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Notes & News

WI: Women Inspired



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President's Report

Here it is, the windy month of March!

The Island Product Youth Cooking Contest was a great success with head judge Chef Michael Smith giving the participants some wonderful feedback and tips. Founder's Month celebrations were enjoyed by all who attended at Milton Community Hall. Thank you to all who displayed white lights in their windows.

Congratulations to those who've had their District Conventions! We are looking forward to all of them.

Bundle up warm, those March winds can get mighty cold!

–Carol Jenkins, President

WI NEWS: District Deadlines

- **Resolutions:** Deadline for resolutions is Tuesday, March 31st. Please note special meetings may be called prior to March 31st should resolutions arise in your District.
- **District Convener Reports:** Please note, these reports are no longer required for the provincial level. Each Branch can report their district participation in the new bi-annual reports.
- **District Officers List:** Please list your new District Executive and send to WI Office by Friday, May 1st (When your District holds its convention, the Board member attending will have a copy which can be filled out and returned on your behalf. A copy was mailed to all District Presidents in December 2019, which can be forwarded directly to the WI Office).

COMMUNITY: 20th Annual Spring Is in the Air Gala Dinner

Mark your calendars for the 20th annual *Spring Is in the Air* Gala Dinner!

- **Date:** Friday, April 24th
- **Time:** Reception - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Rodd Charlottetown, Georgian Ballroom (75 Kent Street)

There will be live and silent auctions, with all proceeds in support of a radiation CT simulator for the Cancer Treatment Centre—Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Tickets are \$75.00 and are available from all PEIWI Board Members and the WI Office. For further information, please contact Gala Dinner Chair, Miriam Lank at [902-566-2812](tel:902-566-2812) or miriamlank@pei.sympatico.ca.

Deadline for ticket purchase and to make donations is Friday, April 3rd.

COMMUNITY: Marie Kenny Community Builders Scholarship

PEIWI is pleased to announce a new scholarship by Brackley WI member and provincial Past President Marie Kenny. With proceeds from the Community Builders book plus a personal donation from Marie, this new scholarship was formed.

The scholarship is to be established as a \$100.00 yearly contribution to a graduating academic grade 12 student from a PEI high school who can demonstrate their contribution for volunteerism and community services.

More details about this new scholarship will be forthcoming!

The WI Office will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, March 4th for the monthly Board Meeting.

BRANCH NEWS: Meadow Bank WI

Meadow Bank WI will be holding a Spring Fling decorating event with Alan Preston of Hearts and Flowers on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Afton Hall, New Dominion.

For tickets or more information, please contact Pamela Baglole at [902-566-4834](tel:902-566-4834), or any Meadow Bank WI member. Tickets are also available at JR's Pizza & Dairy Bar and Wally's Pharmasave.

Tickets are \$15.00 and a light lunch will be provided. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Camp Gencheff.

BRANCH NEWS: New Glasgow WI

Come celebrate the 200th anniversary of New Glasgow with New Glasgow WI's Annual Coffee Party & Fashion Show "Coffee with a Flare"!

This event will take place on Saturday, April 25th beginning at 9:15 a.m. at New Glasgow Lobster Suppers (604 Route 258, New Glasgow).

For tickets or more information on this event, please contact Jacquie Laird at [902-964-2641](tel:902-964-2641) or Elaine Buttimer at [902-626-7165](tel:902-626-7165).

ENVIRONMENT: Roadside Cleanup

The 2020 Roadside Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 9th!

Yellow bags will again be available from Access PEI sites and IWMC locations province-wide. Please use your existing WI bag stock, however if you need additional bags, clear plastic bags from your home can be used. As a reminder, yellow WI bags will be rejected by IWMC if used for anything other than Roadside Cleanup purposes.

WI NEWS: Provincial Convention

The 2020 Provincial Convention will be held at the Central Queens United Church (19848 Route 2, Hunter River) on Saturday, May 23rd.

Registration forms will be included in the April mailout. Deadline for registration is Friday, May 1st.

COMMUNITY: Free Computers Available

Computers are once again available through Computers for Success. If your Branch is interested, please choose one member to contact CFS directly to request computers. CFS can be reached at [902-620-3226](tel:902-620-3226) or cfs@gov.pe.ca.

COMMUNITY: Community Service Bursary

Island high school students planning to attend post-secondary institutions may be eligible for a bursary in recognition of their volunteer work. For more information, see the link below:

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/community-service-bursary>.

PEIWI is an approved Community Service Bursary organization giving recognition to Island high school students for their

COMMUNITY: Welcoming Newcomers

The Women's Institute of Prince Edward Island in partnership with the PEI Association of Newcomers to Canada is hosting two public information sessions with guest speaker Lisa Dollar on welcoming and including newcomers in your community. These interactive sessions will be held at the Summerside Boys and Girls Club on Thursday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and at St. Joachim Parish Hall in Vernon River on Monday, May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

To register and for further information please contact PEIWI President Carol Jenkins at [902-367-4738](tel:902-367-4738) or caroljenkins@live.ca.

COMMUNITY: Women Walk the World

To highlight the efforts of ACWW globally, the PEIWI Board of Directors is hosting a walk for any WI members and friends who would like to join in. The meeting location will be a part of the Diversity and Inclusion session held at the Summerside Boys and Girls Club (106 Cedar Street). Contact Carol Jenkins at [902-367-4738](tel:902-367-4738) or caroljenkins@live.ca for more information. No registration required!

Every year, people worldwide celebrate ACWW's international network by joining together to walk the world. The aim is to raise awareness for the activities of the Associated Country Women of the World, which works to improve the standard of living for rural women and their families globally. All WI members are encouraged to get out and walk on that day.

An event a [poster is available](#) for your Branch's use if you would like to share a walking activity in your community.

Three Months at a Glance!

Upcoming Events

- April 24th
 - *Spring Is in the Air* Gala Dinner (Rodd Charlottetown)
- May 9th
 - Roadside Cleanup
- May 23rd
 - Provincial Convention

Newsletters and Other Submission Deadlines

- March 5th
 - *Notes & News* April Issue
- March 10th
 - *Institute News* June Issue
- March 31st
 - Resolutions to be submitted to WI Office
- March 31st
 - Golden Book of Recognition Award
 - Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour (Board Member year)

Life Memberships

- March 18th
 - Deadline for Life Membership applications are due two weeks prior to Board Meetings.
- Next meeting: April 1st**