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January 2018



President’s Report

Another festive season has come and gone. Here’s hoping that everyone had a great December, and you all enjoyed your get-togethers with friends and family.

I traveled to many Branches throughout the past month, and was very proud of the many accomplishments within the groups I saw. It is so good to see the fun that you are having, as well as getting the work of WI done. I love meeting our members any chance I get!

By now, I hope you were able to take advantage of the complimentary computer opportunity through Computers for Schools. Again, I want to extend a huge “thank you” to our Executive Director, Ellen MacPhail, for making this happen for PEIWI and its members. Without her, we would not have had this amazing opportunity. She has indicated

that due to the success and demand, some pickups will need to be extended into January, and apologizes for the delay. Please note that you must wait for a phone call from the Office before coming in to pick up your Branch’s allotment of computers.

I would like to congratulate all 10 Life Members who received their certificates in the last month! As a reminder, anyone with 20+ years as a WI member is eligible for a Life Membership through their Branch.

If there is any way we can help with advertisement for an event, please make sure to notify the office by the 5th of each month for the following month’s *Notes & News*. The Board is here to help in any way we can!

I hope you are all enjoying the New Year, and that it has brought good health and happiness.

- Doreen Wall, President

District Convention Planning

Please see deadlines below to assist in submitting your information to the WI Office for your District Area Conventions.

These dates allow for preparation for Board representation, and time for report summaries for inclusion into the Provincial Convention booklet. District Convention forms were sent in last month’s mailout.

- **Planning Results** - Send to WI Office before January 31st
- **Conventions** - To be concluded by March 10th
- **District Convener Reports** - Send to Provincial Conveners by March 16th
- **District Executive Summary** - Send to WI Office by March 16th

Founder’s Day

Please join the PEIWI Board of Directors for Founder’s Day, taking place at the Farm Centre—420 University Avenue, Charlottetown on Tuesday, February 13th at 1:30 pm.

This year’s event will feature Alice Taylor with a presentation on Health & Wellness, Marie Kenny with an Interactive Abstract Art activity, Bethany Vessey, RD with a presentation on “Fad Diets/Lifestyle - Find Out How to Choose the Right Path for Optimal Health”, and Jana Shaw with a Chocolate Making Demonstration.

A reception will take place at 4:00 pm with light refreshments, and final results of the Island Product Youth Cooking Contest will be announced at 5:30 pm.

Pre-registration is required. The deadline for registration is February 7th. (Early registration is encouraged to ensure art supplies.)

18th Annual “Spring Is in the Air” Gala Dinner

Planning for the “Spring Is in the Air” Gala Dinner is well underway!

- **Date:** Friday, April 13th
- **Location:** Rodd Royalty, 14 Capital Drive, Charlottetown
- **Time:** 6:00 pm Reception, 6:30 pm Dinner

There will be live and silent auctions, with all proceeds going to Prince County Hospital in Summerside. Branch donations for the auctions are encouraged.

Tickets are available from PEIWI Board Members and the WI Office. For further information please contact Gala Dinner Chair, Liz Spangler at [902-964-2295](tel:902-964-2295), or at spangler@upe.ca.

Provincial Convention

The 2018 Provincial Convention will be held at the Rodd Royalty in Charlottetown on Saturday, May 26th. Further details will be announced in the February and March editions of *Notes and News*!

Home Economics & Health Convener

Family violence affects relatives, friends, neighbors, and especially children brought up in an abusive environment. Let us work together towards eliminating family violence from across the Island.

Engage people of all ages to end violence in the family; create awareness, listen and help the victims (if you can); wear purple; decorate your house with purple lights and ribbons; provide a helping hand; have a dialogue; arrange social gatherings in a friendly environment; involve boys and girls to speak out on the topic; invite your local representatives to talk about it, and how WI can help.

Economies grow when women stand on equal footing with men. In more gender equal societies, men experience less depression, violence, suicide, and divorce; people flourish; governments save on health and wellness expenses because of healthy communities.

At your meetings, add Family Violence Prevention Workshops to your agendas, and please feel free to contact Farida Chishti at [902-368-2360](tel:902-368-2360) for a presentation.

- **Farida Chishti, Home Economics & Health Convener**

FWIC Triennial Quilt Raffle

Tickets for the 2018 FWIC Triennial Quilt will be on sale at all 2018 Area Conventions, as well as the 2018 Provincial Convention.

Tickets are \$2 each, and a winner will be drawn on July 15th, 2018.

Please contact PEIWI FWIC Executive Officer, Doreen Cole at [902-439-3816](tel:902-439-3816) for tickets, or for more information on the quilt.

The coloured version can be viewed [here](#), and at FWIC.ca.



New Convener Kits Wanted

Branches or individual members are welcome to submit new convener kits for use by all members across PEI.

Upon completion, please forward to the WI office where they will be sent to the Provincial Conveners for approval.

If you have any questions or ideas, please contact the WI office or the Provincial Board Conveners.

Period of Purple Crying

Period of Purple Crying is a prevention program to help educate parents and caregivers about normal infant crying, and the dangers of shaking an infant.

Members are asked to support this program by knitting or crocheting purple baby hats, as they are always needed.

Hats can go directly to hospitals, or can be dropped off at the WI Office.

Memorial Book Deadline Reminder

Please note that the deadline for the *2018 Memorial Edition of Institute News* is January 31st.

Submissions typically include a write-up and a photo.

Please send along any submissions for this edition to the WI Office at 40 Enman Crescent, or by email at wi@gov.pe.ca.

Upcoming Award Deadline Reminders

- **Tweedsmuir Competition** - *Deadline January 15th*
- **Erland Lee Award of Appreciation** - *Deadline March 1st*
- **Provincial Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour** (Awarded to a PEIWI Board Member in 2018) - *Deadline March 31st*
- **Golden Book of Recognition** - *Deadline March 31st*

Visiting Seniors

The PEIWI Board of Directors encourages members to visit and include seniors within community activities.

This might involve inviting them to take part in WI meetings or WI events, or it may involve paying a visit to residences or to simply stop by and say “hello”.

Visiting is a popular thing to do around the holiday season, but we should be remembering our senior-age residents within Island communities all year long!

Three Months at a Glance!

Upcoming Events

- February 13th
- Founder’s Day Workshop

Newsletters and Other Submission Deadlines

- January 5th
- *Notes & News* February Issue

- January 15th
- Tweedsmuir Competition

- January 31st
- District Planning Results to be submitted to WI Office
 - *Institute News: Memorial Edition*

- February 7th
- Founder’s Day Registration

- March 1st
- Erland Lee Award of Appreciation

- March 16th
- District Convener Reports to be submitted to Provincial Conveners
 - District Executive Summaries to be submitted to WI Office

- March 31st
- Provincial Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour
 - Golden Book of Recognition

Life Memberships

- January 24th
- Deadline for Life Membership applications are due two weeks prior to Board Meetings.
- Next meeting: February 7th**

Program Kit Order Forms

Send completed order forms to the WI Office, or download from PEIWI.ca

The WI Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 3rd from 8:00 am until noon for the January Board Meeting.