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WI: Women Inspired

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President's Report



At one of the district conventions, a WI member suggested that we purchase the DVD "Home Fires" TV series. This series follows women in a rural Chester, England community where the shadow of WWII was casting a dark cloud over their lives. The isolated village couldn't feel further away from the impending battlefield, and yet it was not immune from the effects of war.

By banding together as the Great Paxford Women's Institute, they helped maintain the nation's fabric in the darkest hour, and discover inner resources that will change their lives forever.

There are two series of "Home Fires" now available as a kit for you to enjoy. They are a bit long, but it would be a great way to invite the women in your community to come and watch the DVD with you. It's a great DVD to show them what the WI can do!

- Jacquie Laird, President

Roadside Cleanup and Contest - NEW Bag Location Pick Up Locations

This year's WI Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 13. WI bags will be available starting the first week of May from **IWMC LOCATIONS ONLY** (contact the facility in your area for hours). As a reminder please use your existing WI bag stock, however if you need additional bags, clear plastic bags from your home can be used.

WI bags will be available in early May from only the following IWMC Facilities, Waste Watch Drop-Off and Office locations:

- Brockton, New London, Murray River, Dingwells Mills, GreenIsle, Charlottetown (Superior Sanitation), Wellington (The East Prince Waste Management Facility) and IWMC offices in Charlottetown (110 Watts Ave) and Tignish (100 School St)

**Please note bags will not be available at Access PEI sites this year.* Lastly, thanks for using WI bags for roadside cleanup only!

Cleanup and Win! To encourage any and all to participate in the Roadside Cleanup, we are featuring the third annual contest with cash prizes. Simply fill out the entry form and send it with a photo of "your team in action" to enter the draws. Entry forms will be sent out in either the April or May mail-out—posters and pledge sheets are also available at the WI office or online at peiwi.ca.

To participate in this contest:

- Fill out entry form (forms may be copied or available online at peiwi.ca)
- Participate by filling bags from roadside litter and take a photo during cleanup
- Submit form and team photo to the WI office in person or online www.iwmc.pe.ca or by email to: wi@gov.pe.ca

Roadside Cleanup Posters will be included in the April or May mail-out (pending availability). We ask you to please post one up in your community. The Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy will pick up the WI waste bags during the days following May 13. Thank you for your support!

The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year Award

The PEIWI Board of Directors are pleased to announce Marie Kenny, past PEI and national President, is the recipient of this FWIC national award. This award recognizes women for demonstrating excellence—from leadership to social change, from local to global reach, across multiple sectors. The official presentation will take place at the 2017 PEIWI Provincial Convention by Linda Hoy, FWIC President.

Thank You

"On behalf of everyone at the Alternative Education School, thank you for your support with our breakfast/life skills program. Your generous donation means the world to us, and to all of our students who benefited from it. We are very grateful for the WI's generosity, trust, and most importantly, your commitment to our youth."

- Constance McRae, Youth Service Worker/Breakfast Program Coordinator

2017 Provincial Convention

This year's Convention will be held at Credit Union Place in Summerside on Saturday, June 3 with registration starting at 8:45 a.m. This year's convention will feature:

- Panel on mental health
- An interactive delegate session on sustainable tourism on PEI.
- Information displays and exhibits
- Donations can be gently used purse with items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products etc.

Please find registration forms with your April mail-out.

<p>Central Bedeque WI</p>	<p>Canadian Industries & Safety</p>
<p>Central Bedeque WI is holding a spring luncheon at Serendipity Inn, in Central Bedeque on April 29. There will be two sittings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. To book tickets, please call Carol Rayner at 902-887-2229.</p>	<p>It will soon be time for students to start their search for summer work. This is a great opportunity for youth to gain experience and be confident in their ability to be part of the work world. There is an article called “Safety Matters @ Work” published by the Workers Compensation Board. Every worker will get valuable information by reading this guide. It talks about working alone at a job site and the responsibilities of both employer and employee. The Youth Employment Act states that all employees, under the age of 16, must be supervised at all times. Employers must never leave young workers alone on the job. For more information visit online at http://www.wcb.pe.ca/DocumentManagement/Document/pub_guidetoworkingaloneregulations.pdf</p> <p>- Donna Butler, Canadian Industries & Safety Convener</p>
<p>New Glasgow WI</p>	<p>Photographer Wanted</p>
<p>New Glasgow WI is holding their annual Coffee Party with a Flair April 29 at the Lobsters Suppers in New Glasgow at 9:15 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact Jacquie Laird at 902-964-2641.</p>	<p>The PEIWI Board is looking for a volunteer photographer to take pictures during the WI Convention, namely of awards and guest speakers.</p> <p>For further details contact the WI office at (902) 368-4860 or wi@gov.pe.ca</p>
<p>Village Green WI</p>	<p>“Spring Is in the Air” 17th Annual Gala Dinner</p>
<p>Village Green WI is challenging other branches to make a donation to the Easter Seals Campaign.</p>	<p>“Spring Is in the Air” Gala Dinner is sold out! Proceeds will go towards the hospitals in Alberton and O’Leary. Monetary donations are still being accepted.</p> <p>As a reminder, the following are details on the dinner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf and Turf Buffet at Top of the Park Restaurant • Live and Silent Auctions • 6:00 P.M. Reception and 6:30 P.M. Dinner • Tickets \$75 (tax receipt will be given for a portion of the ticket) <p>Thank you in advance to all who helped make this evening a success.</p>
<p>Wilmot Valley WI</p>	<p>Three Months at a Glance!</p>
<p>Wilmot Valley WI would like to encourage all WI members to participate in the free CPR sessions available in April and May. On March 6, Wilmot Valley WI members participated in the CPR session offered.</p> <p>Thank you to representatives Jenilyn Delong of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, and Dawn Campbell of Island First Aid, for presenting a very informative CPR session to us.</p> <p>Please consider this for future meetings, you could save a life!</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>April 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spring Is in the Air</i> Gala Dinner <p>April 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACWW Day <p>May 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside Cleanup <p>June 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Convention — Summerside
<p>Environment</p>	<p>Newsletters and Other Submission Deadlines</p>
<p>Here are a couple of tips to encourage that Easter Bunny to be a bit "green" with his traditional rabbit colours for the loved ones in your life. Repurpose old baskets with a bit of cleaning up, perhaps adding some paint or fabric, or convert old sewing baskets. Shred some coloured paper or flyers in place of plastic grass. Buy less but better quality/fair trade chocolates. Think twice about little plastic toys and consider wooden and fabric toys. Reuse those plastic eggs year after year, and if you need more containers, consider wrapping candies in quilt squares with some ribbon or packing them in little cloth bags. Hope the Easter Bunny is good to you!</p> <p>- Chris Ortenburger, Environment Convener</p>	<p>April 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Notes & News</i> May Issue <p>June 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Institute News</i> September Issue
<p>Recycling Update</p>	<p>Life Memberships</p>
<p>“The drop off bin for clothing/textile donation for the Mikinduri Foundation is located at the GreenIsle Waste Watch drop off location next to the weigh scale for consumer drop offs (Superior Crescent). The bin, a large shipping container — is clearly marked, with the door open during normal business hours. Consumers do not have to actually pass through the scales if there is a line up, as they can simply pull over to the side of the road and put the donation in the container.” - PEI Department of Communities, Land & Environment</p>	<p>April 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Life Membership applications are due two weeks prior to Provincial Board Meetings. Next board meeting will be May 3.
<p>Convener Kits</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">On PEIWI Board Meeting Day, the WI office will be closed from 8 A.M. until 12 P.M. on Wednesday, April 5.</p>
<p>Please note that there are two new Convener Kits; “Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building”, and “Do You Know Your Library?”. These and more kits are available on the PEIWI website at peiwi.ca and at the WI office.</p>	