



NEWS & NOTES

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Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann



UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Dear WI Members,

On the shortest day of the year, and probably the coldest, I am reflecting on the changes we have faced in the last 2 years and the solutions we have used to move ahead.

Our finances are a little more positive because we have become more efficient with the internet and members have sold more cash raffle tickets. Although there can be improvements yet in these two things.

Using the internet for online auctions proved successful, thanks to the talents of our Executive Director. Besides the cash coming in there was exposure to others who may become members. We will be doing an online auction to raise funds for the travel fund. Donations would be appreciated. Send a picture of the item, a description and location to the AWI office, along with the value of the item. As in the past, shipping/delivery will be coordinated between buyer and seller. If all items could be submitted to the Office by January 31st. Please put "Silent Auction Items".

The Website and Facebook pages are gaining popularity and spreading the word about WI, but personal invitation is still the best way to include new women into our sisterhood. WI really is a sisterhood, just look at the bonds of friendship that you have made.

The Associate Members are meeting on Zoom and include any members near and far who would care to join the chats. These are held on the last Tuesday of the month. The next virtual Tuesday Coffee Chat is January 31. Each month has a different topic suggested by the group. Topic for this month, is to share with the group a book you have read recently or you really enjoyed and would like to share. To register and get your Zoom link visit the [Online Learning](#) page of our website.



I heard on the news that Alberta has a growth in population, maybe that is where most of the new members are coming from. There are new members joining.

UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT CONT'D



Did you read the Dec. FWIC Connections? There is an article that I found interesting about the Women Inspiring Women Branch in Paris, Ontario.

They are very informal and young but there are 48 in the branch. What do you think about less structure?

The Branch Renewal forms have been sent out. Please return them to the Provincial Office by January 15th.

There has been a request to include Branch Presidents in online Council meetings. Next meeting is Jan 17 at 8 pm on Google meets. Presidents would be guests and not have a vote. Let Bernadette in the office know if you want an invitation.

Alberta has 10 votes at the ACWW Conference. I have to pre-register these votes .So far those going that I know of are, myself, Gloria Coates, Marilyn Wattenbarger. Linda Mason is voting for FWIC. Let me know if you know of any others who are going.

District 1 needs a new Director. Nominations are open. Please send those to Cathleen Thurston, see below for details. We are also accepting applications for Handicraft Coordinator. Lastly, with regrets, Berwyn Branch has sent notice that they are disbanding as of Dec 31, 2022. Some will stay on as Associate Members. Sorry to lose a Branch.



*Happy New Year
Diane Dammann
President AWI*



AWARD DEADLINES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 31 is deadline for: Award of Excellence, Cornelia Wood Scholarship, Golden Book Award, Sophie Miles Award, Erland Lee Award. Jan 15 for Cairine Wilson Contest (to FWIC).

Send Nominations to:

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Nominations Wanted!

We are still looking for names for president-elect, a new bookkeeper/financial officer, and a couple of auditors for the year end books 2021 as well as District 1 Director. If you have these skills, please share them.