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# NETWORK NEWS



## BCWI Annual General Meeting

ATCHELITZ HALL  
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FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 7,  
2019

SATURDAY, JUNE 8,  
2019



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## PRESIDENT



Hello Everyone,

Every time I tap out an article for the newsletter I seem to start with “Here we are again and the time is flying by” I have to say it is! Here we are coming up to the beginning of February 2019.

I would like to remind you to “Save the date” for several up coming events. February is WI month. I hope you are planning fun events as well as fundraising during the month. You can combine both by presenting interesting classes. Maybe learn to make bees wax covers and sell them to raise funds. I’m looking for a large one to cover my casserole dishes.

It’s less than three months until Melbourne. Dave and I have registered, booked our flight and getting ready to go. I’m getting a little more excited about going. I’m not truly excited until all the boxes are all ticked and I’m on the plane.

Also our AGM is not that far off. You will find information and registration form in this newsletter. It’s at Atchelitz in Chilliwack. I look forward to seeing you there!

Our campaign to raise awareness of the environmental damage of single use plastics has really gone well. This next year I would like to hear what you’re doing in your community about environmental damage. As a WPer have you a campaign to raise awareness or project that helps to alleviate the problem that you would like to share?

Enjoy your Network News there are always lots of great articles to keep you interested, informed, and involved. And don’t forget to be kind.

*Colleen Hooper, President*



## OFFICE



Hi Ladies,

Welcome to 2019!! Spring is just around the corner I do believe!!

If you look at page 11 you will notice we have gained 37 new members!! Yeah!! But unfortunately lost Gabriola WI which has recently disbanded. To date we have 8 districts and 39 branches with a total membership of 492.

We are gearing up for another exciting AGM which will be held in Chilliwack on June 7 & 8 at the Atchelitz Hall.

In this issue I have included the following; registration, voting delegate and nomination forms which will need to be sent into the office by the specified dates. The AGM Agenda along with the Budget will be included in our April/May Issue.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding anything, do not hesitate to call or email me, I will do my best to help in anyway.

*Betty Bartlett, BCWI Office Administrator*



## Promote WI Month

February 1—28, 2019

### Suggestion:

**Bake Sales**

**Valentines Day Tea**

**Women’s Shelter’s**

**Women Walk the World**

**Proclaim WI Month in your  
city/town**

**Or any other activities to  
promote WI Month**



### Plastic Awareness and WI Month

February would be a great month to get together with your Branch for a craft day. Has your Branch made grocery bags or mesh vegetable bags yet? They are quick, easy and inexpensive to make. There are many free patterns available online, and it is a great way to use up extra material pieces. Only 1% of plastic bags get recycled the rest end up in landfills or worse, in our oceans. Many countries in the world including some in Africa have banned single use plastic bags.

Are there any restaurants in your area that are trying to make changes in regards to their plastic outputs? WI Month would be a great time to all go for lunch there to show your appreciation for these efforts. There are many people and business trying to make a difference in their use of plastics and a thank you can go a long way.

*Brenda Devauld—Vice President*



### Victoria Salliss Creative Arts Legacy

This VSCA Legacy is a fund available to members wishing financial support in hosting workshops.

Members make an application for funds directly to the BCWI Office, a minimum of one month before the event. The office needs details of speaker/instructor costs, topics covered, materials required, timeline, registration fee, date and location of event, hall rental costs, meals to be served etc. Members are reminded that although we need details of the proposed event that we will reimburse speaker or instructor costs only.

The Committee reviews the application and responds prior to the event either accepting the application with the details submitted or may request more information.

In some instances, funds may be denied if the workshops or speakers are not meeting the goals of the fund to educate or deliver experiences for attendees.

After the event the applicant must submit to the committee chair a written summary, photos of participants and projects, participant evaluations, and the bills for the speaker/instructor costs. This summary and photos may be shared in the Network News. It is after receiving these documents that the funds will be

disbursed.

Members of the VS Committee for 2018-2021 are Ruth Davis from the Vancouver Island District, Carreen Forrest from the Peace River District, Molly Nickerson from the Fraser River District, Shelly Simrose VS Chair from Central Interior District.

*Submitted by Shelly Simrose—Victoria Salliss Chair*



### Resolutions Report

In light of the BC Government's Ministry of Agriculture News Flash, ([news.gov.bc.ca/18392](http://news.gov.bc.ca/18392)) "New legislation makes it clear: Farmland is for Farming," regarding the Revitalization of the ALR through amendments in Bill 52, it seems that many of our concerns presented to the B.C. Minister of Agriculture's Advisory Committee for Revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve (Jill Copes, Katharina Keuth, and Ruby McBeth), and subsequently to Minister Lana Popham (BCWI Resolution 2018) have not been addressed.

The three key changes announced in Bill 52 are: first reinstating one zone for all ALR land in BC; second, addressing mega mansions and speculation in order to curb non-farm development; last are penalties for dumping debris, toxic waste on valuable farmland that can damage arable soils.

What has not been addressed is our concern over absentee foreign investment of agricultural land. When large tracts of land are owned by absentee owners who make no provision for custodial use of their land it destroys rural communities, ranges become more susceptible to fires and weed infestation, and the prices of land are driven beyond the ability of young farmers to purchase.

Bill 52 received Royal Assent Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. The Bill will not have force and effect until it is adopted sometime this year. Much work remains to be done. Another resolution from 2016, The Rape Kit Resolution is being reviewed with the purpose of changing language so it becomes applicable to all provinces and territories. It will be brought before the members at the AGM in Chilliwack, and will if accepted by members be forwarded to WI Canada (FWIC).

Members please note that any new resolutions to be discussed at the AGM must be presented to the chair of the Resolutions Committee by the end of January 2019.

*Norma Tilgner—Resolutions Chair*



## WI Canada Report



“Women Inspiring Change” and we have seen so many changes over the last 100 years! Yes, it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Federated Institutes of Canada or WI Canada as is it now referred to.

I attended my first meeting at the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead. I felt the nostalgia as I walked through this heritage site. WI Women are “100 years of women making change count.” We need to celebrate this accomplishment. How do you plan to celebrate WI Month? Please send pictures and a write up to the next Network News. We would all like to know how BCWI celebrated this special occasion.

WI Canada is struggling to meet the financial challenges to keep this vibrant organization alive and well. The provinces have requested that we do not have items for sale such as the jams; therefore WI Canada plans to launch a campaign where by Women’s Institutes across Canada will help financially to initiate this campaign. The plan is to build an addition on to the Homestead with food safe kitchen and a hearth similar to the authentic hearth that is located downstairs. This will add to the Homestead events when celebrating historic events such as “Addies” Birthday. Can’t you just smell the homemade bread!

Another way to help cut costs is the restructuring of the Board: meetings will mainly be by Skype on a monthly basis with the representative from each province. Provincial President will participate in some of the Skype meetings. This will make a huge difference on accommodation and travel expenses not only for WI Canada but also for each province.

More information will be included in the new BCWI Handbook available at the next Annual General Meeting.

If you have any questions regarding WI Canada please contact me.

*For Home and Country, Jill Copes BCWI Representative*

### Associated Country Women of the World 2019 Triennial Conference.

Following is a summary of the Resolutions and Amendments, and Constitutional Amendments that will be presented at the World Conference in Melbourne Australia April 4-10, 2019. If you have any concerns or would like more information please check [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk)

The Resolutions can be found in Circular 8 and the nominees and their bios in Circular 7. BCWI has 5 votes as a Category One member of ACWW.

Resolutions 1 – 5 pertain to constitutional changes.

6. Registration of old landfills
7. Protection of shared marine environment, sustainable coral reefs and fish stocks
8. Use of plastics
9. Action on climate change
10. Pollinator protection
11. Textiles and clothes
12. Domestic violence
13. Iron deficiency
14. Gender sensitive health care
15. Health and nutrition for women with emphasis on environmental health
16. Elimination of dog mediated rabies
17. Q or query fever
18. Safe and secure access to toilet facilities for all

Following are members from Canada that have let their names stand for a position on ACWW Board or Committees. For more information for all nominees please check [www.acww.org.uk](http://www.acww.org.uk)

#### HONORARY SECRETARY & CHAIRMAN OF TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Christine Reaburn, Canada      Federated Women’s Institutes of Ontario

#### CHAIRMAN OF UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Marie Kenny, Canada      Federated Women’s Institutes of Prince Edward

#### CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sheila Needham, Canada      Quebec Women’s Institutes

#### AREA PRESIDENT: CANADA

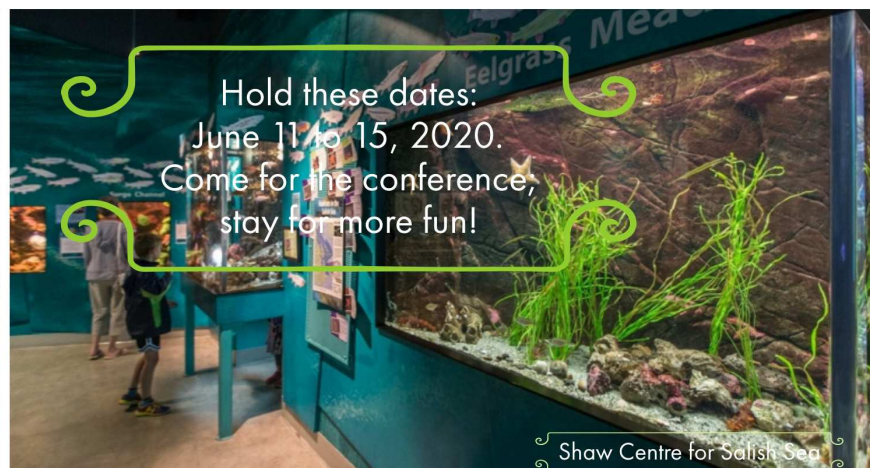
Ms. Linda Hoy, Canada      Federated Women’s Institutes of Canada



# Plan to Attend Our BCWI 38th Triennial and ACWW Conferences

June 11 - 15, 2020

The Shoal Centre in Sidney, BC





**BC WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**



Friday—June 7, 2019—Meet & Greet—6:00 pm  
 Saturday—June 8, 2019—AGM—8:00 am

**ATCHELITZ HALL**  
 6542 Lickman Road, Chilliwack

**Registration—\$25.00**

(Includes—Friday Meet & Greet with snacks provided & Saturday AGM with lunch provided)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Institute:** \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Registration April 30, 2019  
 Final registration May 15, 2019



**REGISTER NOW!**



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Marg Batke—Overlander WI  
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 Next draw to be held—March 15, 2019



BCWI Quilt Raffle  
 Rural Women's Tea  
 Hefley Creek Hall  
 October 2018  
 Congratulations  
 to the winner  
**Stella Jeselon**  
 South Hazelton, BC



# “INSTITUTE” VOTING DELEGATE CREDENTIAL/PROXY FORM



## BRITISH COLUMBIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 – CHILLIWACK JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



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 2019**

Voting Delegate for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Institute)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Branch/District President)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Branch/District Secretary)

Name and address of alternate, if any \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL Voting Delegates Credential/Proxy Forms**  
**MUST be completed and sent into Provincial Office**  
**By MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**



**BRITISH COLUMBIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

**OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS FORM #1**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Institute of British Columbia submits the following nomination (s) for the PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS for the term 2019 – 2022

**1 DIRECTOR**

To continue a rotating Board of Directors at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, the following are required:

Name & Address (1) One 3 Year Term – 2019 – 2022

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**SIGNED** President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNED** Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTANCE SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND COMPLETED FORM BY APRIL 30, 2019 TO:**

**BCWI Office – PO Box 36, Barriere, BC V0E 1E0**





**BRITISH COLUMBIA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

**OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS ASSENT FORM #2**

Dear Member,

Your name has been submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ WI for nomination to the BC Board of Director's for the Term 2019 – 2022 to fill the position of **1 Director**

As you have already agreed to allow your name to be placed in nomination, please forward the following information to the **BCWI Office by APRIL 30, 2019**

Name & Address of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Offices held at Branch Level \_\_\_\_\_

District Level \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial Level \_\_\_\_\_

Further information you wish to have published \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to accept nomination for \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND COMPLETED FORM BY APRIL 30, 2019 TO:**

**BCWI Office – PO Box 36, Barriere, BC V0E 1E0**



## Celebrating Our Retiring Patroness

Sometime back I prepared an article on the association between our Lieutenant Governors and the British Columbia Women's Institute. It seems fitting that now, as Her Honour Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor 2012 – 2018 has retired from office, that her role with our members through her term should be acknowledged.

Ms. Guichon came to our gatherings twice – once at Merritt, and once in Vanderhoof where she was made most welcome, and her comments encouraged us to perhaps greater goals than we had aspired to in the past. She assumed the role of Patroness, which was an honour for us. At the Vanderhoof Triennial Convention of the BC Women's Institute we agreed to meet one of Ms. Guichon's wishes – namely her desire to have an Institute-made quilt.

In Vanderhoof, a request was made for those interested in participating in this project attend a meeting of a hastily formed committee – and the enthusiasm evidenced at that time ensured its success. Last April, those of you who attended the Annual General Meeting in Kamloops saw the blocks assembled, and responded jubilantly.

So now the quilt is complete and ready to be presented. The Rural Women's Tea, at Heffley Creek on October 29<sup>th</sup> will be another Historic Achievement in the history of the British Columbia Women's Institute for as those of us who can attend will be witnesses, Ms. Guichon will be there to accept her quilt. This personalized quilt tells of some of her achievements, and perhaps some high points in her life.

Once more, we are making history. In my work with the old records of the WI, I have not encountered any story to compare to this. Yes, we have worked with many people, and prepared items for many others. We have raised money for hospitals, scholarships and bursaries, donated money and needed items to people who have lost their homes to fire, or have been driven out by forest fires, plus a host of other ventures. But this is the first time, in my mind, that we have celebrated our association with a non-member whose encouragement has meant so much to many of us.

So, on behalf of our members everywhere, may I extend a huge thank you to all those members who spent time working on this venture, and have produced such a superlative gift for such a super British Columbian!

*Ruth Fenner, Provincial Historian, British Columbia Women's Institute*

### History of the Lieutenant Governor's Quilt

At the 2017 British Columbia Women's Institute Convention held in Vanderhoof, word circulated that our Patroness, Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, had expressed interest in having a Women's Institute-made quilt. The idea appealed to many members and thus the ground work was laid. At the Opening Ceremony, after Her Honour spoke, we followed up with the announcement that we would be making a quilt for her; in the mean time she would have our Centennial Quilt.

Later in the Convention, Ruth Fenner was asked to form a committee to oversee the making of this quilt. With information garnered on Her Honour's life, the committee came up with ten different blocks relating to Her Honour's accomplishments and passions. Ten members quickly volunteered to design and prepare these blocks, while the center panel was to be designed by Janet Bangs and Ruth Fenner.



## Thank You from Judith Guichon

I have been wanting to say thank you to all those wonderful members who worked to construct this amazing quilt for me. It hangs in our living room and reminds me constantly of the wonderful adventure I had in Victoria. So many incredible memories all over this beautiful province.

The members of the WI represent the very soul of those who have built this province. You are the foundation of our communities and provide the stable foundation from which our young people are launched. I am not sure of the future direction of our communities or of society as a whole as we become more electronically connected **but** less grounded, but it's folks like you who will literally keep the home fires burning and help communities to survive and be there when this generation returns to their roots.

I cannot thank all the members individually for their input but every square and all their talents combine to make this rich tapestry so meaningful. The placemats made by Gladys Haines with all those beautiful cows also are on my table constantly and make me smile every time we enjoy a meal.

Thank you all for this beautiful work and also for a very lovely gathering, I look forward to showing my quilt off the next time the quilters gather at our little B&B. I wish you all a very happy holiday season and hope that I am fortunate enough to meet you down the road.

*Sincerely, Judith Guichon*



### WELCOME New Members

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 Sonnett Chalmers—Ryder Lake WI  
 Kelly Hellam—Ryder Lake WI  
 Else Heiti—Ryder Lake WI  
 Donna Lawrence—Ryder Lake WI  
 Melanie Reuter—Ryder Lake WI  
 Pearl Whalley—Ryder Lake WI  
 Heather Woods—Ryder Lake WI  
 Sheri Copp Falconer—Sinkut WI  
 Valerie Billsborough—Royal Oak WI  
 Carol Fielder—Bridenville WI  
 Rayea Johnson—Member at Large  
 Susan Collins—Pemberton WI  
 Marie-France Benes—Pemberton WI  
 Bev Dillingham—Rock Creek WI  
 Pat O'Brien—Rock Creek WI  
 Rose Overdreef—Rock Creek WI  
 Connie Bielert—Sunshine Valley WI

### WELCOME New Members

Lynne Pohynayko—Cobble Hill WI  
 Cathy Betteridge—Triangle WI  
 Toni Cisco—Triangle WI  
 Sharon Roo—Triangle WI  
 Joanne Woods—Triangle WI  
 Heather Serafini—Triangle WI  
 Diane Bell—Quick WI  
 Glenda Patterson—Quick WI  
 Rosealee Lord—Needles Fauquier WI  
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 Tracey Innes—Atchelitz WI  
 Bernice Lemley—South Hazelton WI  
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 Jennifer Bridal—South Hazelton WI  
 Linda Martorin—Colwood WI  
 Kelli Starkes—Colwood WI  
 Karlee Twinn—Colwood WI  
 Sheena Wark—Colwood WI



Rural Women's Tea—October 29, 2018





## A Story of a Timepiece

At different points in her lifetime, Madge Watt left many papers and other items in the care of her sister, Katie Robertson Arthur. Among these items was this watch, and this is its story.

First, let me trace how it arrived in my care: Those of you who attended the unveiling of the Madge Watt plaque in Metchosin in September of 2016 will no doubt remember her great niece, Helen Geissinger who spoke about Madge and Dr. Watt. This past September, Helen sent me a package, and packed among some papers we were exchanging, I found a small envelope which held this small watch.

Madge had left it in the care of her sister, Katie, who had passed it along to her daughter Bethia who was Helen's mother. The thought was "*some future member of the family will want it.*" To quote Helen, "*some of those generations have arrived, and with their advent, I have done some serious thinking about this wristwatch. It has history attached to it that is not really a part of our family history...*"

*It belonged to Madge Watt, given to her by E. Pauline Johnson. Did you have to read Johnson's poems when you were in school? She wrote most of her work in Ontario, so she was certainly in the English curriculum when I went through school. One really famous poem was The Song My Paddle Sings.*

*Apparently Madge and Pauline were friends. How they met and when/where I do not know. What Madge gave Pauline in return for this little watch is unknown. But what they had in common was their approach to life, in which they had to make their own living by writing. They shared ideas about women's importance in holding up 1/2 of the world, about the importance of education for women and girls, and about the equality of both partners in marriage – to name a few.*

*Wikipedia has a good article about Pauline Johnson, who is part Mohawk. It lists her accomplishments and outlines her life. When reading it, I could see where Pauline and Madge would have had similar ideas.*

*This watch is sent to you in your capacity as BCWI Historian. It is a small broken thing of value only to people who care about its previous owner. I had intended to get the band fixed and re-attached to the watch but have been unable to find anyone here who could do the work properly. My apologies for sending you the wristwatch in such a sorry state. Because it is so small, it has been lost several times. Thus, when I found it again recently, I decided to send it to you at once, rather than waiting yet longer to locate a repair person here.*

*Please decide what to do with it."*

As you can well imagine, I have spent a good deal of time pondering what would be the best repository for this memento of Madge Watt:

Betty, in our office, has limited space. I am already storing more of the BCWI historic items than I am truly comfortable doing. If items like this watch are donated to an archive, such as the one where our papers are stored in at UBC Okanagan, frequently they are boxed, placed in "safe storage" and no one sees them again.

Then I considered the warmth and appreciation that abounded in Metchosin through the time when Donna Jack and I were searching for a location for the plaque, and throughout the time when the program and event were being planned. They have a museum, and the stories of Madge, and her husband Dr. Alfred Watt, are part of the contents of that museum. I think that everyone in Metchosin knows their names and is aware of their contributions to today's society. I believe it will be the great pleasure of all British Columbia Women's Institute to know that this watch will be cared for and treasured by those who are cognizant of Metchosin's history.



Some time passed to allow the Provincial Executive to consider and give their approval. I was also working around holiday times, but about a week ago it all came together. I am very pleased to announce today that the watch will be donated to the Metchosin Museum where it will be in the care of people who have grown up on the Dr. Alfred and Madge Watt story.

*Ruth Fenner, Provincial Historian, British Columbia Women's Institute*



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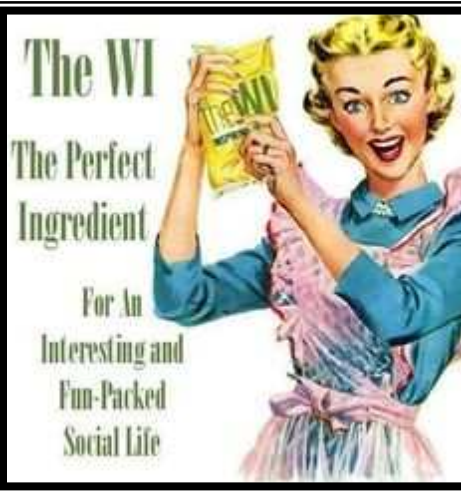
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## SAVE THE DATE

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# BRANCH NEWS



## CARIBOO DISTRICT

### Horsefly WI

It's been a long time since we have submitted anything to the Network News. However, we have been an ever-changing chapter and busy one at that. We started out this March with Elections since our outgoing President and Secretary decided to retire. Our Vice President Judy MacLeod, moved up by acclamation to the Presidency. That would be me. I'm Judy and have been a member for 6 years, our Horsefly chapter has had some growing pain,



gaining 15 new members since March 2018. It's great to see our women coming out in force. We needed them as much as our community needs us. We have a total of 24 members, what a treat. We have been busy with a pie sale this summer, several memorial teas, our district rally, baking and decorating cakes for the cake walk at the Community Halloween party. We are gearing up for our Annual Silent Auction and Luncheon Dec 1 so by the time you read this it will have happened. Will send updates. I attended the AGM in Kamloops with one of our brand-new members, it was a great way for her to see first-hand how far the WI reaches.



With so many new members and new ideas and different views we are having a lot of fun figuring things out, just what works for this new group. We have the mandates set up by BCWI. Our constitution, but on local levels and our commitments here "things are a changing". Such excitement and sheer pleasure to be a part of this organization.



Judy MacLeod, President

## CENTRAL INTERIOR

### SINKUT WI

On November 5th, Sinkut WI held a surprise 89th Birthday Party for our own Carrie Creighton. Rae Roblyer and Patti Pyy planned the event as their Cultural Activities AND History Convenorships. Carrie's daughter in-law Heather along with 2 Great Granddaughters were able to help us celebrate. At the same time we honoured Carrie Creighton, Marjorie Thompson and



Rae Roblyer with 40+ years of service with service pins, certificates and flowers! Without these ladies we would not be the group we are today! A lovely potluck and cake was enjoyed by all!



Sinkut WI holds a Christmas Raffle/Bake Sale every year for a fundraiser. Robin Janzen and Dannica

Turner are our regular ticket sellers. Marjorie Thomson (a Sinkut WI member) won a Co-op Food Hamper along with a \$30 Co-op Gift Card. She had just commented a few days before on how she has never won one of our raffles!! Way to go Marjorie!!

Submitted by Shelly Simrose



## OVERLANDER WI

As our new year arrives and it is snowing outside it gives me time to reflect of what an amazing group of ladies I work with. What does WI mean to everyone? Personally it is the friendship and the networking I have gained. From our last Network News I am so happy and proud of our success of our ACWW Rural Women's Tea. Overlander WI ladies certainly out did themselves. We came together with lots of amazing finger foods, decorations and were overwhelmed with all our guests that traveled to Kamloops for our event. Thanks to everyone and the Board of BCWI to make this event so successful. And our honored guest, her Honor Judith Guichon was so pleased and tearfully thanked everyone for their labor of love to put her quilt together. Thanks also to our Barriere North Thompson Star Journal Reporter Jill Haywood for her excellent article in the local paper. BCWI has graciously posted the article on Facebook and our website.

Right after the tea, Overlander WI had another successful bake sale. Then in December we cooked a delicious Turkey and ham dinner for Family First and Baby Head Start. Our young mothers from the community so enjoy having a home cooked meal and they always are commenting on our turkey dressing... "Tastes just like my mom or grandma makes".....I guess we are now known for turkey dressing not just jam making!!!! Our members enjoy doing this event as we are able to talk with the mothers and sometimes get to hold the little ones as parents have a chance to eat!



# BRANCH NEWS



We had our Overlander Christmas Party with members and guests. Weather was awesome and Betty Bartlett was able to join us too with Alicia and Daxtyr....and oh yes there was no snow but we did get a visitor from the North Pole and she was somewhat frazzled with no snow and was happy to see all the Overlander gals and to say we had made it on the Nice List again!!!!



jackets, etc. They will be distributed to the needy through the office of the "street nurse" in Vernon. We feel we are off to a good start for 2019.

*Submitted by Shirley Libby*

## PEACE RIVER DISTRICT NOR' PIONEER WI



Nor' Pioneer Women's Institute Cecil Lake, BC had a wonderful 2018, and we hope everyone else had a wonderful year and all the best for 2019.

Our Annual Harvest Supper was well attended. Christmas market was a lot of fun and as you see the men even

came out to the gathering. We had Mrs. Claus come out this year and she had story time with the kids and Mrs. Claus even had



some time to get in some shopping. The sleigh rides were a lot of fun too.

Our 2019 year is filled with lots of adventure with; WI Month we're putting a basket together



for the first girl born in February, we're hosting Game's night, Flea Market, BBQ, Cecil Lake Fall Fair, Harvest Supper, Christmas Market.

*Submitted by, Dawn Bellamy, President*



Hope everyone one had a wonderful Christmas and looking forward to an awesome 2019 and the planning has begun for Overlander Adelaide Luncheon!...

*Submitted by Cathy Inskip*

## COLDSTREAM WI

For our Christmas giving in December we decided to participate in the London Drugs Senior's giving program. Since we are all seniors it seemed a good thing to do. We each picked a tag with a wish list for either a male or female. The idea was to buy some of the items on the list and add Christmas surprises. With lists in hand we were off to spend the \$100 we were given to get gifts "for our senior". Any cash left went into a Salvation Army Christmas Kettle. It was a "feel good" event.

At our December meeting, we wore a favourite sweater or vest for all to admire. Heirloom pieces of jewelry were passed around as their stories were told. Our Christmas lunch was at a crowded and noisy pub. A number of groups were celebrating too; it seemed like one big party.

In January we had an interesting speaker. Jay talked about all levels of recycling, from what's happening world-wide, in Canada and locally in Vernon. It's becoming a profitable enterprise. More items can be recycled and reused to make new innovative products. More people are committed to recycling and participate by taking their bins to depots, even sorting it. BC is leading the way in recycling. We have the largest percentage of recyclers. BC'ers, pat yourselves on the back! For WI week we have committed to sharing some recycling facts, figures and progress in our local newspaper. "Did you know you can recycle potato chip bags?" They are made of nine layers, very thin layers. Jay is helping with this. Another project for WI week is collecting warm clothing, socks, mittens, scarves,





# BRANCH NEWS



## S. VANCOUVER ISLAND DISTRICT COLWOOD WI

We have had a busy fall season! Our day group crafted and sold 22 Christmas swags and utilized the funds raised to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents of the Crockrell House, who are veterans. We also supported a local single mom and her son for Christmas. We are now focusing on collecting items for our annual garage sale being held on March 16th.

Our evening fall/winter workshops have been very enjoyable and relaxing. We have attracted 4 new members and have a few more interested women coming to our next evening workshop on February 7th. We have been having a quick debriefing at the beginning of the meeting and then moving on to art projects and socializing. We have a strong base of 6 members for these evening workshops with the hope of some more ladies joining us in the future. We will also continue to host our regular monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm. Both groups are working together as one with the idea of continuing to host (Sept-June) and an evening group (Oct-March).



*Submitted by Kim Coy*

## SALT SPRING ISLAND WI

Happy New Year to all. For Salt Spring Islanders 2018 went out with a bang. There was not one area that was not affected by the huge wind storm that blew through here on December 20th, be it power outages, trees uprooted, snapped off, power lines down everywhere, roads closed for days on end. The damage was huge in some areas but some showed no signs other than no power, telephone or water. As trees were uprooted water mains were too and of course those of us on wells, well!!!! It was a very frightening event but a major eye opener on PREPAREDNESS. But, this island drew together, neighbour helping neighbour, people opening their homes to any who needed a warm up, water, charging station, laundry or a shower, etc., crews from Hydro, Highways and telephone from all over BC and Alberta arriving and working non stop through the entire holiday season. And I and many got the best Gift for Christmas, our electricity back on Christmas Eve. Then every day for next week areas got back on grid although some have just gotten telephone in last few days. The cleanup is ongoing, a friend just got a huge tree

lifted off his barn, another finally got in their driveway with a vehicle, etc. BUT no one was seriously hurt or killed.

In November at our regular meeting we did our annual donations, breathing a sigh of relief that our busy time was over for awhile. We also made a list of our supporters to send handmade Christmas cards too with our thanks also. Our December meeting was very brief giving us lots of time for our Christmas finger food luncheon, gift game, socializing and giving thanks. The January meeting was for planning for Adelaide Hunter Hoodless luncheon (we have to plan drivers, ferry schedule to and from), AGM, and a major open discussion on where we see WI in the near future and to think about ways we can attract more members and keep them. We have experienced a lot of volunteer help at pie bees and even at our booths selling but no one willing to join and attend meetings. We are not farm women any more and need to adapt to this high technology, faster pace of living, playing and working world of our upcoming younger women. Food for thought.... A new year ahead of us all and our wish to all for a healthier, happier and prosperous year.

*Submitted by Margaret Reid, President*

## World View

One of the objectives of W.I. is to help us “acquire the knowledge and skills needed to meet the demands of today’s society.” International convenors can help out. Here is my approach. About a week before the monthly W.I. meeting I look for a world news item. An example would be “The European Parliament has voted to ban single-use plastics across the board.” I then use the news item as a springboard to learn about the country or area. So here I would study up a bit on the European Union. What, where, who, when, why, how are good questions to ask. I find a small map and make copies for our group. Along with the map I include some basic facts. At the meeting I share what I have learned. Just remember, you are not setting yourself up as an expert; you are just introducing your friends to one area of the world. Happy learning,

*Submitted by Ruby McBeth, International Convener*

## IN MEMORY

**Francis Ritchie—Colwood WI**



## 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	\$10.00
(handbook being revised)	
History Book Set	\$30.00
<u>(add \$20.00 shipping for above set)</u>	
History Book	\$20.00
100 Women Book	\$15.00
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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