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President's Report



This year's Women's Institute Levee was quite successful considering the weather wasn't the best. We were so pleased when Premier Wade MacLauchlan and His Honour Lieutenant Governor Frank Lewis and so many others came through the receiving line. It was heartwarming to see people enjoy our refreshments and socialize with one and another.

This year we are seeking new provincial board members as this is an election year. If you haven't been on the board before I strongly encourage you to consider doing so. It has been such an amazing journey for me. Doing many things I never dreamed I'd do makes my life so rewarding. Why not come on the board, you'd be so welcomed.

- Jacquie Laird, President

Founder's Day - February 15, 2017

Founder's Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 15 at the Farm Centre starting at 1:30 pm.

- 1:15-1:30pm Registration
- 1:30-1:40pm Opening Remarks
- 1:40-1:55pm Fun with Candy Mixer
- 1:55-2:15pm Peace Garden Scholarship Winner Presentation – Julia MacDonald
- 2:15-2:35pm Litter Reduction Discussion – Chris Ortenburger
- 2:35-2:50pm Break
- 2:50-3:10pm Elderdog – Katie Beck
- 3:10-3:30pm Be Aware Get Your Share - Olive Crane
- 3:30-4:30pm 150th Celebration of Canada Art Tree Craft
- 4:30-4:45pm Closing Remarks
- 5pm Open House Reception
- 5:30pm Results of WI Cooking Contest

To register please contact the WI Office at wi@gov.pe.ca or 902-368-4860 by Wednesday, February 8.

District Convention Planning

Please find deadlines below to assist in submitting your information to the WI Office for your District Area Conventions. These dates allow preparation for board representation and time for report summaries for inclusion into the 2017 Provincial Convention booklet.

Planning Results - Send to WI Office before January 29

Conventions - To be concluded by March 12

District Convener Reports - Send to Provincial Conveners by March 17

District Executive Summary - Send to WI Office by March 17

Should you require individual branch contact information, a list of presidents' and secretaries' phone numbers is now available per branch in each district. Please contact the WI office for a copy.

Family Violence Prevention Week - February 12-18, 2017

Family violence affects us all. It has negative social, financial and health impacts on those directly involved as well as on friends, family, community and society at large. We need to build a respectful community where women are not subject to violence. We are hoping members of PEIWI can show support for preventing violence. Start talking about family violence to your neighbors, family and friends.

To show support during the week of February 12 to 18 include: wearing purple, participating in the silent walks, placing a purple light in your window, decorating outside with purple fabric, ribbons, wreath or a string of purple lights. Show your support for this from one end of the Island to the other. Take photos and send to the WI office showing how your support.

- Farida Chisthi, Citizenship and Legislation Convener

Parliamentary Procedures	Environment Tip
<p>Using Parliamentary Procedure can make branch, district and provincial Women's Institute business meetings move in an orderly manner and get our plans documented for action. Understanding Parliamentary Procedure can be a challenge, though! The Board of Directors hopes to offer members an easy to understand guide. There should be a working draft for the executives of each District Convention this year, and booklets to all branches in the May mailing of <i>Notes and News</i>.</p> <p>- <i>Chris Ortenburger, Secretary</i></p>	<p>“More Clay, Less Plastic” It's not too dramatic to say plastic pollution on our lands and seas is choking life on Earth. Reusing and recycling can only do so much; reducing the amount of plastic we use is paramount. An international network was formed two years ago with a simple message – <i>More Clay Less Plastic</i> – inviting people to rethink their daily habits, avoiding (household) plastic. “Colanders, cups, plates, bowls ... once made of clay and then substituted with plastic, can be made of clay again.” Consider where you can use pottery, glass and metal instead of plastics for eating and storing food and drinks, and other household uses. More info here: https://moreclaylessplastic.org/ And there are so many talented potters on P.E.I.!</p> <p>--<i>Chris Ortenburger, Environment Convener</i></p> <p>-----</p>
Spring Is in the Air Gala Dinner	<p>Water Act update: The Provincial <i>Water Act</i> first draft will be released soon, and Islanders will be able to read it and make suggestions at a series of public meetings hosted by the Department of Communities, Land and Environment. Watch for updates from local news organizations and at the website, here: http://www.gov.pe.ca/wateract/index.php</p>
<p>“Spring Is in the Air” Gala Dinner planning is underway. The gala dinner will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017. There will be live and silent auctions with all proceeds going to the Community Hospital in O’Leary and the Western Hospital in Alberton. For further information please contact Helen Dawson (Chair), Jacquie Laird, Donna Butler, or Pat MacKinnon.</p>	2017 Provincial Convention
Upcoming Awards and Scholarship	<p><i>Save the Date!</i> The 2017 Provincial Convention will be held at Credit Union Place in Summerside on Saturday, June 3, 2017.</p>
<p>Erland Lee Award of Appreciation - <i>Deadline March 1, 2017</i></p> <p>FWIC Peace Garden Scholarship - <i>Deadline March 28, 2017</i></p> <p>Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour - <i>Deadline March 31, 2017</i></p> <p>Woman in Agriculture Award - <i>Deadline March 31, 2017</i></p>	Three Months at a Glance!
Free CPR Sessions	<p>Upcoming Events February 15 • <i>Founder’s Day</i> April 7 • <i>Spring Is in the Air Gala Dinner</i></p> <p>Newsletters and Other Submission Deadlines February 5 • <i>Notes and News March Issue</i> March 5 • <i>Institute News June Issue</i></p>
<p>Thanks to Scotiabank, the Heart and Stroke Foundation in partnership with Island First Aid Services would like to offer WI members and their communities free CPR Sessions in April and May. A session takes 60 minutes and covers hands only CPR, choking and using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Participants receive a free Family & Friends® CPR Anytime® to practice and take home. If interested to offer at your branch please contact the Heart and Stroke Foundation at 902-892-7441 by March 17 or email Jenilyn.delong@heartandstroke.ca. Please see poster in your branch mail out for further information.</p> <p>Limited sessions for branches available.</p>	<p>Life Memberships February 15 • Deadline for Life Membership applications are due two weeks prior to Board Meetings. Next meeting — March 1.</p> <p>Program Kit Order Forms Send completed order forms to the WI Office or download kits from www.peiwi.ca.</p>
<p>Thank you!</p> <p>We extend our heartfelt thanks to members for the tremendous contribution of little stockings we received from numerous WI branches across Prince Edward Island. It was very much appreciated! The stockings were shared with the Hillsborough Hospital, Beach Grove Home, Mount Continuing Care and Prince Edward Home to fill with candy canes and other treats for the patient trays on Christmas Day. Thanks again for your wonderful support and helping to bring Christmas cheer to patients.</p> <p>Warm thanks also to the many Women's Institutes who bring cheer year round to the our QEH patients with the donations of knitted hats and blankets for the nursery and knitted, crocheted and sewn hats and knitted and crocheted shawls for Cancer Treatment Centre. These items are given to patients and are so appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you and bless you! <i>Janice Morrison, Manager, Volunteer Services</i></p>	<p><i>The WI Office will be closed 8am to 3pm on Wednesday, February 1 for the February PEIWI Board Meeting.</i></p>