for the 2004 District Annual. Approximately 65 members and guests attended for the day and we had lots of important issues to look forward to. Our new Executive were sworn in and we are very pleased to welcome Irene as Treasurer.

Our guest speakers for the day were Laurie Dougherty – Arnprior Archives and Joan Lemay – WOW Health Festival.

Horton North set the atmosphere to resemble a Tea Party with beautiful teacups and teapots gracing the tables. In all it was a wonderful day and you will hear more the day's events from your District Directors at your next meeting.

RALLY 2004

Eastern Area WI 2004 Area Rally in Almonte on April 24, 2004 was very well attended.



The Theme for the day was 'Just For You' and we were in a day of experiences and techniques to enhance our

lives. If you were not there, you missed out on an opportunity to apply makeup properly, arrange flowers, make a quiche, learn some easy exercises and enjoy a fashion show, music and of course an excellent meal. Congratulations to the EAWI Exec for an excellent day. And Joanne, Noreen and Jo-Anne and helpers for creating a beautiful display that won 2nd Prize in the Area – Great Job All!!.

BEACHBURG 100th ANNIVERSARY

President Joanne McDonald and 1st Vice Jean Henderson attended the 100th Anniversary of Beachburg WI in May 2004. What a wonderful honour to be able to attend such a memorable event.

RNDWI DISTRICT ANNUAL

President Joanne McDonald and 2nd Vice Jo-Anne Camelon attended the evening District Annual of Renfrew North on June 4, 2004. Seeing how their meeting proceeds was an interesting experience.

CALENDAR GIRLS

Have you seen the movie? How about planning a movie night for your WI. Get a copy of Calendar Girls and invite WI members and some friends over for a great evening of entertainment. It is worth it

THE MIGHTY PEN

Do you have an issue you would like to see changed – be it in your community, in your county or in your province (metered water??). You have the best tool to start change – the PEN. A simple letter from every member of your Branch can make a difference!!