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## Lighting a Candle

On December 6, 1989, fourteen women were murdered at l'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. They were murdered because they were women. Since 1989 eight women were murdered on PEI at the hands of men, often their partners, ex-partners or by someone they knew. Carol MacLellan and Glenn Younker lit a candle in memory of Barbara Marie Klueznik at Memorial Hall, Confederation Centre of the Arts on December 6th. The speaker was Dr. Michael Kaufman. The Premier's Action Committee asks you to keep your purple ribbon and wear it during Family Violence Prevention Week, February 13-19th, 2011.

The Women's Institute was thanked for pinning thousands and thousands of purple ribbons. A job well done ladies. Thank you.

Glenn Younker, Citizenship and Legislation

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## Presenting Picture to Anderson House

From left: Glenn Younker, Danya O'Malley, Ellen Ridgeway, & Carol MacLellan.

On Friday, December 10th, on behalf of the Federated Women's Institute of PEI, Carol and I presented a picture, microwave, grocery gift cards and two poinsettias to Anderson House. Ladies, they are so appreciative of all the donations made by Women's Institute branches on PEI. At Christmas and all through the year, PEI Family Violence Services and their shelter, Anderson House, receive a tremendous amount from WI members, both goods and financial support. Monetary donations are used for perishable foods as well as for oil and operating expenses. Our efforts are greatly appreciated.

Keep up the good work! It's ladies like yourselves that make our Island a better place to live.

Glenn Younker, Citizenship and Legislation





Greetings from your President:  
Dear Members,

Spring is just around the corner! After all that rain, we finally did get snow, almost in time for Christmas! Now we'll be happy when it ends so we can get into our gardens. By now hopefully our Heart Health program will have begun to have had some influence on women not only on the Island, but all across Canada. Remember it is up to us in our areas to lead the way with walking and exercise strategies and information sessions or conversations.

Did you know that 2011 marks the 100th Anniversary of Women's Institute coming to Prince Edward Island? We congratulate Alpha York for leading the way on April 10, 1911 and wish their present members a wonderful year of celebration.

This month the Board members are looking forward to meeting you at the District Conventions. It is always a pleasure to hear of your achievements and to glean new ideas. We trust that the weather will be kind to us in our travels.

Again we are organizing our Gala Dinner at the Culinary and Tourism Centre. We would love to have you join us on April 9th and we appreciate all your contributions to our Auctions. With your help, we plan to purchase equipment to aid victims of Stroke regain their independence.

On April 29 we invite you to celebrate ACWW Day with us as we launch the new project and share slides from the ACWW Conference in Arkansas 2010.

I hope to see many of you at our Provincial Convention on May 28 as we celebrate together our achievements and friendships.

By the time the next Institute News arrives in June, I will have finished my term as President of PEIWI. Thank you for all your invitations and expressions of encouragement. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I hope my efforts have helped further the cause of our organization. WI has been so beneficial to Island women, families, and communities that we want it to continue to be a strong influence for generations to come!

Keep up the good work as "No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves."

Amelia Earhart

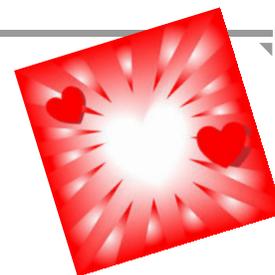
Carol MacLellan,  
President of PEIWI

### **Annual "Spring Is in The Air" Returns**

The "Spring Is in The Air" Gala Dinner held at the Montgomery Room of The Tourism and Culinary Centre is a wonderful way to spend an evening with friends, enjoy a delicious meal in an elegant atmosphere and support a very worthwhile cause. The 11th Gala Dinner will take place on April 9, 2011 with Reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. All monetary gifts and donations for the Live and Silent Auctions are welcomed and appreciated. Tickets are \$75 with income tax receipts available for a portion of the cost. Deadline: March 31. The proceeds will be used to purchase Stroke Rehabilitation Equipment for the Queen Elizabeth and Prince County Hospitals. Contact Provincial Board Members for tickets or phone the WI office at 368-4860.

Hope to see you there!

Chairperson: Doreen Cole and Committee Members: Emily Bryant, Jacquie Laird & Roma Birt.



**Brackley Beach Women's Institute Celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Beginning on October 18, 1945 and continuing today, the Brackley Beach Women's Institute is pivotal in bringing women together who have a shared interest in family, personal growth and community action. Brackley Beach benefits greatly from the strong leadership and commitment of women who, throughout the years, reach beyond what is merely necessary to work toward what is possible for their community.

During the anniversary celebration in December 2010, it was a special honour to have Charter Members Fern Younker, the first President; Gladys Skeffington and Rena Hughes, as well as twenty-two members and guests attend. PEIWI President Carol MacLellan spoke of the history of the WI and its role in strengthening both women and rural communities. She presented a 65 year certificate to Kim Murray, Branch President. Board Member Roma Birt also attended as a special guest and during the evening the honour of Life Membership was presented to Pauline McAusland, Jeanne Brewster, Betty Aitken, Sue Rollins and Ellen Cudmore in recognition of their respective leadership and dedication while Volunteer Certificates acknowledging over 50 years of contribution were presented to Pauline McAusland, Jeanne Brewster and Margaret Scott.

Members shared memories of earlier years and recalled the strong legacy we have to guide us as we embrace the future.



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Avonlea WI 90th Anniversary - Left to right: Marilyn Simpson, Eleanor MacNeill, Jean Brewer, Nancie Stevenson, cutting cake President Heather Toombs & Doreen Cole, behind them, Etta Ellis, Myrna Moore & Jennie MacNeill.



**Alpha York WI Celebrates**

Dorothy Lewis and Edna Watts received their 50 years of Active Service with Alpha York WI at their Christmas Celebration meeting from Provincial President Carol MacLellan. Alpha York is celebrating their 100th Year Anniversary on April 10, 2011.

*Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI held "A moment of silence" at the November meeting in memory of life members Lynda Oulton and Jean MacDonald who passed away in 2010.*

A "Remembrance Day" service hosted by the Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI was largely attended. It was noted that there was an increase in the number of wreaths laid in 2010.

**Uigg-Kinross-Grandview WI had a yard sale in May and raised \$400 for the Vernon River Consolidated School Playground Fund.**

FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA

**Senator Cairine Wilson Competition (2009-2012)**

Entries are invited for the Senator Cairine Wilson Competition for the 2009-2012 Triennium.

This award was began in 1957 by Senator Cairine Wilson for the most outstanding project in Citizenship. Over the decades a multitude of topics have been researched and entered.

The topic for this triennium is a 750 word essay on "Why Should I Vote?" Living in Canada we have the privilege to vote at municipal, provincial and national elections, let's celebrate this opportunity.

The essay is to be typed on 8 ½" x 11" white paper. Entrants name and branch to be placed in a sealed envelope and attached to the back of the essay.

Your entry is eagerly awaited.

Any Women's Institute member in Canada can enter. The Provincial Units of Federated Women's Institutes of Canada may submit **one** entry. **Entries to be sent to the provincial office by March 1, 2012. Provincial Units will be responsible for their own competition(s) and eliminations.**

The judging criteria is:

Content	65
Clarity of Message	15
Presentation	10
Creativity	<u>10</u>
	100

The winner of this competition will be announced at the FWIC National Convention in Sidney, British Columbia in June 2012. A miniature replica trophy will be presented for permanent possession. The original trophy is on display at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead.

**Tweedsmuir Competitions (2009-2012)**

In 1945, Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of Lord Tweedsmuir who was Governor General of Canada, donated three silver cups to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada for competitions to be held each triennium. The trophies with awards winners' names, are displayed at the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead.

Any Women's Institute member in Canada can enter. The Provincial Units of Federated Women's Institutes of Canada may submit **one** entry for each of the three categories.

**Entries to be sent to the provincial office at 40 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown, PE C1E 1E6, for judging. Deadline for submissions: March 1, 2012.**

Anyone winning the same category at the Tweedsmuir Competition for three consecutive trienniums, is ineligible to compete in the following triennium.

## **HANDICRAFT COMPETITION**

### **Crib Quilt**

#### **Regulations:**

Approximate size 32" x 37"

No cheater or commercial designs will be accepted

Quilt to be pieced, appliquéd or combination of both techniques

Quilt to be 100% hand quilted

A heart to be incorporated into the baby quilt –either on the top or into the quilting

Name and branch attached in sealed envelope

#### **Points:**

General appearance	5
Presentation	5
Design/Colour	5
Workmanship	10
Quilting	20
Finishing	10
Backing	<u>10</u>
Total	65

## **CULTURAL COMPETITION**

### **Development of Program**

#### **Regulations:**

Create a program to entice not only WI members but members of the community to attend and participate in WI events

Program between 20 and 30 minutes in length

Program to be in media print, power point, computer, CD or hand written

Include game or quiz to test knowledge of audience

Name and branch attached in sealed envelope

#### **Points:**

Originality	60
Game and/or Quiz	25
Neatness & Presentation	<u>15</u>
Total	100

## **HISTORY COMPETITION**

### **Essay –“History of WI in Your Province”**

#### **Regulations:**

Research how WI was founded in your province and how the organization spread within the province (where you presently reside)

Approximate length of essay 2000 words, double spaced, put in a folder or duo-tang.

Essay typed or hand written

Name and branch attached in sealed envelope

#### **Points:**

Story Content	50
Neatness and grammar	20
Research & recognition of research	10
Originality	<u>20</u>
Total	100

The winning entrants will receive keeper trophies (small replicas of the Tweedsmuir cups) and certificates at the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Convention in Sidney, British Columbia, 2012.

## *Person's Case Reception*

Carol MacLellan, President of PEIWI, (left) and Glenn Younker, Convener of Citizenship and Legislation, (right) attended a Reception commemorating Person's Case at Government House hosted by the Hon. Barbara Hagerman, Lieutenant-Governor of PEI (second left). Person's Day is celebrated on October 18 as this was the day in 1929 that women were declared persons by the Privy Council in London, England. The "Famous Five" from Alberta who brought this legal case to the Supreme Court of Canada where they were defeated were Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Irene Parlby, Henrietta Muir Edwards, and Louise McKinney. Because of their persistence in going to the higher court in England, women could then be appointed as Senator, Judge, or any position where they legally had to be persons.

Daphne Dumont, well-known Charlottetown lawyer, (second right) was the Guest Speaker at the function and was congratulated on being the first Island winner of the Governor General's Medal in commemoration of Person's Case for 2009. Ms Dumont, one of five who received the Award at Rideau Hall last year, was recommended for her work in gaining legal access for Island women.

In 1930, Cairine Wilson was appointed the first female Senator in Canada. In 1957 she presented the Silver Rose Bowl to the first winner of the Women's Institute Senator Cairine Wilson Competition for having the most outstanding project on Citizenship. Since that time, the Award which is open to all WI members, has been presented at the FWIC Triennial Conventions.



Taking a break from the FWIC Executive Meeting- L-R: Ellen Simpson, NS, Shirley Fraize, NL, Bernice Willsie, AB, Marie, Ruth, Pat Boone, NB, Linda Hoy, PQ. and of course, Emily Murphy, the first President of FWIC. (Parliament Hill, Fall 2010)



**Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame**  
From Left: Dr. Ellen MacLean, Mary and Urban Laughlin. Dr. Ellen MacLean inducted Urban Laughlin into the Atlantic Hall of Fame at NSAC on October 28, 2010.



Sherbrooke WI meeting held at Andrew's Lodge in Summerside, where three WI members reside.



**Malpeque WI Life Membership Presentations.**  
Back row left to right: Doreen MacKay, Marie Connick, Donna Cobb, Dorothy MacIntyre, Anne Cousins, Joyce Bryenton. Front row: Doreen Cole & Phyllis Wall.

## ACWW Triennial Project

*The following memo was received from Margaret Yetman, ACWW Area President for Canada:*

At the Canada Area post-conference meeting in Arkansas a decision was made to fund a project of \$10,000.00 in the Caribbean, Central and South America Area for the Society of Grenada Home Makers' Association. It is titled "Climate Change and its effects on Women and Agriculture Women as Change Agents".

In the short term, the aims of the project are:

1. To provide women with training and raise their awareness and understanding of the effect climate change has on their lives, the environment and agriculture. 24 delegates from St. Lucia, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Brazil, Colombia, Barbados, St. Kitts and Suriname will attend a Workshop on climate change and its effects while they are in Grenada to attend the Area Conference in May 2011.
2. To provide women with the skills necessary to move upwards and achieve better economic standards for themselves and their families.

In the long term, the aims of the project are:

1. To build a strong network of effective groups of women who are knowledgeable about climate change and aware of the impact it has on their respective countries, so that they are prepared and have the means and resources to anticipate and minimize the problems they face.
2. To improve the quality of life for women and, in particular the girl child, so that they can be educated, develop and achieve their potential.
3. To provide education to women who cannot afford to pay the fees

Let us again seize the opportunity to reach out to women and their families in need. We can help make a positive difference in their lives.

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Roma Birt, International Affairs

## *Island Wide Clean up*

Thanks for all the cooperation from Branches across the Island for their involvement in keeping our Island Clean. This years' Island wide clean up is set for Saturday, May 14th. As WI Members we will again try to encourage Island Schools to clean up their school ground area; and also try to encourage other groups or organizations to help us with the clean-up or deliver clean-up bags to areas not covered by WI.

As your environment convener it bothers me that islanders use case after case of Styrofoam cups, plates and carry -out containers each year. We usually use real stainless steel flatware but pour our tea and coffee into Styrofoam cups and eat off plastic plates. Why? Styrofoam is no friend of the environment. It is a petroleum by -product composed of the chemicals styrene and benzene. Styrene migration has been observed in beverages and food when heated. Styrofoam does not decompose but breaks into small pieces resulting in birds and marine mammals choking or having clogged digestive systems and leaches toxic chemicals into the air when burned. Plastics marked with #6 recycling code can be fashioned into soft or rigid foams and when re-heated may produce very toxic chemicals.

As your Environment convener I'm truly concerned about the negative effects Styrofoam and other plastics are having on our environment. Remember any efforts to reduce such use will benefit our health and the environment for future generations.

Rena Thompson,  
Environment Convener

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SALE**

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History of Women's Institutes on PEI  
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FWIC Insulated Bag  
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plus more.....



If any branch members have a bright idea that they would like to share with the rest of the membership, please let the WI office know and we may include it in our next Institute News. All branches can benefit from other's bright ideas!!!

Deadline for articles for the June issue of Institute News is April 1, 2011

