



NEWS & NOTES

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Monthly newsletter from President Linda Toews

No doubt some of you were beginning to wonder if News & Notes were going to continue after a summer break. As this is the communication tool from the President, it is solely at my door that you have not received one for some time. For my family the last few months has been largely spent in and around hospital and medical issues. First, my husband had to be rushed to hospital in Calgary for emergency open heart surgery. As you can understand, this was a difficult period for our family. It also took much time travelling to the hospital and being there all the time he was in, as well as keeping up with other obligations and running the farm. It was somewhat improved when he was home to continue recovering but there still many hospital and doctor visits as there were complications, as well as the day to day care until he was better recovered. More recently, my daughter, whom many of you met at Convention this year, has been ill and in hospital, and is still there as of this writing. Some of you are already aware of these medical issues and have been helping where you could. I appreciate that. Hopefully things will settle down soon so we can get back on a normal keel.

I hope that all of you had a great summer and are enjoying our unseasonably warm weather for as long as it lasts.

AWI News

Convenorships

We've had our first Council meeting with the new Council. Most of our Council members were able to be present; hopefully all will be able to make the next one. One of the things we discussed was Convenorships. Over the years, some of the traditional convenorships have rather fallen by the wayside. The traditional convenorships included Agriculture, Canadian Industries, Citizenship, Cultural Activities, Education, Environmental Conservation, Health, Home Economics, International Affairs, Resolutions & Legislation, and Social Services. In the last Council, we had Agriculture, Education, Environmental Conservation, Health and Resolutions & Legislation. This Council we have the following Convenorships taken up: Education (Ina Webster), Environmental Conservation (Marilyn Wattenbarger), Health (Colleen Bianchi) and Home Economics (Bernadette Logozar). As a couple of Council members were unable to make the meeting, there will be additional convenorships taken up.

We'd like to get some feedback from members on what convenorships you think hold most relevance to you today. Please email me at lindat4awi@gmail.com and let me know your thoughts on this topic.

New Horizons for Seniors Grant Application

AWI has applied for the federal New Horizons for Seniors Grant to run a series of virtual information and handcraft instructional sessions. As we found out the application period was open only a few days before it closed, our quickly-formed committee spent some intensive hours working on the application and meeting the deadline, and we were grateful that we had great support from the University of Athabasca and the Alberta Association on Gerontology.



Welcome to our New Handicraft Coordinator

We are delighted to officially welcome Merla Richards as our new Handicraft Coordinator. Although the actual changeover between Marilyn and Merla has already happened, we

