



NEWS & NOTES

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Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann

FEBRUARY IS WI MONTH!

Feb is WI month. 125 Years ago on Feb 19 the first WI was formed. We are the largest organization in the world giving a voice to rural women. We are also the oldest. That is something to celebrate. But let us not celebrate 125 years as an ending but as a milestone, a stepping stone.

FWIC is planning a big virtual event on Feb 19. Each province is asked to contribute. I am looking for participants. This will be at noon on the 19th. I have looked up the history on our first branch at Lea Park.



What's in a Report and Who Gets it?

Does your branch use the Secretary Report book? There are more in the office if you need one. The book has blanks to fill out and instructions on where to send reports. One copy is to be sent to President-Elect Linda Toews, 34548 Range Rd 25, Red Deer County, AB T4G 0K5 email. Lindat4awi@gmail.com. One copy goes to to District Director, one copy goes to your Constituency Convener if you have one.

Your District Directors

- District 1 Director, (International Affairs) Wendy Pimm, Box 188, Berwyn, AB T0H 0E0. Email froglyca@yahoo.ca.
- District 3 Director (Health) Yvonne Erickson, Suite 310, 10904 102 Ave, Edmonton, AB T5K 2Y3, email yvonne@cammet.com
- District 4 Director (Agriculture and Sponsorship) Colleen Bianchi, Box 86 Coutts, AB T0K 0N0 email sweetgrasstripple@mrcable.ca
- District 5 Director (Sponsorship) Linda Mason, 126 325102 Range Rd. 24, Red Deer County, AB T4G 0K2 email. linney13@xplornet.com

Currently District 2 does not have a director.

Secretary reports can be emailed as well as mailed. Education reports the same. Environment goes to me awipresident20@gmail.com In the reports please include the name and address of new members so a welcome pack can go out. Donations of cash or in kind should be reported. FWIC needs this information for grants and also the volunteer hours are important.

We are still looking for committee members for Fundraising, Promotion and Membership, and Resolutions.

REMINDERS & TIDBITS

Take a look at the AWI website. There are some new items in the store like the book about Madge Watt. Bernadette will have this up for purchase. We are still working at connecting our sales items to make purchasing items easier for you. You can purchase a copy for \$25 plus shipping.

Council has approved a cash raffle. It will be drawn at Convention June 7 in Camrose. Raffle tickets will be in the next Home and Country Mailing in February, and then sell, sell, sell!

Deadline for resolutions is March 31. (Linda Toews is Resolutions and Creative Writing)

District 3 is having a virtual conference March 8 at noon. To register contact your District 3 Director Yvonne Erickson.

I have been reading Many and Remarkable the Story of Alberta Women's Institutes. The story ends in 1997, the 100th anniversary. Cathleen Thurston suggested that we make it a project to do the next 25 years of history. If each branch could do their own history and make contact with local women who know about branches that are no longer active it would be great. Could we have this done by Convention in June?

I am writing a bit about WI for local newspapers with the hope that they will print it for Feb. WI month.

From Many and Remarkable "The decline in membership that had begun in the 1920s continued slowly throughout the decade, to 4,000 members in 244 branches in 1932"

*Until Next time,
Diane Dammann, President*

