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2019 Provincial Convention



The 2019 Provincial Convention was held at the Slemon Park Hotel & Conference Centre on Saturday, May 11th.

Highlights of the day included a presentation by Kool Breeze Farm on container gardens; musical entertainment by *The Treblemakers*; award presentations; and the installment of the 2019-2021 Board of Directors.



Gala Dinner Cheque Presentation



The 19th annual *Spring Is in the Air* Gala Dinner was held on Friday, April 12th at the New London Community Complex with a great turnout!

A total of \$8,546.00 was raised for Lennon Recovery House between ticket sales, donations, and bids on auction items. Gala Dinner Chair Liz Spangler presented

Diane Young, founder of Lennon Recovery House, with the cheque.

Pictured above from left are Liz Spangler; Carol MacLellan, PEIWI Alumni member; Dianne Young; and Louise Weeks of District 8.

Diane was presented with a \$200.00 cheque from the PEIWI Alumni, and a \$320.10 cheque from District 8.

President's Greeting



September is here! A time for monthly meetings and planning your activities for the upcoming WI year.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the Exhibition, and to all who entered their pieces. All of us working together makes a great show! Congratulations to the winners.

Fall Workshops and a new cooking school will be held in October, and Festive Country Christmas are coming up this fall—be sure to register if they are of any interest to you!

As fall settles in and the harvest has been gathered, may we reflect on summertime spent with family and friends, and look forward to gathering with our sister members for a time of fellowship together.

-Carol Jenkins, President

Convention Collection Donation



On Wednesday, May 16th, PEIWI Provincial President Carol Jenkins presented the Boys & Girls Club of Summerside with a cheque for the amount of \$452.60 collected by generous PEIWI members at the 2019 Provincial Convention in Slemon Park.

"Thank you so much PEI Women's Institute for stopping in to make a donation!!! We have so many great female inspired programs and staff who work each and every day to make a positive change in our community! On hand to receive the donation from our team are Program Director KK Thompson, Youth Director Lydia Coulombe, Administrative Assistant Michelle Cole and our Canadian Women's Foundation Coordinators Danielle Richard, Yolanda Johnston and Chelsea Moulins!"

-Boys & Girls Club of Summerside

FWIC News



The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) meets every three years. From April 4th to 10th was the 29th Triennial World Conference in Melbourne, Australia. During the opening ceremony, 84 flags were brought in (one for each country in attendance). We were welcomed by the World President, Ruth Shanks, from Australia. The opening keynote speaker was Elizabeth Fletcher. She is the CEO of a company, which was started by her father, that exports lamb and mutton worldwide and now employs 800 people. She told the history of her company.

The Queen of Malaysia, Queen Azizah, was there on opening day and invited everyone to the next ACWW Triennial Conference in 2022 to be held in Malaysia. She collected during the day approximately \$1,500 for Pennies for Friendship, and she matched the amount, which then totalled \$3,000.

There was further information on the transition to the Women Empowered (W.E.) Fund. The money now goes into one fund to support the various projects that have come forward. The fund was summarized into six priorities that represent the sustainable development goals of the United Nations. The group that has the greatest need will get funded. A motion was passed to leave Pennies for Friendship as a permanent name for raising money to support the operation.

One resolution was on the elimination of dog medicated rabies. India, Africa, and other Asian countries have a great problem with rabies. 59,000 people die each year from rabies. 40% of those people are children. There is now a dog rabies vaccination, and the hope is to eliminate all rabies by 2030. Dr. Andrea Britton, a veterinarian, spoke to the convention on this issue and hopes that we now have the tools to eliminate dog rabies in diverse ethnic communities.

Another speaker, Sister Vijili Dali, a missionary nun, spoke about her current focus which is to train women and youth to acquire their professional dreams and encourage them to learn the skills they need for a better, dignified life. She spoke about the difficulties women, and especially young women and girls, are facing in Africa.

Some of the other resolutions were:

- Recognition of old landfills,
- protection of shared marine environment,
- use of plastics,
- action on climate change,
- domestic violence,
- iron deficiency,
- gender-sensitive healthcare,
- safe and secure access to toilet facilities for all.

On Sunday, our church service was a wonderful Thanksgiving ceremony. Messages of Hope were shared from Rev. Elizabeth Murray, an Anglican Priest; Tris Mardiastuty, Executive Member of Islamic Council of Victoria; Rev. Lani Vaitohi, Shepparton United Church; and Diane Wright, founder and President of Anam Cara House Colac. *How Great Thou Art* was performed in Pidgin by ladies from Papua New Guinea. We all joined in and sang the fourth verse.

It was a wonderful experience to attend this conference and experience the business, camaraderie, pride, and amazing country that is always part of every world conference, and to be present for Marie Kenny's election as Chair of the United Nations Committee.

It was so great to be in attendance when four Canadians were voted in to be on the Board of Trustees for 2019-2022: Honourary Secretary and Chair of the Triennial Conference Committee, Christine Raeburn of Ontario; Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee, Sheila Needham of Québec; Canada Area President, Linda Hoy of Ontario; Chair of the United Nations Committee, Marie Kenny of Prince Edward Island.

-Miriam Lank, FWIC Executive Officer

Retiring Board Member



Jacquie Laird's (*pictured, right*) term as PEIWI Past President came to an end on May at the 2019 Provincial Convention, with Doreen Wall moving into the role after completing her term as President.

Jacquie was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by current PEIWI President, Carol Jenkins (*pictured, left*).

Jacquie has been a member of the New Glasgow WI since October 1990, and became a Life Member in December 2017. Jacquie has served as Treasurer; International Affairs Convener, Citizenship & Legislation Convener; Vice-President; and President of her Branch. At the provincial level, Jacquie has served as Agriculture Convener, President-Elect, President, and Past President.

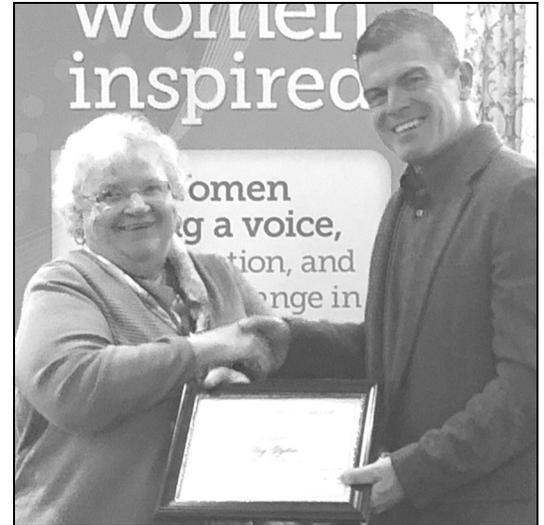
Jacquie will certainly be missed at the monthly Board meetings, but we know she is never more than a phone call away!

Awards Presented at the Provincial Convention



Erland Lee Award of Appreciation

Kimble Wood (*pictured, right*) is presented with his award by Jacquie Laird, PEIWI Past President and Awards Chair.



Friend of WI Award

Troy Glydon of Computers for Success (*pictured, right*) is presented with her award by Jacquie Laird, PEIWI Past President and Awards Chair.



Provincial Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour

Peggy Kilbride (*pictured, right*) accepted the award on behalf of her fellow Sherbrooke-Summerside WI member, B. Joan Homans. The award was presented by Jacquie Laird, PEIWI Past President and Awards Chair.



Woman in Agriculture Award

Jessica Reeves (*pictured, right*) is presented with her award by Jacquie Laird, PEIWI Past President and Awards Chair.

Citations from Provincial Convention Awards

B. Joan Homans

2019 Provincial Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour

Nominated by: Sherbrooke-Summerside WI

Joan and her husband, Les, moved from England to Ontario in 1950. They settled in Scarborough and raised two children, Linda and Steve.

Joan worked at a law firm in England. She was the assistant to four lawyers, therefore having to learn four different areas of law.

In Ontario, she wanted to enable time for her family, so she ran her own catering company.

Joan began volunteering by teaching Sunday school and becoming a parent/teacher representative. From 1961 to 1984, they were leaders of the local Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers, plus the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A number of the young people in their groups have kept in contact with Joan and Les over the years, and some still visit with their families to this day.

When their son, Steve, his wife, Joanne, and their two girls, Jen and Cheryl, moved to Prince Edward Island, Joan and Les followed.

Since settling in Sherbrooke, Joan has volunteered for the PEI chapters of the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada, Canadian Red Cross, Alzheimer Society of PEI, Arthritis Society, United Way, and Girl Guides of Canada. In 1987, she and Les founded the Lady Slipper Naturalist Club, where she served as Secretary-Treasurer. From 1993 to 2007, they first assisted in, and then ran, the Heart Support Group in Summerside. From 1993 onwards, Joan has been part of the Friends of the Summerside Rotary Library, where she was secretary for 20 years.

Within the community, she supports neighbours and friends by purchasing products and tickets, sponsoring and donating, helping out with and sending cards for special events such as showers, birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries. She welcomes each new neighbour with a visit, dish of fudge, and information on WI.

At the local Branch level of WI, Joan has been Secretary-Treasurer for over 30 years; Convener of Environment, Home Economics & Health, International Affairs, and Agriculture.

She takes her turn on all committees. She never shirks her duties, and will take on the work of others if they're unable to.

Joan's perfect attendance for 34+ years is a result of the deliberate planning of appointments and holidays so she won't be absent from WI.

Joan has acted as Secretary-Treasurer for District 5A six different times. She has also been Environment Convener for 15 terms. She has represented her Branch at all District Planning meetings for conventions and anniversary events.

Joan's support for all levels of WI includes: Country Christmas, Bike Tours, Card Parties, Concerts, Garden Tours, Spring Is in the Air, Meals to Needy, Composing WI History, Memorials, and Life Membership citations.

Joan currently remains completely active within all aspects of the WI world.



B. Joan Homans



Kimble Wood



Jessica Reeves

Kimble Wood

2019 Erland Lee Award

Nominated by: Greater Charlottetown WI

Kimble is the husband of Elaine Gascon, who is a member of our Branch – the Greater Charlottetown WI. Just to give you a little background on Kimble: he grew up in Alexandra, PEI and was involved with his community from an early age. As he became an adult and married, he was involved in his family, especially with regard to his children, their sports and activities, and has continued with his support for his grandchildren.

Kimble's mother, Lillian Wood, was a Life Member of the Alexandra WI Branch.

In his early working years Kimble was employed as an electrician on land and at sea. Later, he changed careers and began working in the hospitality/tourism industry, becoming a much sought after bus driver/tour guide. He always took the time to get to know the travelers, going above and beyond, helping with their luggage and making sure they were well looked after and enjoying the tour. It was on one of these tours that he met Elaine who eventually became his wife.

Kimble, in addition to being a 30 year bus driver, was also manager of a bus line for several years where he built a multi-million dollar per year company. He also co-owned another company until both active members decided to retire.

Kimble has been a great help to our Branch especially with our Legacy Garden, which we grow every year and donate the harvest to the Charlottetown Food Bank. He has tilled and fertilized the soil and helped us with planting seeds and harvesting every year since we started this project several years ago.

Our group has used Kimble and Elaine's garage for several activities such as a fundraiser garage sale for the QEH and decorating wreaths to sell for Christmas. Kimble is always there, but in the background and ready and willing to help us. Everything he does is in a quiet and dedicated manner.

In his community, Kimble volunteers at the Food Bank at least twice weekly and sometimes even 5 days per week. He assists at their fundraisers such as the Ys Men's Food Drive. In fact, his example has rubbed off on us as our Branch now helps with the food drive every year as well. He assists friends and neighbours, as well as shut-ins. As one of his neighbours says, they truly appreciate his help with outside work.

We believe that Kimble is a true example of a man who dedicates a great deal of time to helping our community and does this so willingly and in a humble and quiet manner. We believe that he is deserving of the Erland Lee Award.

Jessica Reeves

2019 Woman in Agriculture Award

Nominated by: Augustine Cove WI

When thinking of a woman who has made major contributions in the agriculture industry, there is one person that stands out in our minds – Jessica Reeves.

From a young age, agriculture has always been a part of her life. She grew up in Lady Fane, Prince Edward Island where her family grew chip stock and seed potatoes, and raised purebred Charolais and commercial cattle. She enjoyed helping her grandmother, Marion Howatt, with various WI activities in the community. She was an active member of the North River 4-H Club, and later helped to organize Provincial 4-H Camp.

Jessica now lives in Freetown, Prince Edward Island where she and her husband, Steve, and two children, Luke and Bella, have a dairy farm. Jessica ensures their children know the importance of agriculture, and every spring, you will find her and her family participating in the annual WI Roadside Cleanup.

Jessica spends endless hours preparing information on current agricultural issues to discuss with her classes. She takes her students on many overnight trips to explore agriculture in areas across Atlantic Canada. Jessica uses her knowledge in agriculture to help educate the general public through her personal Twitter account, but also through the National Outstanding Young Farmers account, and Islanders for Islanders account.

When talking with one of Jessica's current students, Harrison Duffy, about how she has brought awareness of agriculture to him and his fellow students, this is what he had to say: "*Jessica has opened the world of agriculture to me and my peers through the agriculture program at KRHS. Jessica has a deep passion for the agriculture industry, and for teaching it. She takes us on numerous fieldtrips to farms all across the Island, and recently, to the Atlantic Farm Show. She also arranges for people in the agriculture industry to come and speak to us. She has greatly impacted my view on the agriculture industry, as well as many others.*"

Election to ACWW United Nations Committee



In April, the Prince Edward Island Women's Institute learned Marie Kenny (*pictured above*) had been elected as the new chairwoman of the United Nations Committee for the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

ACWW is one of the largest rural women's organizations in the world with nine million members in 80 countries. Women's Institutes throughout the world are members of ACWW.

Marie was voted into her new position during the ACWW Triennial Assembly in Melbourne, Australia in April.

A Life Member of the Brackley WI, Marie is the first Islander to hold this international position with this organization. She has been the local, provincial, and national President of the Women's Institute organization in Canada.

Marie's leadership has been outstanding in the development of Women's Institute on PEI and nationally, as well as throughout her lengthy career in outreach, humanitarian relief and volunteerism. Her passion has been effective in lifting up grass root community organizations.

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She has trained and led numerous short-term outreach teams to different regions of the world, including assists in disaster relief, compassion ministries, homelessness and poverty.

In 2012, Marie was chosen to be one of four Canadian women to represent the country at the 56th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, where she spoke on the rights of rural women.

Kenny has received numerous accolades, including the Governor General's Sovereign's Medal for Volunteerism, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Premier's Craft Education Award for Art, the national Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year and the Senate Sesquicentennial Medal in recognition of valuable service to the nation.

Marie, a pastor, author, artist and athlete, is married to Cecil Kenny. She is a mother to four grown children and a grandmother to 19 grandchildren.

Also representing PEI in Australia at the ACWW Triennial Convention was Miriam Lank (*pictured below, right*), Provincial Representative to FWIC; and Doreen Wall (*pictured below, centre*), 2017-2019 Provincial President (current Past President) of PEIWI.



Brackley Beach WI



On April 27th, the Brackley Beach WI held a fundraising pancake breakfast at the Brackley Beach Community Centre.

Photos show WI members working with men of the community to put on the event, the gathering of community to spend time together, the outreach to everyone to enjoy breakfast with friends and family, and the inclusion of a newcomer family from Burundi/Tanzania.



Approximately 125 people were served breakfast exhibiting a wonderful sense of working together and seeing people connect.

ACWW Day Walk

Each year, people worldwide celebrate the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)'s international network by joining together to walk the world for ACWW Day on April 29th. The walk aims to bring attention and funds to global projects, and is active in over 70 countries. ACWW also gives women a voice at international levels by its links with the United Nations.



The PEIWI Board of Directors hosted a walk for WI members and friends at Ellis Park in Hunter River. Participants warmed up with tea, coffee, and conversation about ACWW afterwards at the Central Queens United Church Hall.

Provincial Heritage Fair

"On behalf of the Planning Committee of the PEI Provincial Heritage Fair, I would like to thank you very much for your organization's sponsorship of a Special Prize at the Provincial Heritage Fair held May 2nd, 2019 at the Confederation Centre of the Arts. Your organization's support contributed to the success of this educational event.

Thank you to the judges for coming to the Fair!

Approximately 179 students in Grades 5 through 9 from 28 schools across the province presented 142 heritage fair projects on various aspects of Canadian heritage and culture. More than 2,000 students throughout the province participated in the Heritage Fair program during the 2018-2019 school year.

The 15 finalists named during the Closing Ceremonies have been invited by the PEI Heritage Fair Committee to participate in the national Young Citizens video contest, a program organized by Canada's History Society. The 15 students, if they choose to, will create a 3-4 minute video of their Heritage Fair project to vie for one of the four positions to be selected to go to Ottawa this fall.

Thank you again for your kind and generous support of the Provincial Heritage Fair!"

-Charlotte Stewart, PEI Provincial Heritage Fair Coordinator



Nadia Carr (**centre**), a grade 5 student at West Kent Elementary, is presented with the PEIWI Special Prize for her project on "My Oma's Move to Canada: Post WWII" by incoming Cultural Activities Convener, Alice Chandler (**left**) and outgoing Cultural Activities Convener, Roma Birt (**right**).

Roadside Cleanup Winners



Interest in WI's annual Roadside Cleanup continues to expand each year!

Those who entered the *Cleanup and Win Contest* had a chance to win cash prizes in each of the four categories.

Winners received \$100!



Individual or Family:

Earth Cleaners and Keepers
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PEI Women's Institute is on Facebook!
Search for "PEI Women's Institute" and like PEIWI's page!

Visit the PEIWI office to purchase WI Items!

- WI Water Bottles - \$5.00
- Centennial History Book - \$20.00
- Island Product Cooking Contest Cookbook (V1-4) - \$5.00
- Centennial Cookbook - \$10.00
- Savour the Flavour Cookbook - \$10.00
- Treats and Treasures Cookbook - \$5.00
- Beyond the Horizon: Children's Book - \$10.00
- Community Builders - \$15.00
- PEIWI Pens - \$3.00
- PEIWI Logo Pins - \$3.00
- PEIWI Notepads - \$1.00
- WI Napkins:
Package of 25 - \$7.00

