



FEDERATED News

Spring/Summer 2016

Greetings from the FWIC President

Much has happened over the last few months with FWIC from new staffing at the National office to our Annual Board Meeting held from June 16-19th in Brant County, Ontario.

Part of these changes will be changes to the FEDERATED News format and offering biennial newsletters. With increased production costs, reduced subscriptions and new projects FWIC would like to pursue, this will be the last edition of the FED News.

Monthly FED Bulletins are already digitally being sent out and we will begin to send these out to anyone signed up for the FED Newsletter who has provided their email address. For those who do not have computer access, you will receive a mailed copy of this edition and a December FED Bulletin. Anyone who has paid multiple years, the office will be directly in touch with you.

We are looking forward to offering something else to you in the future which will be cost effective and may be more of a keepsake. Until then, we thank everyone who has supported the FEDERATED News.

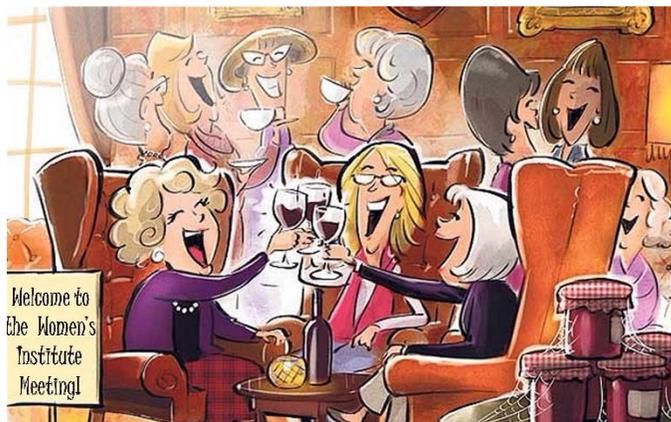
So until the next edition of the FED Bulletin....

WI...Women Inspired to make change count!
WI...Proud of our past, Preparing for our Future!

Linda Hoy
President FWIC



Social Media Hit



If you stopped by the FWIC Facebook page earlier in March, you saw this image uploaded by the FWIC social media coordinator. As of this writing, the picture has been shared 66 times and reached over 4500 people, including women in the UK and Australia. They love us!

Why not stop by to see it for yourself? The page is open for public viewing – you don't need a Facebook account to take part.
<https://www.facebook.com/WomensInstitutes/>

Triennial Quilt Reminder

Donna Henderson is wrapping up when she will receive fabrics for the Triennial Quilt! Any questions, email at donnahenderson80@gmail.com

Send Donna your swatches!

- 100% cotton
- Any size or shape of new fabric will do.
- Up to 3 entries per person
- Deadline for submission of fabric is **August 30, 2016**

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Whoa, Nellie!

I want to leave something behind when I go; some small legacy of truth, some word that will shine in a dark place. —Nellie McClung

Congratulations to Manitoba Women's Institutes! On January 28, 2016 they were honoured with a Nellie Award. We are so very proud of you all!

The awards celebrated the 100th anniversary of Manitoba women getting the 'vote'. MWI was 6 years old in 1915. Thanks to the Manitoba Association of Home Economists for nominating Manitoba WI!

During its 105 years, the Manitoba Women's Institute has encouraged the indomitable spirit of Nellie McClung, a speaker at its first annual convention held in 1911.



The MWI supported the suffragist movement that resulted in Manitoba women receiving the right to vote in 1916. It lobbied to bring about the passage of the 1916 Manitoba Dower Law to protect the property rights of a wife. It worked hard to make health care and public health programs accessible for rural people and safe houses accessible for abused women.

The Nellie Awards are presented by the Nellie McClung Foundation (Manitoba) in partnership with the Winnipeg Free Press. To read more about the other nominees and award winners, see this web page <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/the-nellies/>



Ann Mandziuk and Donna Young at the Nellies. Way to go MWI!!!

Dates to Remember



August 17 – 23, 2016
ACWW 28th Triennial World Conference

- Working Together for a Better Future

August 21 - 27, 2016
FWIC International Peace Garden Scholarship Program

- Three provinces will be represented at the International Peace Garden this year
- See article for more details

August 2016 - **FED NEWS** Spring/Summer Edition

October 2016 - **FWIC Executive Board Meeting**

- For the first time to be held as a virtual meeting using Skype



FWIC International Peace Garden Scholarship Week

This is the 4th year of the IPG Scholarship program hosted by Manitoba WI. Thank you to the International Peace Garden and everyone who has supported & volunteered for this leadership program. We wish the scholarship recipients a wonderful experience and look forward to hearing back on all the exciting activities that are planned.

Congratulations to the Scholarship Provincial Representatives:

Emily Keenan, ON – FWIO
Danica Smith, NB – NBWI
Micayla Darrach, PEI – PEIWI

Upcoming Events at the Homestead



October 1, 2016
Culture Days at Addie's

- In partnership with the Burford Tractor Club

December 10, 2016
Victorian Christmas with the Hunter Family

- Join us at the Homestead for a Victorian Christmas complete with music, parlour games, and more!

Erland Lee Award



This certificate is presented to a gentleman who has made an outstanding contribution to the Women's Institute movement.

Award recipients for 2016:

Fred Cooper & Wayne Bauer – FWIO
Cecil Kenny – PEIWI
Donald Robinson – QWI
Jack Blakeney – WINS

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you for your ongoing contributions.



The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award

Congratulations to Florence Ellerton, our 2016 Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award winner! FWIC recognizes Florence's lifetime of volunteerism and leadership. She is Past President of the QWI, a leader in community campaigns, and a great mentor for children and youth.



Left to Right: ACWW Canada Area President Sheila Needham; Florence Ellerton, Hemmingford WI; FWIC President Linda Hoy

We congratulate and thank all nominees and nominators for their honourable submissions. Their great involvement and voluntarism in their own communities is a reflection of the work and leadership embodied by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless!

Denise Code – BC
Ruth Fenner – BC
Louise Hall – QC
Brenda Johnson – ON
Christa Jonathan – ON
Betty Lacey – NB



ADELAIDE
HUNTER
HOODLESS
HOMESTEAD

Updates from the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead

We've had lots of exciting events happening at the Homestead this summer, with a few more on the way. If you're in the neighbourhood, stop by and see the birthplace of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, co-founder of the WI!

Summer 2016 Museum Events:

- Outdoor Victorian Games
- Let's Go Fly A Kite at Addie's (top right image)
- I Spy at Addie's (top left image)
- Children's Summer Camps (bottom images)
- Learn-A-Skill Children's Workshops
- Victorian Parlour Games



A special thank you to our two summer students Maggie Kyle and Emily Jackson who were hired on a government grant, as well as our tireless volunteers who helped make the summer a success! A special thank you to our student volunteers Makayla, Ashley, and Madeleine.

Learn more at
www.adelaidehoodless.ca
or follow the Homestead
on Facebook, Twitter, and
Instagram!



Checking in with the Provinces!

British Columbia WI

President Janet Bangs

BCWI's biggest excitement this past year was the dedication plaque honoring Mrs. Madge Watt on Aug 14/15 in Colwood on Vancouver Island. They've also been actively writing letters to all levels of government about Site C, and to D. Michelle Carr regarding West Coast Environment.

Alberta WI

President Faye Mayberry

WI members looking to make a donation to the Fort McMurry fire are encouraged to donate money to Way Points, the Fort McMurray Family Crisis Society. They have a 36 bed shelter, and sexual assault and abuse centre. There will be far less local donations than normal, with a greater need. To donate, please contact Michelle Taylor, Director (mmtaylor63@gmail.com or 780-881-8099).

Saskatchewan WI

President Marion Ogrodnick

SWI's membership is small but mighty! They are fundraising for a room at a new children's hospital and have raised \$6,000 so far. They also had a quilt raffle at the annual meeting which raised \$876.

Manitoba WI

President Ann Mandziuk

"Preparing for our future" Manitoba WI has hired change makers from a Marketing and Promotions company in Winnipeg. They hope this will help get the MWI name out there, and thereby attract new members. Their new website launched July 2016.

Ontario WI

President Margaret Byl

FWIO's 2016 slogan is "WI: Women Involved!" The ROSE acronym has been updated to "Reaching Ontario, Sharing Education," and the Women's Institute Rose will be available Spring of 2017 from Sheridan Nurseries. FWIO volunteers are also coordinating the digitization of the Provincial Tweedsmuir Histories.

Quebec WI

President Judy Page-Jones

QWI members have been very active in supporting schools with breakfast and lunch programs, prizes and bursaries, shelters for women and animals, and many more projects in their own communities. For the Adopt a Shelter project, the QWI connected with a Native Women's shelter, and spoke with a woman who was part of the 60's scoop who shared her story.

New Brunswick WI

President Angela Scott

NBWI's three-year theme is "Celebrating Creativity at Every Age" with the focus this year on "Helping Young Adults." NBWI recently navigated through great financial crisis, and like many WIs are striving

to attract new members. They are encouraging existing branches to change their agendas, making meetings more appealing to a wider demographic.

WI Nova Scotia

President Sheila Richards

Through financial hardship, WINS' 'Back to Basics' project is going strong. A new director has presented three 'Back to Basic' sessions in partnership with Sobeys grocery store and their dietician. Many districts are continuing to make reflective arm bands for local elementary school children from grades 3/4/5.

Prince Edward Island WI

President Jacquie Laird

PEIWI's annual fundraiser "Spring is in the Air Gala Dinner and Auction" once again was a resounding success, raising \$16,834.15 for the Prince Edward Island Ground Search and Rescue for training and equipment. In fall 2015, over 100 participants walked or ran in support of International Day of the Girl, with over 90% being non WI members. PEIWI is also partnering with 4H on a new project.

Newfoundland WI

President Delores Jones

Like many Provincial WIs, NLWI is in dire financial straits. They are actively seeking sponsorships to help them re-establish financial stability. They have also been investigating the health risks of ingesting artificial sweeteners, and will be following up with the Canadian Diabetic Association.



ACWW

ACWW Canada Area President Sheila Needham is pleased to report that the monetary goals for both ACWW Projects that Canada Area is supporting have been met and we fulfilled our obligation early with an excess of funds!

Rather than hold the excess funds in an account, Sheila decided to put them to even more good by supporting a third ACWW Project. Further donations will go towards purchasing a Solar Pump as part of the Yenzanathi Community Upliftment Project in South Africa. We are thrilled to be sponsoring three ACWW Projects this triennium!

The FWIC Website is Having a Facelift!

Come see the exciting changes that are taking place at www.fwic.ca – a work in progress!

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Highlights from the 2016 FWIC Annual Board Meeting & AGM

The FWIC Board of Directors met June 16th – 19th 2016 in Brantford and St George Ontario. The ladies were welcomed with a Meet and Greet with the Homestead Local Committee and members of local WI branches.



Many topics were discussed including short and long term strategies to ensure the continued viability of the FWIC as a national organization. The Executive Members will be meeting in Fall 2016 over Skype, in an effort to hold more regular meetings while cutting down the cost of travel. Board restructuring models were also presented and discussed to streamline the activities and committees of the FWIC.

The FWIC passed one resolution from AWI about Lyme disease, and a resolution from QWI about neonicotinoids was rewritten.

Amid planning sessions on Saturday, the Board took a picnic break at the Homestead for National Picnic day. The Homestead Local Committee asked for permission to investigate obtaining a separate charity number for the Homestead, which the Board granted. Afterwards the ladies took an outing to Mary Maxim in Paris ON for essential crafting supplies.

The FWIC encourages all WI members to continue to move forward with the triennial theme of **“Women Inspired to make change count!”**

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The FWIC Board Listening to a Presentation on Saturday June 18th at the Homestead

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