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Monthly Newsletter for Federated Women's Institutes of Canada



Happy Father's Day 2025



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From the President's desk...

From May 13 to 15, South Vancouver Island Women's Institutes pulled all the stops and hosted the ACWW Canada Area Conference in Langford, British Columbia. The conference welcomed representatives from all the 19 ACWW societies, except one, including FWIC.

When attendees entered the Legion, the hostess committee greeted them warmly and provided a conference bag made by one of their members. The bags featured the conference logo on the front, and the back displayed pictures of BC wildlife. Additionally, numerous goodies were available to add to the bags.



Attending ACWW conferences, national conventions, or provincial AGMs offers numerous benefits. First, there are the people you meet. Many attendees had participated in the FWIC Convention in Truro, either virtually or in person, and much of the first evening was spent reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. As everyone catches up, we learn about the challenges each person faces and how similar these challenges are from coast to coast. Collectively, we are stronger and can benefit from one another's experiences.

Another benefit is hearing firsthand reports from all the societies. Some societies are strictly ACWW, while others share their WI work and how they support ACWW. It is impressive to hear what each society is doing and the difference they are making in their communities.

A third benefit is the guest speakers, including ACWW World President Magdie de Kock, Historian Ruth Fenner, Horticulturist Bethany Couture, who discussed healthy soil, Kim Coy, who discussed forensic nursing, and Sonia Furstenau, who discussed protecting a BC watershed. All provided food for thought and demonstrated how to enhance our communities and the world.

I walked away with a question: How can we ensure that members know about these events and their many benefits? Who encouraged us to attend or assisted us in attending a provincial, national, or international event? As leaders, we are responsible for identifying and developing future leaders, helping them look beyond their branch. The organization's future, whether ACWW or WI, hinges on how effectively we share the message and inspire others to get involved.

Till next time, Lynn

WI Connections Contributions

All contributions are welcome.

Please send to wiconnections@fwic.ca jpeg and png photos, which are ideal, along with Word documents or emailed messages. Sorry, PDF documents do not format well. Please avoid formatting such as indenting, formatted numbers, and bulleting. Thank you for your interest in telling about WI in your 'neck of the woods.'

To contact the FWIC president, email Lynn MacLean at president@fwic.ca or call her cell at 902 759 4755. Lynn lives in Nova Scotia.

To contact the president-elect, email Angela at president-elect@fwic.ca, 506-277-6340
Angela lives in New Brunswick.

All About Pollination...Submitted by Shelly Simrose, BCWI

Where do pollinators live?

Pollinator habitat depends on the pollinator and its life cycle stage. For example, bees can use leaves, mud, sand, plant resins, and even abandoned snail shells for their nests, while many butterfly larvae live and feed only on one specific plant.

Pollinators also need foraging habitat with diverse nectar-providing plant species.

Human activities such as farming, housing development, and road construction can fragment a pollinator's habitat, disconnecting where it lives from where it forages for food. Pollinator habitats need to be within easy range of food and clean, shallow water.

Do you know how bees find a flower patch?

Honeybees communicate through a waggle dance in which scout bees return to the nest and dance to inform other bees about the distance and direction of a newly discovered flower patch.

How can you help pollinators?

Pollinator populations are at risk. Decades of stressors, including the loss, degradation, and fragmentation of pollinator habitats; the improper use of pesticides and herbicides; diseases, predation, and parasites, have all hurt pollinators.

You can help pollination by creating a pollinator-friendly habitat without sacrificing aesthetics.

Add diversity to your landscape with a beautiful tapestry of native plants that evolved with local pollinators and thrive under the conditions in your region. (Information taken from Smithsonian Gardens Google Search)

I don't clean my flowerbeds anymore until freezing has passed, and I am planting new flowers and bulbs. Don't want to harm any Pollinator Insects that may be living and wintering in the stalks of old stems, etc.

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Microplastics in Clothing...Submitted by Lynn MacLean

The Sustainable Style with Mindful Consumption project teaches us about the materials used to make our clothing. One of these is microplastics, which are found in polyesters and other materials.

We are learning that microplastics can be found in our water and food. One way we can help prevent microplastics from entering water systems is to wash clothes made from polyesters and synthetics in a washing bag. Another alternative is to add a filter to the washing machine. Both help slow down the amount of microplastics being released.

During the presentation on Earth Day, we shared information about the 'guppyfriend' washing bag. It is available from Mountain Gear in Canada and there may be other sources.



Guppyfriend Washing Bag

Protect your synthetic garments, along with rivers and oceans. The Guppyfriend washing bag helps reduce the number of microfibres entering waterways from laundry. Plus, it protects and extends the life of your textiles by causing fewer broken fibres. Any small fibres that do break during washing are captured inside the bag, so you can throw them in the trash (instead of washing them down the drain).

- Polyamide washing bag is fully recyclable
- Slick interior
- 50×74 cm

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Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Annual General Meeting

July 8 at 7 pm ET & more details to follow

Federated Women's Institute Canada is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: FWIC WI Canada AGM

Time: Jul 8, 2025, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87146741413?pwd=HBJkrU44mEEkokTt4OH0VGXrS1GUQK.1>

Meeting ID: 871 4674 1413

Passcode: 285164

Become a...

Pen Pal



Judy & Wendy our Penpal Coordinators, are looking for pals to connect to WI members in Great Britain and beyond.

If you could are interested in making friends and receiving letters either by e-mail or regular mail, please get in touch with Judy.

Judy Parks

pals@fwic.ca



*"Real Friendships,
One Message at a Time"*

FWIC PAL Programme Registration form

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If there are some questions that you prefer to omit for confidentiality, please do so.

Name	
WI branch (if applicable)	
Email address	
Phone number	
Postal address	
What are your interests? Art, painting, reading, sports, gardening, cooking, etc.	
Do you like to travel or are you a homebody?	
What age range would you prefer for your pal?	
What type of communication do you prefer? (email, Messenger, postal letter, phone, etc.)	
What has WI meant to you?	
Share about your family (married, etc.)	
Which province, state or country would you like to connect with?	
Is there anything else you would like to share to help us find a good match?	

Please submit your completed form to:

Judy Parks
pals@fwic.ca
(902) 680-0733

**Please contact Judy in 2-3 months to report how your pen pal experience works out!
Your registration form will not be shared with anyone else and will be destroyed when you leave the programme.**

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FWIC WI CANADA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know that FWIC has a YouTube Channel? To access it, open YouTube on any device, and in the search bar, type in FWIC WI Canada. Scroll down until you find the FWIC crest (shown right). Click on the symbol to show the videos we have published.



Crafting Style, Submitted by Ann Mandziuk, Manitoba WI

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Moody Manitoba Morning, written by Rick Neufeld, is a good song about life in small-town Manitoba, but this morning, the 'moody' definitely describes the weather we have had. A week ago, the temperatures were +30 °C; this morning, they are 5 °C and rain showers (there were also snow pellets, rain, and wind over the weekend). I like to get my yard décor out about now, but it is still tucked away waiting for a fair weather day, not too hot and not too cold!

In 2020, COVID-19 affected all of our lives. I like to craft, but sometimes, getting supplies was difficult during 'lockdown'. Scouring Facebook and Pinterest, I saw an idea for painting over resin statues. I happened to have lots of acrylic craft paint on hand and a statue I liked, but it was the pale green (think weathered copper) colour that so many were made of.

Figuring I had nothing to lose, I painted and sprayed it with a sun/weather protective coating. Then I looked at the stepping stone plaques I had been given and anything else made of resin that was part of my outdoor decorations. It was a good way to fill my time while being restricted in activities to take part in, and also to clean up the paint colours I had on hand. It was a win-win and an interesting Fairy Statue to use in our yard. She's 18 inches.





“Let’s Chat ...”

A Conversation between ACWW Canada Area President Marie Kenny and Dr. Ellen McLean.

Marie: Dr. Ellen, please tell us about the ACWW Trust Funds?

Ellen: ACWW has three Trust Funds: the Lady Aberdeen Trust Fund, the Elsie Zimmern Trust Fund, and the Nutrition Education Trust Fund. The first two are in memory of two of the founders of ACWW, and the third was established after the Save the Sight project of the 1970s. Several times, we had the privilege of hosting members of ACWW Societies in different countries. They came to Canada, financed by one of the Trust Funds, to learn about our Societies and how they functioned. It seems like a long time since we have had anyone come. I wonder why? Their visits with us were very special; we always learned so much and hoped they did too.



2027 FWIC National Convention - Call for Interest to Host

Dear Provincial Representatives and Presidents...

As you know, FWIC hosts a National Convention every three years, and our next event will be in 2027. This is a call for interest to host and an invitation to ask questions/discuss options, and ideas with the leadership team of FWIC. To support the conversation, we have prepared some key points that might support your province's interest in this opportunity. Over the years, each convention has successfully shared the 'flavour' of the province, and we would not want it any other way.

- To comply with the bylaws, the convention must be held between July 1st, 2027, and September 30th, 2027.
- Proximity to a national airline (one hour or less is ideal).
- The number of delegates and attendees is usually about 150 people.

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- Traditionally, the convention comprises an opening ceremony, reception, and two days of business meetings.
- A one-day tour is a fun and popular aspect of the national convention.
- The best-suited facilities for the triennium convention will accommodate individuals with mobility challenges, making walking requirements and stairs essential considerations.

Please do not hesitate to contact President Lynn MacLean for a confidential conversation.

2027 Tweedsmuir & Senator Wilson Competitions

Tweedsmuir Competitions

Tweedsmuir Handicraft Competition

- Make a throw 45 x 60 inches
- Using recycled materials and trims.
- Throws will be donated to homeless shelters or food banks in the location where the 2027 Convention is held.

Tweedsmuir History Competition

- History of a garment
- Written story with photos.

Tweedsmuir Community Competition

- Clothing Swap or Secondhand Boutique/ Rummage Sale
- Held at a WI Branch.
- Write up on the roles and responsibilities of WI workers, where the clothing came from, and what types of clothing were available.
- Include individual stories and pictures of successful shoppers.

Tweedsmuir Cultural Competition

- Pictorial and narrative documentation of a Fashion Show featuring remade, repurposed, or vintage selections of clothing
- Clothing can be worn at various stages in women's lives, such as school, the workplace, a wedding, maternity, casual wear, or workout garments.

Senator Cairine Wilson Empowered Women Competition

Branch Competition: All you can create "Repurpose & Reuse" Project.

- Create as many useful items as possible from a minimum of three or more different, pre-owned garments.
- Include a write-up describing how the women in the branch felt empowered to create the designs,
- Include photos outlining the group participation, design, creation, uniqueness, and finishing steps
- Photos should show all stages of the project, from start to finish.
- Completed items will be brought to the convention to be judged
- Judged items will be donated to the Convention sales table, and whatever remains will go to the AHH Homestead Gift Shop.

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Homestead Report from Nancy... Submitted by Nancy Carubba

On May 1st, the Westover W.I. Group came for a visit, a tour, and a cup of tea, and held their meeting here at the Homestead.

On Saturday, May 3rd, we held a wedding open house for two couples who will have their wedding here this summer.

On Saturday, May 10th, the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead participated in "Doors Open" (a regional event where buildings of historic, cultural, and social significance open their doors to the public for free). We had 80 guests for the tours. (This supports the opinion that with enough promotion and structure and "donation only" fees, people are, in fact, very interested in heritage and history. The debate continues. ...)



On Saturday, May 24th, we will be hosting a book launch and book signing. The 84-year-old author attended the creative writing classes held at the Homestead and used the skills she learned to write a book, which has been published. The book is called Grandma Gwen Drives a School Bus. (Yes, the 84-year-old author drives a school bus part-time.) Pics in next month's report.

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On May 17th and 18th, we met with Woomb, the arts group creating the site-specific theater event for this September. This event is part of the AHHH Arts Program and will feature the museum as a character. A site map was made, and recordings have begun in preparation for the museum's audio tour.

On April 14th, the mayor's office (David Bailey) sent an Invitation to The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, to visit the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Museum in Brant County. The Lieutenant Governor has accepted the invitation and given us a tentative date of Friday morning, July 11th, for her potential visit. Her office will confirm. Nancy has been working with the County Mayor's office to plan the proposed visit. More to come once the date is confirmed.

There were 90 museum tours in the month of May.

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Recipe A Month...Submitted by Debra Barrett, Manitoba WI

Pineapple Pink Lemonade Punch

Mix together:

- 4 cups Cranberry Juice Cocktail (chilled)
 - 3/4 cup frozen Pink Lemonade Concentrate (thawed)
 - 3/4 cup Sugar
 - 1 2L bottle of Ginger Ale
 - 1/2 of a fresh Lemon (squeezed)
- Place in a pitcher, add ice, and enjoy.

Sandra's Plain Lemonade

Mix together:

- 6 cups of water
 - 1 cup fresh lemon juice
 - 1 cup sugar (use 1/2 to 3/4 cup for tangier drink)
- Place in a pitcher with ice. Add lemon slices and mint leaves for decoration. Enjoy!

Rhubarb Lemonade

Mix together:

- 6 cups chopped fresh rhubarb
 - 6 cups of water
 - 1 can of frozen lemonade
 - 1 cup sugar (use 1/2 cup for a tangier drink)
 - 1 liter of 7-Up or Sprite
- Mix rhubarb, water, lemonade, and sugar in a pan, cover, and cook for 20 minutes. Strain and chill in the fridge. When ready to serve, add 7 Up to make the punch. Enjoy!



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This & That... Submitted by Elizabeth Rushton, Alberta
Women's Institute

Everything was fresh, and the world seemed so
young and interesting.

Seeing a country in the making is an interest
not given to everyone.

Irene Parlby

Mary Irene Marryat was born January 9, 1868, in London, England, into the privileged Marryat family and was brought up there and in India before 'coming out' at a debutante ball in 1886 at the age of 18.

In 1896, she came to Canada to visit the Westheads, friends living in what was then called the Northwest Territories. For her, it was a big lark and a chance to see the country her great-uncle, Captain Frederick Marryat, wrote about in his book *The Settlers of Canada*.

In reality, it turned out to be a life-changing visit for her as one day, going for a drive, they passed by the home of two British bachelors, Walter and Edward Parlby. And that was it – she and Walter were married in spring 1898, and she didn't visit England until after their son Humphrey was born two years later. Neither of them was the normal kind of homesteader, as she had had a privileged upbringing with governesses and finishing school in Switzerland. He had his Master's degree in Classics from Oxford University and read some Greek classics daily.

As part of her married life, Irene joined the Alix Country Women's Club and soon became secretary. In 1909, farmers united under the United Farmers of Alberta banner, while the women formed an auxiliary in 1915, and the Alix Country Women's Club became Auxiliary #1. A year later, the Auxiliary became the United Farm Women of Alberta, and Irene became the first Provincial President. For the next five years, she left her home and garden as she travelled around the province encouraging members to advocate for rural hospitals, libraries, travelling health clinics, and more and better schools.

Her life changed again in 1921 when the United Farmers of Alberta became a political party, and she became a candidate in the riding of Lacombe, Alberta. The party swept into office, and Irene was named Minister Without Portfolio, making her the second woman in the British Empire to hold a cabinet position in a provincial government (the other one was Mary Ellen Smith from BC, who had been named just months before). There is a picture of Irene wearing a lovely hat and white outfit, sitting in the front row and surrounded by the other elected members, all men in suits! Although it was all a bit sudden, she rose to the occasion working away at the problems of the rural population and was known for making people think when she spoke. She toured Europe in 1924, especially the Scandinavian countries, to study their methods of education and cooperative agricultural projects, and in 1925, she sponsored the Minimum Wage for Women Act.

She was re-elected in 1926 and was again named Minister Without Portfolio, and in 1927, gladly added her name to the Person's Case petition. 1930 she was one of the three Canadian delegates to the League of Nations. After her third term in government ended in 1935, she declined to run again, a fortunate decision as not a single member of the UFA was re-elected. She was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 1935; the first time they had bestowed such an honour on a woman.

Irene went back to her garden, watched her grandchildren grow up, took part in her community, lived to the age of 97, and died July 12, 1965. Apparently, she had once said that after her political career ended, she would make a bonfire of all her official papers and correspondence and, once the fire burned high, she'd dance merrily



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about it. Perhaps she did just that because her files at archives and museums are much slimmer than the ones for the other Famous Five.

In 1966, she was named a Person of National Historic Significance. In 2009, along with the other members of the Famous Five, she was named an Honorary Senator, the first time that distinction had ever been awarded.

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My Choice, My Voice: Dressing Modestly with Confidence...Submitted by Angela Scott, President-Elect

In a world where fashion changes overnight and social media influencers dictate what's "in," choosing to dress modestly feels a little like a fish out of water. But modesty is not about hiding—it's about honoring self and values, expressing identity, and feeling at home in one's own skin and clothing choices.



Let's create space for choices. Let's honour authenticity—whether it comes in jeans, a t-shirt, a sari, a tailored suit, or a flowing skirt and scarf. Clothing is part of our culture, and I shudder when I think of how we have given up our choices to the trends of misbehaving celebrities. How did we get here?

Are we now a Hyper-Casualized Society?

Perhaps—yes, we definitely are if people show up to Walmart in pyjama pants. Casual dress has become so normalized that it sometimes crosses the line into disregard for context, occasion, or self-respect. I often cringe when I see the inappropriateness of some clothing choices in public spaces, not because I believe everyone should dress the same, but because it raises questions about how we value presentation, situational awareness, and respect for ourselves and others.

That may sound like I support personal choice only when it aligns with my own, but let me clarify: my concern is not about controlling others' choices, but about the consequences of dressing without intention. When we "under dress" to the point of ignoring weather conditions, workplace expectations, or personal dignity, it's not just a fashion concern—it can be unsafe, unprofessional, and disempowering. Clothing is not just a form of self-expression; it's also a way of communicating respect, responsibility, and awareness of our surroundings. We all deserve the freedom to choose how we dress, but with that freedom comes a responsibility to consider how our choices affect not only ourselves but the spaces and communities we inhabit.

Hyper-Sexualized Society

In today's hyper-sexualized society, clothing is often marketed through a lens of desirability and exposure, with fashion trends increasingly emphasizing body-revealing styles as a symbol of confidence or empowerment. Media and advertising frequently equate worth with sex appeal, subtly pressuring individuals, especially young women, to dress in ways that align with these standards. This cultural messaging can make those who choose more modest attire feel out of step, misunderstood, or even judged, when in fact their decision is equally valid and rooted in personal comfort, values, or identity.

Empowering Choices...

What's empowering is not *what* we wear, but the freedom to decide *why* we wear it.

- **Find your style.** Modesty doesn't mean sacrificing beauty or personality—explore fabrics, colors, and silhouettes that reflect who you are.
- **Educate with kindness.** If someone questions your choice, use it as a chance to share, not to defend. Dressing modestly is a personal choice and is an expression of individuality. We may choose modesty for faith-based reasons, cultural tradition, personal comfort, or a sense of empowerment. It can be an act of self-care, a creative expression, or a quiet form of resistance to hyper-commercialized beauty standards.

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Marie Kenny, ACWW Canada
Area President

Greetings Everyone,

I am writing this ACWW update upon just returning home from hosting the Canada Area Conference in Langford, BC. Over 100 participants came together to share knowledge, network, listen to inspirational speakers, and participate in fun workshops.



ACWW World President Magdie de Kock gave a presentation on advocacy and partnership, and Anne Innes, Board Trustee and Group Lead for Community and Knowledge Sharing, delivered a presentation on projects. We also had a question-and-answer box, through which Tish Collins, CEO of ACWW, addressed a range of questions about various aspects of ACWW's work.

All Canada Area Societies had the opportunity to bring greetings and share highlights of their work. In addition, there were five other keynote speakers, each inspiring and thoughtful, who expanded on the theme of the conference: Sustainable Growth for the Future, with a focus on the environment.

At the Opening Ceremony, written greetings were received and read from: Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada; the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney; the Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia. The Honourable Scott Goodman, Mayor of the City of Langford, BC, attended in person and delivered a warm welcome and greetings.

Historian Ruth Fenner was the keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremony and was recognized for her outstanding contribution to preserving the history of the Women's Institute and the global women's movement. World President Magdie de Kock presented her with a certificate and an ACWW pin in recognition of her work.

Bob McDonald, host of CBC's Quirks and Quarks, was the banquet speaker. He left us inspired, reminding us that the future is now—and that we already have the technologies needed to address the climate crisis.

The beautiful quilt donated by Donna Henderson was won by Danielle H. from Smithers, BC. Thank you, Donna! The quilt ticket sales raised \$1,252, which helped cover Conference expenses. Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased tickets.

A heartfelt thank you to the excellent Hostess Committee, led by Chairperson Donna Jack. It has been a privilege to work together and make this Conference a reality. The Conference was a wonderful success. I've included some photos from the event—thank you, Linda Hoy, for your photography!

If your society is interested in hosting the next ACWW Canada Area Conference, please let me know, and I will pass the information along. Area Conferences are a fantastic opportunity to learn more about ACWW's work, connect with other societies from across Canada, rekindle old friendships, and make new ones.

However, I want to focus on “the rest of the story” for a few minutes. I will title this part of my update: Madge Watt's Legacy lives on!

I have long been inspired by the story, work, and legacy of Mrs. Alfred (Madge) Watt. As Society members, we do our best to support the Rural Women in Action Fund, knowing that it sustains ACWW's work—including operations, advocacy, and projects. We often hear and read about the important advocacy efforts, United Nations engagement, and projects being carried out. All of this is fantastic and exactly what ACWW is about.

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However, beneath all of this—what undergirds it—is the heartbeat of compassion, caring, and selfless giving to ensure others are cared for. This quiet, unspoken commitment is deeply embedded in our DNA. It's what keeps us engaged, committed, and empowered.

I experienced this spirit in the most powerful way following the Canada Area Conference in Langford. A delegate and dear friend of mine, Carol, had an unfortunate accident the afternoon after the conference ended. It required hospitalization and surgery. I could not leave her alone, especially so far from home on the opposite side of the country from PEI. I chose to stay and support her while my husband returned home as planned. To quote Cecil (my husband): "Don't worry about the cost—it's the right thing to do."

What happened next truly blessed my heart. Two women from the Hostess Society took me under their wing—driving me back and forth to the hospital and ensuring I had a place to stay. Each offered kindness, hospitality, emotional support, and care beyond measure. Their actions reflected the true spirit of Madge Watt, who, seeing a need, took action and laid the foundation for what ACWW has become today. ACWW is—and always has been—about women supporting women.

Donna Jack and Linda Martorino embodied this spirit perfectly. I'm sure they were exhausted. It would have been completely understandable for them to move on with their busy lives. After all, the conference was over, and as part of the Hostess Committee, they had worked tirelessly to plan and implement it. Their work was done. But like Madge, they saw a need. Without being asked, they stepped up, took action, and created a plan to support me during a difficult time. I am eternally grateful to them both. This, to me, is the true meaning of Rural Women in Action. Thank you, Donna and Linda.

Carol had her surgery, and everything went extremely well. I stayed with her for five days until she was well on her way to recovery. She remained in the hospital for three more days, then traveled to her sister's home in Calgary, as originally planned. She will spend two weeks there before continuing home.

Reflecting the heart of true community, Donna and Linda continued to visit Carol, encouraging other WI members in the Victoria area to do so as well, so she would have company after I left.

The ACWW Board continues to work diligently across many aspects of our mandate. Within the Membership Working Group, which I am proud to be part of, we recently reviewed and approved six new member societies from Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, and Tanzania. It's exciting to witness the continued growth and global reach of ACWW. In a time of so much uncertainty, ACWW continues to unite and elevate the voices of rural women to policymakers and legislators.

I also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the current Rural Women in Action projects. ACWW's work is focused on three key areas: Climate-Smart Agriculture, Rural Women's Health, and Education and Community Development. Development projects in these areas strengthen rural communities and help inform effective lobbying and advocacy efforts.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Rural Women in Action Fund. Your contributions are vital to the work of ACWW. Please send all donations directly to Central Office.



Marie Kenny, Magdie de Kock, Lynn MacLean

I end this update with a quote:

"Her kindness was not lost- it was woven into everything she did. In her quiet way, she made the world a softer, safer and more beautiful place for those around her."

