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NETWORK NEWS

Congratulations

Ruth Fenner



*2018 Adelaide Hunter Hoodless
Canadian Woman of the Year*

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PRESIDENT



Hello Everyone!

Spring is nearly upon us. I say nearly as they are still calling for snow in my coastal area. Snow on the Coast at this time of year. Yikes!

I also can't believe the AGM is around the corner. It is always interesting to see what we have achieved for the year and what we will have in store for the next year. This was my first year as BCWI President and it's gone really quickly. I sure have learned a lot! I know that information will be put to use in the following two years.

There are a few articles that you might find interesting in this issue.

Ruth Fenner is the Adelaide Hoodless Woman of the year recipient. I was happy and proud that Ruth received this award. It's a wonderful way to honour her astounding contributions throughout her years of service to WI. Congratulations Ruth!

This year we are updating the BCWI Handbook. Resolutions have always been an issue and we would like to address how they are can be presented and dealt with in more timely manner.

Jill Copes has written an excellent article on this subject and would love your feedback.

Do you have suggestions of a smoother and more expedient way to present a Resolution?

We are voting for a new director this AGM. Take a look at what the two nominated for the position have to say about themselves.

We always value your opinions and suggestions. Would you like to write an article on something that the members would find interesting and informative?

Betty always welcomes articles for the newsletter.

I'm looking forward to the AGM. It's not too late for you to register and join us to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Talk to you next Network News
Colleen Hooper, President

OFFICE



Hi Ladies,

Once again we are getting ready for our AGM in Kamloops, I am so looking forward to seeing everyone again!!

I have included the AGM Agenda and a Voting Delegate form in this issue. Don't forget we are looking for nominations to fill the position of a 3 year Director 2018—2021 to replace Fay Van Horn.

On page 11 you will see there has been an Emergency Resolution added to this issue for your review prior to the AGM.

I am also wondering if your branch/district received the BCWI Constitution & Bylaws, Policy Manual, Procedure Manual last July at our Triennial in Vanderhoof. These items were handed out as well as added to envelopes for distribution to your members. If there are members that did not receive these and would like copies, contact the Provincial Office and copies will be forwarded by email. If hard copies are required, postage will be extra.

Janet Bangs will be attending the FWIC Convention in Winnipeg in July and would like to know who else plans to attend. If you plan to attend this Convention and have not yet booked your room, please do so asap as they are getting filled.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information. Once again I am looking forward to seeing everyone again, and Spring better hurry up and arrive!!

Betty Bartlett, BCWI Office Administrator

IN MEMORY

Kate Shirley—Coldstream WI



FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA (FWIC)



This is my last report for my term as BCWI Executive Officer. You have been subjected to my ramblings for the last six years, where did the time go? It has been a pleasure

to work with the many directors and Presidents, Jill Copes, Janet Bangs, and Colleen Hooper, making up the BCWI Provincial Board over these years. They have been an enthusiastic bunch, having the good of the organization utmost in their minds. Over the years they have dealt with the never changing issue of declining membership, technology changes, and finding a focus or purpose that will revive and inspire old and new members. While struggling with these issues, your board has retained their humour, friendship and welcomed ideas to

make changes for the organization. I have tried to circulate the ideas and concerns that Federated Women's Institute of Canada presented. Such projects as supporting Women's Shelters is just one. BCWI has had a close relationship with President Linda Hoy, who has attended our triennial and annual general meetings. She sends her regards for good deliberations and the hope that many of us will attend her final meeting in Winnipeg this July. At our previous AGM, Linda Hoy presented a power point presentation that highlighted the ideas FWIC has for restructure of the organization. Of course, this will affect provincial boards also. An ad hoc committee has been busy making recommendations over this past year, and as a result, resolutions will be formed that, if passed, will put these rules into their

constitution and policy manuals. Some of the ideas created are: updating mission and purpose, developing a governance manual, organizing fundraising initiatives, reducing number of board members, updating standing committees and deciding what role the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead will have in the future. Long and short range benefits could be: streamline communications, reduce expenses, improve marketing and advocacy, and bring more focus to projects and projects benefiting women and families. These resolutions and recommendations will be voted on at the FWIC Triennial Conference in Winnipeg, July 10-14, 2018. Please plan to attend and give them your support.

Joan Holtbe



Victoria Salliss Creative Arts Legacy and More

In the works is a new informational, downloadable application form that reflects the intent of the 3-year trial period during which time money is available for a broader choice of speakers or instructors. Applicants will be able to e-mail the "Before the Event" section to the Provincial Office and the "After the Event" section to the committee chair. Copies of the form will be available at the AGM, or from Betty Bartlett at the BCWI office.

Molly Nickerson, our Committee Member from the Fraser River District, Atchelitz Branch, sleuthed out the Victoria Salliss gravesite and has a story and photos to share in Kamloops. Carreen Forrest, our Committee Member from Peace River District, Baldonnel Branch may share her WI slide show, first shown at Triennial.

My thanks to these ladies and to Ruth Davis, Committee Member, from South Vancouver Island District, Somenos Branch, whose ideas for making the form easier to work with are much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all in Kamloops!

For Home and Country, Victoria Salliss Creative Arts Legacy Chair, Norma Tilgner



BCWI AGM 2018 ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION FORTUNE MOTEL

654 Fortune Drive
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Block of 10 rooms held
for BCWI
until April 1, 2018

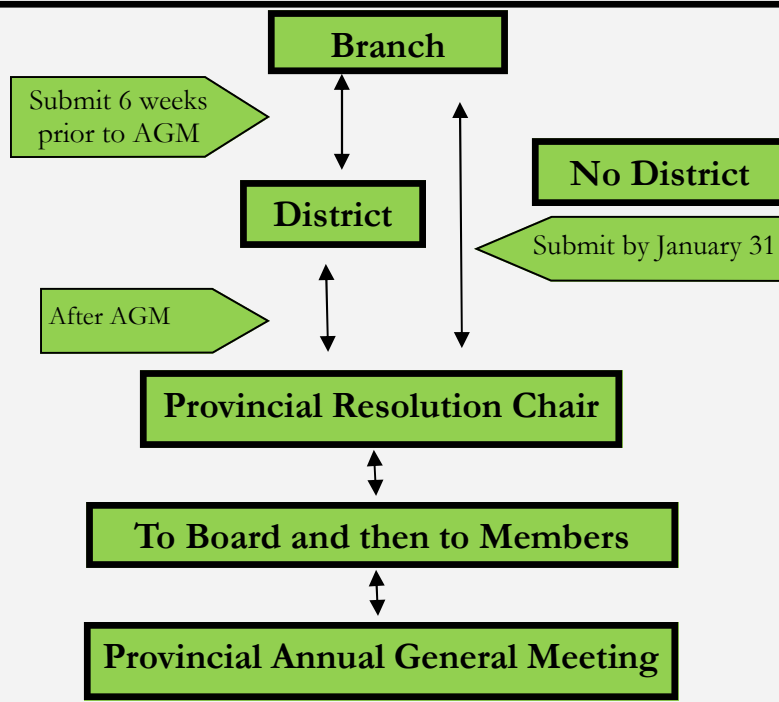
1 Queen—\$74.00 plus taxes
2 Queen—\$86.00 plus taxes
Suite—\$104.00 plus taxes

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE



**Vicki Ramsell—Kersley WI
Winner of a \$50.00 Canadian
Tire Gift Card
This Raffle raised \$237.00
Next draw to be held
May 15, 2018**





For several years there have not been many resolutions.

- The Provincial Board is in the process of revising the “Handbook” and when it comes to Resolutions there appears to be somewhat of a disconnect.
- **Concerns:**
 1. Time frame for submitting resolutions from branch to district to provincial can be challenging.
 2. Several Districts have disbanded and now there is no longer a place where a resolution could be edited and open to more opinions

Branches with a District

- Most Districts have their Annual General Meeting in March or April when their members vote on any resolutions submitted by their branches.
- The Provincial AGM is in late April, therefore there is not enough time for the Resolutions Chair to review, present to the Board and inform the entire membership prior to BCWI AGM.

Branches without a District

- This process will work more efficiently because the deadline for submission to the Provincial Resolutions Chair is in January. This allows ample time to be able to publish the resolution in the Network News so all the members can review and discuss.
- **Districts that are active we need your input.** Would your District be able to review resolutions submitted by a branch in your area at an earlier time than at your AGM so the deadline can be changed.

PROFILE OF NOMINEE’S—1 DIRECTOR 2018—2021

SHELLY SIMROSE—I have been a member of Sinkut WI since 1987. In 1990 I took 11 years off with the birth of our youngest child. In 2001 I rejoined and have been a member since. During this time I have been President for the past 13 years at Branch level. Plus District President for the past 5 out of 6 years.

DOROTHY BENDSEN—I have been a member of Ryder Lake WI for 6 years and currently hold the position of Vice President. I have been encouraged by the Ryder Lake WI to put forth my name for the position of "Director". I am 61 years young and I don't really know when that happened. The only time I feel that old is first thing in the morning when my knees hurt, after that I still feel 30 and hopefully I think in that way as well. I am a 9th generation farmer currently in the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack area and really enjoy it. I joined the WI 6 years ago as I have been a member of the Ryder Lake Farmers for 30 years and have watched all that the WI is involved with and gets done. It has always impressed me. I started out in nursing and over the years this evolved into several other interests including raising three boys. Most of my duties as the Vice President are fairly simple, meetings, organizing, drumming up new membership and mainly fundraisers. I am thoroughly enjoying my time in the WI and hope to continue for a long time. I hope that I can offer some impute to your office and assist in any way possible.

BCWI Budget Proposal

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget 2017/2018</u>	<u>Actual 2017/2018</u>	<u>Budget 2018/2019</u>
BCWI Dues	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 22,260.00	\$ 21,000.00
BCWI Late Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
BCWI Convention	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 1,000.00
ACWW Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 500.00
FWIC Dues	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,500.00
Branch to Provincial Convention Fund	\$ -	\$ 275.00	\$ 1,025.00
District to Provincial Convention Fund	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00
Sales	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,099.48	\$ 1,000.00
History Books	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Donations (postage/in memory/pooled fares)	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,078.30	\$ 1,000.00
Member/Branch Donations (BCWI Office)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,521.75	\$ 7,000.00
In House Raffle	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 914.00	\$ 900.00
Triennial/AGM Reg (includes silent auction/raffle)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,471.50	\$ 3,500.00
AGM/Triennial Brd Exp donated back to BCWI	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,417.18	\$ 1,000.00
Bank/Term/RBC Interest	\$ 500.00	\$ 416.42	\$ 400.00
GST Rebate	\$ 300.00	\$ 143.10	\$ 145.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 43,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 54,011.73</u>	<u>\$ 41,270.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Budget 2017/2018</u>	<u>Actual 2017/2018</u>	<u>Budget 2018/2019</u>
Financial Review	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 3,147.64	\$ 600.00
Rent	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,720.00
Dues FWIC, ACWW, ACWW Canada Area President, FWIC Pooled Fares	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,125.91	\$ 3,100.00
Gross Wages	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,143.93	\$ 23,200.00
Travel Allowance - Betty Bartlett	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Employer Portion (EI, CPP)	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,428.21	\$ 1,400.00
WCB	\$ 50.00	\$ 42.07	\$ 45.00
Office Insurance	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,251.00	\$ 1,250.00
Hub International Dir & Off Liability Insurance	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Office Exp (web/postage/supplies/NN gift cards)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,193.23	\$ 2,000.00
Travel - President	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 341.74	\$ 500.00
Board Expenses (includes B. Bartlett Expenses)	\$ 1,220.00	\$ 2,135.06	\$ 2,200.00
AGM/Spring Board Meeting/Triennial	\$ 800.00	\$ 9,848.89	\$ 1,800.00
HSBC Bank Charges	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 43,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,827.68</u>	<u>\$ 41,270.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 43,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 54,011.73</u>	<u>\$ 41,270.00</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 43,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,827.68</u>	<u>\$ 41,270.00</u>
<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$3,184.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

AGENDA – MEET & GREET

FRIDAY – APRIL 27, 2018

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. AGM Registration

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mixer with Snacks

AGENDA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY – APRIL 28, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration/Coffee

9:00 a.m. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mary Stewart Collect

WELCOME

Members & Guests

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Introduction
of Branches represented
of District represented

MINUTES

Minutes from the AGM 2016, Odd Fellows Hall, Kamloops – April 29th & 30th, 2016

Coffee Break

NOMINATIONS – Janet Bangs
Director 2018 – 2021

FINANCIAL/OFFICE REPORT

Betty Bartlett

REPORTS

President – Colleen Hooper
Victoria Salliss – Norma Tilgner
Provincial Convener – Cathy Inskip
Public Relations – Brenda Devauld
Technical – Colleen Hooper
Resolutions – Fay Van Horn
Convener Reports – see written reports in AGM Package (**These will not be read due to time restraints**)
District Reports – see written reports in AGM Package (**These will not be read due to time restraints**)
Federated Women's Institute of Canada (FWIC) – Joan Holthe
Provincial Historian – Ruth Fenner

VOTING FOR DIRECTOR

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – WI Grace

NEW BUSINESS

AGM discussion
Peace River District Women's Institute—Emergency Resolution

Campaigns—Brenda Devauld
BC Children’s Hospital/Children’s Health Foundation of Vancouver Island – Donation amounts
BCWI Membership Information Manual (BCWI Handbook)
Voting Delegates to FWIC – Winnipeg, Manitoba – July 2018
BCWI to host ACWW 2020
Introduce Director for 2018 – 2021
Introduce FWIC Executive Officer
Presentations
Dutch Auction—ticket draw
Announce 50/50 draw winner

4:00 – Adjourn Meeting

**“INSTITUTE” VOTING DELEGATE CREDENTIAL/PROXY FORM
BRITISH COLUMBIA WOMEN’S INSTITUTE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 – KAMLOOPS
APRIL 27TH & 28TH, 2018**

This is to certify that _____
(Member Name)

Address _____

Phone _____

Is a member in good standing of the _____

And will be this **INSTITUTE’S OFFICIAL VOTING DELEGATE/PROXY AT THE AGM 2018**

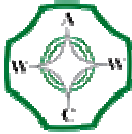
Voting Delegate for _____
(Name of Institute)

Signed _____
(Branch/District President)

Signed _____
(Branch/District Secretary)

Name and address of alternate, if any _____

ALL Voting Delegate Credential/Proxy Forms
MUST be completed and forwarded to the Provincial Office
By April 15, 2018



**ACWW PROJECT—CARIBBEAN,
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA**

COUNTRY: Guatemala

SOCIETY: Fundación Junkabal

PROJECT: Fertilise your Future

PROJECT NO: 1,022

ACWW GRANT: £5,807* (£2,000 available to pledge) (around \$4,000.00 Canadian)

This project seeks to promote integral vocational training for 45 women so that they can be active agents of prosperity within their community. The beneficiaries are women aged 15 to 25 years, living around the municipal garbage dump of Guatemala City, who have not been able to complete their education and lack a sustainable livelihood or income with which to support their families.

The training will include workshops on the subjects of 'Values & Virtues' and 'Discover your Strengths and Vocation', so that the beneficiaries can discover their own value and abilities and build up their self-esteem. Personal interviews will be held with each beneficiary to help them to find out what income-earning activities interest them, and they will be registered with suitable vocational training schemes, for example in hair-dressing, catering, pastry-making or IT.

It is expected that the beneficiaries will be able to improve their livelihoods considerably as a result of the project, either by setting up small businesses within their community or by finding employment in the formal economy.

On completion of their training, the women will be part of Junkabal's social programme and will be able to access further workshops and be part of its network of continuous support, including access to health clinics. Junkabal will monitor this project closely by means of regular visits to the women's homes and the community in order to understand the challenges they face and to assess the use they are making of their newly-acquired skills.



ACWW PROJECT—EUROPE

COUNTRY: Romania

SOCIETY: Women's Association from Sibiu

PROJECT: Art Therapy

PROJECT NO: 1,015

ACWW GRANT: £8,388* (pledges and donations received; amount now required: £1,238) (\$2,000.00 Canadian)

The aim of this project is to help victims of domestic violence to regain confidence and self-esteem and look forward to an independent life. The Association opened its shelter for women and children suffering from domestic violence in 2007, and members have been working hard ever since to provide a safe, welcoming environment for users of the shelter, and to equip them with skills and the means to move forward with their lives.

Materials will be purchased and trainers appointed, so that the beneficiaries can be taught 'quilling', an art form involving the use of strips of paper which are rolled, shaped and glued in order to make decorative objects, such as pictures, photo frames, greetings cards, coasters, candlesticks etc. The training and the activity will be carried out for 12 months, but after two months, the beneficiaries will be involved in advertising and selling the objects they have created. It is expected that the children will participate as well, according to their ages and abilities.

By learning how to create beautiful things and by developing their physical, social and intellectual skills, it is hoped that the beneficiaries will have a more positive outlook than before, and feel better able to live independently. Items made as a result of the project will be advertised by means of flyers and sold at bazaars, local events and the Association's website. The money earned will be used to help fund the operating costs of the shelter.

*The amounts shown are made up of the project grant, actually being sent to the implementing societies, plus 20% monitoring costs, which are always set aside for each project grant over £2,000. ACWW regards the monitoring of its projects as being of paramount importance.

WELCOME
New Members

Emily Henry
Comox Valley WI

Charlotte Smith
South Hazelton WI





ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD
CANADA AREA PRESIDENT

Sheila Needham



Dear Canada Area ACWW members,

ACWW has accepted a proposal that I made in order to help raise funds for the Projects Fund 40th Anniversary Appeal.

This project involves each ACWW Area President collecting special pieces of material. They should fit in an 8" x 10" envelope.

These pieces of material will be used to make wall hangings that will be sold/auctioned at the Melbourne Triennial World Conference in 2019.

Donna Henderson, well-known quilt maker, has agreed and is enthusiastic about making quilts for this project. Fabric may include lace work, weaving and the like. We don't have all the ideas so welcome input and questions. Embellishments may also be useful.

There are 9 Areas in ACWW and we are looking to make artistic wall hangings with each Area represented by local materials.

You can send your contributions to me as soon as possible or bring it to FWIC Convention in Manitoba in July to save mailing cost. Also please include what the original use was of the material and why it is special and be sure to include your name, the name of your society and province.

I do hope to have legible comments about the fabrics, where they are from, what they were used for and a bit about the donor.

Thank you for your participation in this project. Canadian members are so generous with monetary donations that I am sure you will also be willing to donate a piece of material to this project.

DUTCH AUCTION



All branches attending the BCWI AGM in Kamloops, April 27 & 28, 2018 are asked to bring a gift basket for our Dutch Auction with a minimum value of \$20.00



Save the Date



SAVE THE DATE

BCWI Annual General Meeting

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall
635 Tranquille Road, Kamloops—April 27 & 28, 2018
Hosted by: Overlander Women's Institute

Save the Date



Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Triennial Convention

Hotel Fort Garry, Winnipeg, Manitoba—July 12—15, 2018
Hosted by: Manitoba Women's Institute

Associated Country Women of the World—29th Triennial World Conference

Melbourne, Australia—April 4—10, 2019

Save the Date



BCWI 38th Triennial Convention

June 2020
Hosted by: South Vancouver Island District

Save the Date





Triangle Women's Institute Celebrates 80th

The air was still and crisp outside the Grasmere Pioneer Hall, as snow steadily fell on the sleepy, silent little hamlet.

Inside the white brick building, it was a completely different story. The room hummed with hundreds of voices, chatting and laughing amidst the clink of plates. Visitors come from far and wide for the Annual Snowflake Salad Bar Luncheon and Bazaar in Grasmere, hosted by the Triangle Women's Institute. This year, they are celebrating their 80th Anniversary.

"Our charter ladies, in 1937, were the first wives of the pioneers in the valley," said Bonnie Crosson, a member of the group. The ladies operate the library out of the Pioneer Hall.

Back when the elementary school was functional in Grasmere, the library served the school, and children's gym classes were held in the Pioneer Hall.

The groups mandate has always focused on education. "To educate women, to support schools and to enhance communities," said Crosson, explaining that over the years the membership has fluctuated and the projects have varied, but the goal has always stayed the same.

The Grasmere chapter is part of a global network of Women's Institutes, which was started in the late 1800's.

When the group was established in 1937, founding women from pioneer families like the Sinclairs', the Phillips' and the MacDonalds' all banded together to help facilitate the establishment of hydro in the community. This first came from Eureka, Montana, the closest community, just across the US Border.

The ladies were also instrumental in getting Highway 93 extended down into their community.

"My husband's grandmother was one of the founding charter members," said Judy MacDonald, a member of the Triangle Women's Institute. "She was a hardworking lady."

Isabella MacDonald and her husband had a farm in the area and established a sawmill. She and other local ladies would trek up to Elko to help organize and cook meals for four days at a time during the cattle sales.

"Took everything but the kitchen sink," said MacDonald, joking that they would take everything they needed to fix up massive meals. "A tough breed, but also very kindly."

The ladies have raised money through countless concerts and fundraising meals to be donated as aid for flood victims, as well as to a fund called Sewing Machines For India and even to this day, they give an annual donation to BC Children's Hospital.

In 1979 the women received recognition from the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada for their outstanding contributions.

On a local level, the ladies sent care packages to soldiers overseas during wartime, and parties for them when they returned. They quilted blankets for families in need and even outfitted the Fernie Memorial Hospital nursery with hand-sewn clothing for infants born there.

Now, visitors come from as far as the Crowsnest Pass, Sparwood, and even south from Eureka to take part in the lunch and bazaar.

"The Institute started having their teas in the mid 1970's," said Crosson. The ladies switched over to a salad bar in the 80's, which has been a hit for decades. Over 125 people come out to feast on a selection of over 30 salads, made by the seven women running the Institute. "We've been doing this for so long," said Mary Munro, the president of the group. She says that in small communities like Grasmere, it's important to support each other. "This is a lovely bunch of ladies," she said.

"It's great to be part of this small community." Article by Alexandra Heck—Free Press

ACWW Project

An appeal to support the Projects Fund for its' 40th Anniversary, Sheila Needham, ACWW Canada Area President would like to point out that there is a project going on around the world to receive pieces of material to be made into wall hangings by **Donna Henderson** and to be sold and/or auctioned off at the Melbourne World Conference in April 2019.

If you would like to participate in this quilting project **please send or bring** your material, embellishments or whatever you would like to donate, including a story of what the material was originally used for, to the **FWIC Convention in July in Winnipeg, Manitoba.**

Sheila Needham, ACWW Canada Area President

Women We Recognize, Revere and Remember



February 19, 2018 marks the 121st Anniversary of the founding of the first Women's Institute in the world. WHERE did this happen – in Stoney Creek, Ontario; WHY did it happen? to bring women together to share their knowledge of ways to make their pioneer lifestyle healthier and easier, and to develop some laughter and fun for the whole family.

Each year, Women's Institute members in hundreds of communities across Canada make February very special. Some have 'Women's Institute Day' or 'Women's Institute Week' declared in their communities. Others meet more quietly together and celebrate. Whatever their plan, women want to show a truly heartfelt appreciation for our revered Founder Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless. Her vision and dedication to making life better for women, both rural areas and in small communities, has indeed been fulfilled.

Here in the Cowichan Valley, the Somenos and Cobble Hill Women's Institutes will be joining other members across the South Vancouver Island District. Together we will remember Mrs. Hoodless and her work. We will recall the efforts made by earlier members who helped shape our history in British Columbia.

In the 1920's Women's Institute members worked together to establish – not one, but 2! children's hospitals in our province. They were the first hospitals dedicated to children's health. Both opened and admitted their first patients in April of 1927 – both were 16 bed facilities, one in Vancouver and the other at Mill Bay. And what is the fate of these two hospitals? The one in Vancouver is now known as the British Columbia Children's Hospital and the one started at Mill Bay was moved to Victoria in 1958 and is known today as the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island.

Both facilities have outstripped our ability to fund them, but we do continue to support them as much as we can, and feel a glow of pride at the service they are rendering to our youngest citizens.

During both World Wars, our members gave service both to communities right here and help overseas where possible. Their dedication showed also in the support they offered to our men and women in the military, as well as numerous ventures for the citizens living in Great Britain, Belgium, Russia and other countries. They gathered donations for many causes including Red Cross projects, ambulance monies, the Queen's Canadian Fund, and Milk for British Children - to mention a few.

All this is part of why we celebrate February. We recognize the efforts of members who have gone before, plus salute the work being done today. We will always remember why the Women's Institute was founded, and work to keep it alive and well to assist women of today who search for an outlet where they can learn, share their knowledge, all the while having some fun!

South Vancouver Island District members will gather on Salt Spring Island to celebrate our history and to take a look, tongue in cheek, at what the Women's Institute may look like or be doing at some time in the future. Our “playwrights and performers” never cease to surprise and entertain us! *Ruth Fenner, Somenos Women's Institute Historian,*

Peace River District Women's Institute submits the following **“Emergency Resolution”** for discussion at the BCWI Annual General Meeting

Whereas: British Columbia has no legislation to prevent foreign investment of its agricultural land;

and

Whereas: British Columbia is losing food producing land to foreign investors;

and

Whereas: British Columbians must work toward food sustainability for future generations;

and

Whereas: foreign investment affects land prices which discourage young Canadian farmers;

and

Whereas: vacant foreign owned land lacks stewardship, leaving the land vulnerable to fire and weed infestation;

Therefore: Peace River District Women's Institute requests the British Columbia government to enact legislation to prevent the purchase of British Columbia food producing lands by foreign absentee investments.

Background Information: Norton, Rose and Falright: In Their Knowledge Publication

Signed by: President, Ruby McBeth. Secretary Jill Copes

FWIC—Senator Cairine Wilson & Tweedsmuir Competitions

FWIC Senator Cairine Wilson & Tweedsmuir Competition items are due at the BCWI Office by May 1, 2018. Refer back to Network News April/May 2017 for criteria. The competition items can be brought with you or sent with someone to the BCWI AGM April 27 & 28, 2018 in Kamloops.

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BULKLEY TWEEDSMUIR DISTRICT GLENWOOD WI

This is our year to host the Spring Conference and plans are going ahead for April 21, 2018.

Traditionally, we choose five or six competition items that we enter in the Spring Conference, and enter the same items in our Fall Fair competition.

WI Week was celebrated with WI placemats on the table at the regular Seniors Wednesday lunch, Branch members were invited to come to the lunch and several Glenwood WI members were available to offer comments on WI and answer questions.

Normally our Branch has held a Bake Sale, but we are finding it difficult to compete with the low prices of baked goods offered in our mall by No Frills. We are searching for another way to raise money.

We have one member going to the AGM, and hoping to have someone else go as well.

Submitted by Fay Van Horn

CARIBOO DISTRICT KERSLEY WI

For WI Birthday Week we all wore red, some had hats either dressed funny or different, used the valentines theme. Had some poetry funny and one what the different color roses represent. We did a reading from the Handbook on how to conduct a meeting, a demonstration on the birthing of a sideways presented calf. We have a money box at our hall and a library we the WI collect money for the books sold. This winter we made 11 comfort mitts and donated them to our Donrovin Lodge, lots of visiting and a fun meeting. We had our Christmas Party in January this year with our husbands and had a turkey (organized) pot luck dinner (lunch time), had home made gift exchange, fun had by all, we now have a every Monday craft day, lunch, soup and buns or bread plus goodies a real nice time helping one another with any crafting or just chit chat, it's a nice time had by all, regard see U soon.



Submitted by Janice Magnuson



CENTRAL INTERIOR DISTRICT SINKUT WI



WI Week/70th Anniversary/ Valentines Tea.

On February 14, 2018 the Sinkut WI held a Community Tea to Celebrate their 70th Anniversary. With this Tea we celebrated WI Week/70th Anniver-



sary/Valentines Day. We had approx. 30-40 guests from the community. The ladies did an amazing job putting this event on. The food was endless and oh so tasty. We also held a Bake Sale and a White Elephant Sale during the event. The Bake Sale went over amazingly!! Was great to visit with people from the community!!

Submitted by Shelly Simrose



KAMLOOPS WI

Since we last reported, Overlander WI has been a busy group of gals. We had a successful Christmas bake Sale in December followed up with a dinner for Families First and Baby Head Start. In the New Year we had a guest speaker come in to talk to us about Kitchen Hacks and Nutrition. Danielle Sykes facilitates a fun and informative nutrition education session for busy people, highlighting healthy eating tips, tricks, shortcuts meal planning, picky eating and strategies.

February was our donation business meeting with donations going to BC Children's Hospital and Popsicle Fund, Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, Pennies for Friendship, ACWW Canada Area Project, BCWI Office Fund and Walk around the World for ACWW. Local groups that benefit were Salvation Army Outreach, Basic Baby Formula—Food Bank, 4H – Provincial Winter Fair and Barriere Ag Expo, Kamloops Y Women's Shelter Sensational Soup Kitchen and Royal Inland Hospital. It's always a good meeting when we can spend money. Then we celebrated WI on February 16th, we went for lunch and invited the Kamloops Y Women's Shelter Gals, Pat Wallace one of city Alderman and other WI friends. Before lunch we collected and made 80 personal bags, 50 teddy bears, 36 pair of Pj's, 35 hats, scarves and gloves & mittens and 24 pair of socks.



At our WI Celebration we made this donation to the Kamloops Y Women's Shelter along with a monetary cheque and a beautiful quilt that our members helped sew squares and then

our member Gladys Haines quilted together. We also showed off and explained the 4 squares that our girls made for the Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of BC. To finish off our luncheon we had a beautiful cake decorated by Tomi Wakabayashi.

At our March meeting we made dozens, I mean dozens of cookies for Meals on Wheels and the



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Sensational Soup Kitchen. And for our convener meeting we will be having a speaker from the North Shore Business Association come speak to us on their role for the North Shore and City of Kamloops. This should be a lively meeting.

But we are looking forward to hosting the BCWI AGM on April 27 & 28. Will be great to see everyone again and hopefully it will be Spring and nice warm weather... snow is disappearing finally.....

Submitted by Cathy Inskip



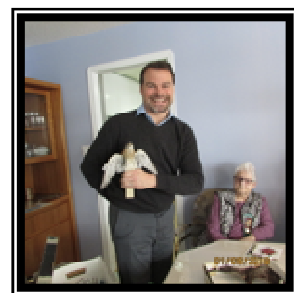
COLDSTREAM WI

The calendar reminds us that Spring is arriving on March 20. It's official, we lost an hour of "beauty-sleep". Hopefully the piles of dirty snow will shrink and the melt is gradual. Here in the Okanagan we remember the wide-spread flooding and the damage left behind. Spring planting will likely be delayed this year as we wait for the soil to dry and warm up. Mother Nature is neither friend or foe, just "the boss".

We celebrated WI month, Pennies for Friendship and Valentine's Day all in one day. We counted the money in our "Pennies" bucket and added more to make our usual donation to ACWW. We donated to the Guatemala project, "Fertilize You Future". For the Valentine's Day part of our day we snacked on red and white veggies, fruits and sweets. Rose and Shirley arrived with identical red sweat-shirts, no collusion, or prizes.



In January we had an interesting and enthusiastic speaker. Aaron Deans is the executive director of the Allan Brooks Nature Centre. He spoke about his job, plans for new programs and events at the Nature Centre including hands-on programs for children, families and school groups. The property has an awesome view of the lakes in the area; Kalamalka, Okanagan and Swan Lake. Aaron's passion is birds. He brought stuffed birds and various fragile bird parts, wings, etc. Aaron will make a return visit.



Our congratulations to Ruth Fenner. Her commitment to WI over many years is truly award winning.

Embrace the Spring and "Hoppy" Easter from CWI.

Submitted by Shirley Libby

GABRIOLA WI

We have only 6 members, but we are a happy group and are doing the best we can.

In November we asked 3 4H girls to lay our wreath on the Cairn at the Gabriola Police Station for our Remembrance Day Service.

Our Christmas Luncheon was held at a local restaurant. We invited past members and Newcastle (disbanded) members and Cedar WI members. We had prizes, games and a lot of fun. We sent a Christmas card to our former member Kathleen Haigh who has moved to Victoria.

We cancelled our January meeting because 4 out of our 6 members couldn't make it.

I have been working in the Museum getting all our history saved. It is very interesting to read all the old history and recall all the help and entertainment we gave to the Community. In the 50's we had 60 members and now we have 6. There are so many organizations on the Island now with young people who are energetic fundraisers.

We have raffles at some of our meetings with the proceeds going to the Local Food Bank.

We were invited to Salt Spring Island's Adelaide Hoodless Luncheon. 3 of us were planning to go, but a last minute situation and the weather (very icy conditions) prevented us from going. It was very disappointing and hope we can visit them when the weather is better.

We are planning to have a Book and Plant Sale on May 19th. That is the day the Farmer's Market opens for the season and it brings out a lot of people and they are very close to our Sale.

We will celebrate our 70th. Anniversary in June with a lunch and will invite past members and guests from other branches.

For Home & Country, Hazel Windecker, President

PEACE RIVER DISTRICT

President Ruby McBeth and Treasurer Ruth Veiner of the Peace River District WI were pleased to receive a \$500.00 donation from United Farmers of Alberta Delegate Larry Holthe, towards their travel and convention fund.

Submitted by Joan Holthe



NOR' PIONEER WI

Nor' Pioneer WI celebrated WI Month by hosting a Diamond Dinner at the Cecil Lake Hall. A social evening served by several of the young people in our community. It featured a five course meal, live music and yes two diamond rings were won plus several boxes of chocolates. A great time was enjoyed. Picture is of our young helpers: Hayley Copes followed by Camryn Ollenberger.

Submitted by Jill Copes



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S. VANCOUVER ISLAND DISTRICT COLWOOD WI

Our WI has been extremely busy. At Christmas time, we made our swags for our annual fundraiser; the proceeds went towards purchasing Christmas Gifts for ten Veterans at Cockrell House. Cockrell House provides shelter, food and support services to ex-members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Annually we donate to the Children's Health Foundation and in January, we were honored to have Jessica Bell representative from the Children's Health Foundation join us and our sisters from Shirley WI for lunch. Ms. Bell provided us with an overview of the amazing work of the Foundation. Some of our members recently attended the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Luncheon on Salt Spring. We have sponsored five elementary schools in Colwood to participate in the "Spuds in Tubs" Program. The Program sponsored through BC Agriculture helps to bring agriculture awareness into the classroom-teaching children to grow, harvest and prepare their food. In addition, we sponsored all Five Colwood Elementary Schools to celebrate Literacy Week by giving them each a donation for the purchase of some new books for their library. We provided a bursary for Royal Bay High School to help a student further their education in agriculture or culinary program. We have provided the funds to launch the "Rainbows Program" in Victoria. This program provides support to children who are struggling with grief.



We are working hard preparing for our Annual Garage Sale that is our biggest fundraiser that helps us to continue to be able to provide support to our community.

(Above photo—President Linda Townsend and Treasurer Gail Graham presented a cheque to David Cameron School (1 of 5) to purchase books for Literacy Week)

ROYAL OAK WI

We have acquired several new members recently, and they seem to have lots of energy and ideas.

The weekend of the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Anniversary, we travelled over to Salt Spring Island to join with other South Vancouver Island WI's for an interesting and fun-filled day, including some very clever skits on life and history. A cold spell caused the absence of some members, due to slippery roads, but the crocuses and daffodils are all around.

As ever, a good proportion of our regular meetings is taken up with our Heritage Hall, the income from which, we use for charitable purposes, but we are pleased to welcome our new members and their ideas and enthusiasm. We had a celebratory Christmas outing, which all helps us to get to know each other.

Submitted by Marguerite Gayfer



SALT SPRING ISLAND WI

Goodbye winter, hello Spring. Our ladies have managed to fight off flu and cold and are now looking forward to a busy, healthy, and rewarding Spring. Our first meeting this year was full of business to tidy up past year and to plan for our

hosting the 2018 Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Luncheon in February. Two members attended the Royal Oak WI Pot Luck Lunch and enjoyed the "storytelling" entertainment.

The February meeting was basically to finalize plans for the AHH Luncheon and practice our song. We did address a request for a member to sit on the Board of Directors for the Farmers Heritage Foundation and Mary Ann McColl has offered to let her name stand and was elected to that board.

Sadly it snowed the day before the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless luncheon and we had a lesser attendance than planned, We did have fun, luncheon was good, skits were hilarious and we had the honor of watching our BCWI President present Ruth Fenner the special award of "Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Woman of the Year."

For Home and Country, Margaret Reid

SOMENOS WI

"When South Vancouver Island District Women's Institutes met on February 24, 2018 to celebrate Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless and Women's Institute month, we were challenged by our Drama Convener to look into the future and present a skit, poem or what-have-you on what the Women's Institute may be doing, look like or ? in the future.

Our resident skit writer, Ruth Davis presented a skit to us in which an overwhelmed and over tired Secretary, played by Sandy McPherson, is upset thinking she cannot handle all the paper work she is facing and falls asleep at her desk. Narrator (Ruth Fenner) draws in the President, played by Anthea Archer, who arranges for a robot (Lisa Dahling) to help out. Lynn Wellings introduces the robot who makes

short work of the papers. The Secretary awakes, is jubilant to find the tasks completed and everyone is happy! MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU! Is the closing remark."



Submitted by Ruth Fenner



“Going to Winnipeg!”

Just like in the tire commercial, someone asks you where you are going for your convention, and you happily say “Going to Winnipeg”. Really, Winnipeg in July, what could be better?
The 2018 FWIC Convention is being hosted by Manitoba from July 12—15 and you guessed it Winnipeg is the place to be!

Take advantage of the April 30th Early Bird Deadline for Registration

CONVENTION ITEM	INFORMATION	DETAILS
Registration Package 	For information and to download a package see:	www.mbwi.ca OR http://fwic.ca/what-we-do/fwic-convention/
Rainbow Auction	Instead of bringing 5 articles from your province, Manitoba Convention Committee has asked for a \$75.00 donation from each province to purchase quality Manitoba-made items	Cheques can be made out to: <i>FWIC 2018</i> On memo line: <i>Rainbow Auction</i> mail to: FWIC 2018 Box 939 Lenore, MB R0M 1E0
Patchwork Story Quilt 	A <u>Promise to Purchase</u> form will be available through your Executive Officers and Provincial Presidents at upcoming Conferences, Conventions & AGM's.	Don't miss out on the chance to win this beautiful story quilt made by WI Member Donna Henderson. Tickets only \$2.00 each!
Past President's Competition	Deadline to submit your essay on “ <i>My Most Memorable WI Moment</i> ” is due by March 1st, 2018	Mail to: Past President's Competition c/o Mary Kenny 2 Cudmore Lane Brackely, PE C1E 2P8
Resolutions Deadline	All provincial Resolutions are due by April 1st, 2018	Mail to: FWIC Resolutions c/o Coni Murray 997 Highway 311 North River, NS B6L 6H4
Tweedsmuir and Senator Cairine Wilson Competitions	All provincial submissions are due by June 1st, 2018	Mail to: Janice Appleyard 201-95 Paget Street Winnipeg, MB R3P 1E8
FWIC President Elect Nominations	Provincial name submission and candidate's resume are due by March 15th, 2018	Sent to Holly Hersey, Nominations Chair: hersey99@hotmail.com

Provincial Calendar

January 15—Branch Convener Reports to District Convener
February 15—District Convener Reports to Provincial Convener
March 15—Provincial Convener Reports to FWIC & BC Provincial Convener Chair—Cathy Inskip
April/May—District Spring Conferences/AGM
July/August—Break from WI Activities
August 31—Branch Financial Year End
August 31—Erland Lee Award Application Deadline
September/October/November—Branch Annual Meetings
December 31—Membership Dues to Provincial Office

Special UN Days

February 1—28—Women’s Institute Month
February 27—Adelaide Hoodless Birthday
March 8—International Women’s Day
March 22—World Day for Water
April 7—World Health Day
April 29—ACWW Day
May 15—International Day for Families
May 21—UNESCO’s World Day for Cultural Development
May 28—International Day of Action for Women’s Health
June 1—International Children’s Day
June 5—World Environment Day
July 11—World Population Day
3rd Tuesday in September—International Day of Peace
September 8—International Literacy Day
1st Monday in October—World Habitat Day
1st Monday in October—Universal Children’s Day
October 11—International Day of the Girl Child
October 15—World Rural Women’s Day
October 16—World Food Day
October 17—World Trauma Day
October 24—United Nations Day
October 24—World Development Information Day
October 24—30—Disarmament Week
November 25—International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
December 1—World AIDS Day
December 10—Human Rights Day

BCWI Office—Sales Items

BCWI Handbook	\$5.00
(handbook being revised)	
History Book Set	\$50.00
<u>(add \$20.00 shipping for above set)</u>	
History Book	\$50.00
100 Women Book	\$30.00
Winning Ways	\$2.00
BCWI Business Cards	20/\$1.00
Mail Network News—4 Issues	\$10.00

Sundry Items

Tartans	\$3.00
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Pins

ACWW	\$6.00
FWIC	\$10.00
BCWI “collector” Centennial	\$3.00
BCWI Member	\$6.00
BCWI Logo	\$6.00
BCWI Branch Service	\$10.00
BCWI District Service	\$10.00
BCWI Provincial Service	\$10.00
BCWI Bar (plain)	\$5.00

Stationery

WI Logo Sticker	\$1.50
WI Bumper Sticker (see below)	\$5.00



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