



NEWS & NOTES

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Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann



UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



WI may have started in Canada, but it is certainly an international organization now.

I have had a lovely time looking through our Facebook page, reading the newsletters from the other provinces, reading the post from ACWW President written as she traveled from South Africa to Ottawa to attend the UN Conference. There are so many connections on the internet, but face-to-face meetings still have the strongest bond of friendship.

My term as president ends in June. My goal for my term was to have 1000 WI members in Alberta. We could still do it if you each invite 3 to join by June.

COVID certainly didn't help. I don't know about your branch but in Argyle we have a great bond of friendship which is what WI is all about.

We must have a new president- elect. Have you sent in your suggestion or nomination to past president Cathleen Thurston? See ad below for details on where to send your nominations and the current open positions.

Send Nominations to:

Cathleen Thurston
Box 45 Wabamun, AB T0E 2K0
ph: 780-892-2252
email: rigby9@canadasurfs.net

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 Handicraft Coordinator and District 1 Director.

If you have these skills, please share them.

Update on WI on the Prairies

Saskatchewan WI folded and the Madge Watt fund was split between the remaining societies. Alberta got \$1735.08 to add to our Madge Watt account. The interest off this account is to be used to pay a contribution to Canada Area President also to assist AWI President to attend the Triennial ACWW Conference.





UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT CONT'D

Most Branches will be having a Christmas or yearend party. Invite guests to share in the fun and maybe they will become members.

Home and Country magazine is coming soon. I have seen the draft. The next issue will be so much easier

ACWW members are meeting in Ottawa November 21-22 to attend the 13th International Forum of NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO to work on mobilizing for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages and the Ocean Decade. It can be attended in person or virtually.



The last Tuesday of the month at 9 am there is a Coffee Chat among Associate members and any others who would like to join in. It is virtual.

It has been suggested that there be an online auction in the New Year to raise money for the travel fund. The trip to the ACWW conference will be quite costly but important. Alberta has 10 votes. There are some important changes to vote on as well as the election of new representatives.

Watch for the membership renewal forms. It is that time of year to get those applications in.

AWARD DEADLINES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 31 is deadline for Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the Year award

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).

For your information: keep up to date with ACWW.org.cu, fwic.ca, awialberta.com
District 3 Conference March 25 in Alliance, Stony Plain Anniversary April, 2023
Let us know your special dates so we can attend.



The entire Council wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Blessings to all,

Diane

AWI President