



NEWS & NOTES

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Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann



UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

This is the end of my time as your leader. I thank you for the honor We have had some challenging times but we made it through. Three years ago, three years seemed like a long time but it has gone quickly. I didn't really think that I would live this long but here I am thriving at 80. I am so blessed.

My goal for AWI was to have 1000 members by the end of my term. We are far short of the goal but we are growing at a slow and steady pace. Much of the growth has come because we have a lot more content on line and on social media, thanks to our Executive Director. There are more women stepping up to fill positions of leadership in our country, province, and organization. 3 women are seeking the president-elect position. This is a great re-birth which I hope will reach all levels in WI.

I think we have to have a look at our meetings and gatherings again. I created a survey which I hope every member will take. It asks why you do not attend? Changes can be made. This is your organization and I hope it means as much to you as it does to me.

We need to make our voices heard, your opinion matters. There are many surveys conducted by companies, governments, and organizations. You often hear on the TV news that 60% of surveys indicate so on and so forth. Those survey results are taken from polls. I urge you to take a few moments and give your opinion. Some surveys are on the phone and some on the internet. Ethos and Probit are 2 on the internet.

In the past we were really concerned with the finances of WI. Through a lot of cost cutting measures we are still vibrant. Most of our council meetings are virtual, our office has down sized, we do a lot of printing in house. Your Council has thrifty, creative, and dedicated women.

*For the Last time,
Sincerely,
Diane, AWI President*



REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING CONVENTION

- I don't like meetings
- I can't afford the time
- I can't afford the registration
- It is too far to go
- My health is poor



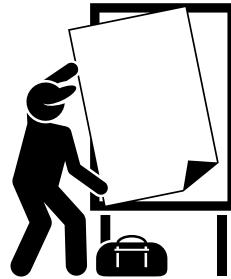
Changes I would Like:

- 1 day AGM for 2 years and 3rd year convention for 2 days
- On line AGM
- Hybrid convention with in person and online
- Speakers?
- Crafts



Other Handicraft

- at provincial convention
- only at District Meetings
- Do you do handicraft?
- Do you enter handicraft?
- Why not?



Excerpt from Many and Remarkable

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"Beginning in 1909, several generations of Alberta women have belonged to the AWI to date. The personal concerns of each generation in their own time have also been the concerns and issues taken up by the AWI through the decades.

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The contact of long-term friendship is enriching for the lives of many women who sought to improve the lives of others through past decades of dedicated service to the Alberta Women's Institutes. The power of relationships among individuals and communities over a lifetime, cannot be underestimated in assessing the influence of the Alberta Women's Institutes.

The story of the AWI tells an important part of the history of Alberta women, and in particular rural women. The Alberta Women's Institutes has a heritage of extraordinary service and accomplishments on the part of individuals and WI Branches, whose contributions to Alberta have indeed been "many and remarkable."