



NEWS & NOTES

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Monthly Email Newsletter from our President - Diane Dammann

UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Argyle celebrated 110 years at the District 3 Conference on March 25 in Alliance. On April 29 is Women Walk the World Day. This is a chance to make ACWW more visible and to raise some much needed funds through sponsorship. Argyle has walked every year since it started in 2012 and we challenge other Branches to also walk. There are promotional materials on the ACWW website (acww.org.uk/resources-for-members).

District 3 has nominated a new District Director to be elected at the June meeting at the conference in Camrose. Marilyn Wattenbarger has stepped forward for the position. Thank you, Marilyn. District 3 appointed a new Handicraft Convener. Congratulations to Riitta Johnson, Argyle's newest member. Riitta had some handicraft entered in the competition at Alliance.

District 2 has a Lac St. Anne/Stony Plain Constituency Conference at on April 22 at the Family Connection Center in Spruce Grove. I will be attending this one. Darwell has a new member. They have a monthly lunch get together. Creighton has been busy with charitable donations. Echo Hill had a talk on dairy farming in New Zealand.



District 5 has their District conference also on April 22 at the Elnora Legion. Registration is \$30 which will get you to a handicraft display, two guest speakers and a tribute display to Queen Elizabeth. President-Elect Linda Toews will be attending this. Hogadone has 2 new members, Janet Ball and Linda Mason. Linda is transferring from Wildrose Go Getters. Verdant Valley & Dorcas gained new member Margaret Nielson. District 4, down in the south sent news of the passing of Dixie Johnson and Doris Campbell, every member passing leaves a hole in our sisterhood. We send our sincerest condolences to their family, friends and Branches.



FWIC has some virtual events coming up. April 19 Climate Change, FWIC AGM is on July 11, Why WI stories are being collected. Send in your story. FWIC Cross Canada Book Club is held 3rd Thursday of month, the next one is April 20 at 5 pm MST.

ACWW Conference registration is full but there is opportunity to attend virtually. Check out the website (acww.org.uk/online-conference).

UPDATE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT CONT'D

We have found people to review the financials. Thank you, Yvonne, Angie, Wendy and Leann. Due to some uncertainty with postal delivery, your Council has amended the policy on submissions to read "post marked by" "January 31" or "March 31" from "received by". This will take effect for submissions going forward. We will be looking at expanding Council to include such positions as Handicraft Coordinator, Home and Country Editor, and Archivist. Some Branch Presidents are attending Council Meetings as observers.



The Provincial Convention Theme this year is "Strengthening Family and Community Relationships" and the line up of tours, speakers, workshops is getting me excited. This year is the end of term for this Council, so new officers will be installed. President-Elect position will be voted on. I hope there are names forwarded to Cathleen Thurston for this position. To contact Cathleen: Box 45 Wabamun, AB T0E 2K0 ph: 780-892-2252 email: rigby9@canadasurfs.net

Until next time

Diane, President AWI

Convention News June 6-8, 2023

Registration forms for Convention will be coming out very shortly. Plan now to attend!

Branch Challenge: Our Tuesday night entertainment is 'Games Night,' Time to loosen up a little, and have some fun. This includes physical games like ring toss, bean bag throw, and so on. It also includes sit-down games like krokinole, checkers, and other short-duration games. The Convention Committee is challenging each attending branch to bring a game with them so we have a great selection of games. Perhaps you can even come up with something totally unique!

Wanted: Branch to make centre pieces, Each year a different WI branch makes the beautiful and creative centre pieces that we enjoy on the tables. Argyle WI made the centre pieces last year. Which branch would like to show off their creative talents and make the centre pieces for this year's Convention?



Wanted: Origami Instructor, Do you know how to do Origami - well enough to show other people? Would you like to lead a workshop at Convention? For any of the above items, please contact Linda Toews, President-Elect & Convention Coordinator at 403-224-2881, 403-507-1389 (cell) or lindat4awi@gmail.com. She's waiting to hear from YOU.