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Federated Women's Institute of PEI

"WI: Women Inspired"

March 2013



Message from the President

On the heels of a busy February for all Branches and Districts, another active month is coming up. The Board of Directors thanks all those who were in attendance on Founder's Day - the various components of the day were well received.

In addition to bringing attention to the annual 'Spring Is in the Air' Gala Dinner on April 20, we hope you will also consider attending the Book Launch of the 100 years of WI history on March 21 at the Farm Centre. Author George Doughart will be on hand to bring out highlights of his research.

Also we wish to highlight the April 2 event at Confederation Centre - it will be an active display of the achievements during one hundred years of Women's Institute on PEI. Details on these and all events are listed online and through mailouts.

Best wishes in all your district conventions and all WI branch activities this month.

*Whatever you choose to do, you have one other obligation, and that is to yourself.
Do it with passion. If you've not yet found your passion, keep searching.
You never know when it will find you. - Condoleezza Rice*

- Doreen Cole, PEIWI President

'Spring Is in the Air' Gala Dinner—April 20

Plans for our 13th Annual 'Spring Is in the Air' Gala Dinner are well underway and it is scheduled to be held at the Tourism and Culinary Centre on 20 April 2013, with a reception at 6:00 pm, followed with dinner at 6:30 pm. The entree is Roast Loin of Pork.

Tickets are selling for \$75.00 per person, so don't delay and be disappointed. They are available from Provincial Board Members or at the WI Office. Names will not be placed on a 'Reserved List'. They must be paid for when requested. Receipts will be available for a portion of the cost. This year ALL proceeds will be divided between the Souris Hospital and the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

We are again planning to have music and as usual there will be lots of excitement during the Silent and Live Auctions. If any individual/branch/district area would be able to donate an item to either auction, or with any monetary donations, we would appreciate your support.

Deadline for both sale of tickets and receipt of auction items is April 10.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Dinner Committee: Miriam Lank, Jacquie Laird, Roma Birt, or Audrey Farquharson, Chair.

Centennial Update



Log 100—As part of the centennial celebrations, remember to log your physical milestones! Congratulations to Elva MacLeod—Elva was the first to drop off her record sheet. She recorded an outstanding achievement of 1505 minutes on a treadmill and bike in January! Drop off your log sheets anytime or by our deadline of December 31. Although details will not be included, names will be recorded on the website soon.

History Book Launch—March 21, 7 pm at The Farm Centre. Storm date: March 22 Author George Doughart will be on hand for story telling and book signing.

Founding Anniversary Event—April 2, 6:30 pm at Confederation Centre. Watch history come alive through a display of models for each decade of the past one hundred years. Refreshments to follow.

Marshfield WI Variety Concert

Marshfield Women's Institute 16th Annual Variety Concert will be held at Le Carrefour on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 pm with *MC Jamie Ballem*. Proceeds to the QEH Equipment Fund and WI projects. Celebrating the Centennial of Marshfield WI, we are presenting: Real Talent; renowned fiddler, Cynthia MacLeod; Annette and Trevor Campbell; Milk and Honey; Emmett DeCoursey; Bridget; Vance and Emily Bryant and Studio Grace Dancers. Tickets: Adults \$12.00 & Children 12 and under \$5.00. Available from Sherwood Drug Mart; Murphy's Parkdale Pharmacy & Mel's in East Royalty. An afghan draw is included in the ticket price & fudge will be for sale. Inquires: Velma 629-1869 or Doris 628-1783

Founder's Day Contest

Thank you to all who attended the workshop and the Founder's Day Reception on February 19, and to those who helped behind the scenes to make this day such a success.

Please do not forget to submit your entries for the Founder's Month Contest to the WI Office before the deadline of March 28, 2013. The winners will be announced at the Provincial Convention on June 1, 2013 in Summerside.

Leadership & Development Committee
Cynthia Mitchell, Heather Jenkins, Mary Musick

Membership Ideas!

A big shout out (a term for congratulations) goes to Kelvin Grove WI on their membership idea—it's fantastic in color. Check out their postcard:



2013 Provincial Exhibition

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers:

- To supervise exhibits on August 8 - 17. Schedule is set up in two shifts a day: 12:00-4:30 pm and 4:30-9:00 pm.
- To receive, set up, take down and return exhibits on August 5, 7, 12, & 19

Volunteer names or demonstration ideas can be forwarded to: Carol Connick, Exhibition Chair (675-4435) cconnick@pei.sympatico.ca

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Celebrate ACWW Day

ACWW Walk - On or around ACWW Day, 29th April members world wide are asked to join in *Women Walk the World for ACWW*.
ACWW Day- PEI Event - PEIWI will be celebrating ACWW Day on April 29th at the Farm Centre from 1-3 pm with guest speakers Dr. Tim Olgvie and his wife Lola. They will be commenting on Grenada. The recent ACWW educational project involved Grenada as part of the Caribbean, Central and South American event to educate women in understanding the effects of climate change on their way of life and how they can counteract these effects.

Learning & Caring for Ourselves

A free workshop by the Department of Community Services and Seniors will be held on March 9, 2013 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Enjoy free entertainment, a healthy lunch with friends, money saving tips on healthy eating, and information on preparing and coping with life changes. Space is limited! Register to reserve your spot by calling 1-866-770-0588.

Three Months at a Glance!

Upcoming Events

- March 21 (Storm date March 22)
 - Centennial Book Launch & Story Telling
- April 2
 - Anniversary Founding Event Celebration
- April 20
 - 'Spring Is in the Air' Gala Dinner
- May 11
 - Roadside Cleanup

Scholarship & Competition Deadlines

- March 28
 - Founder's Day Contest Deadline
- March 31
 - Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honour
 - Women in Agriculture Recognition Award
- May 31
 - WI Education Scholarship Deadline
 - Louise MacMillian Memorial Scholarship Deadline

District Convention Deadlines

- March 26
 - Conventions must be concluded.
- March 28
 - Send District Executive Summary to WI Office
 - Send District Convener Reports to Prov. Conveners

Newsletters & Other Deadlines

- March 10
 - *Notes & News* Submission Deadline for April Issue.
- April 1
 - *Institute News* Submission Deadline for June Issue.
 - 30 days Prior to Presentations:
 - Life Membership - Applications available at WI Office or online. Include photo, fee & citation.
 - Program Kit Order Forms - Send completed order forms to WI Office or download kit from www.peiwi.ca