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MWI Summer Office Hours

The MWI office will be closed this summer as Angela will not be working remotely for July and August. She will continue checking emails and phone messages each week but will not be available for phone calls or emails on a daily basis.

If members have a matter that requires immediate attention, please contact me, Debra.
My contact information is on the second page of each newsletter.

We wish Angela a relaxing fun filled family summer.



ZOOMING INTO THE FUTURE

Since December 2020 until the beginning of May MWI and the Marketing and Promotions committee with the help of the MWI Women's Day committee (May 1 event) hosted 7 presentations using Zoom. Each topic attracted different members to the event but we also had a core group of attendees each time.

Who would have thought that in a time of COVID-19 and gathering size restriction's we would be able to gather with friends from across the province and have over 150 women in one virtual location sharing and learning from each other and our speakers?

We learned from our first attempt and thank goodness those 'test attendees' came back to have fun and learn during other presentations! The Marketing and Promotions committee found off-shore help in a Zoom friend of Ann's who joined us one afternoon to help us navigate the ins and outs of Zoom.

Our participants were kind in offering good suggestions for improvement, ideas for future topics and praise for a job well tried and carried out. The *M & P Committee* has other ideas up their sleeve for the coming months. Even when we get back to *in-person* meetings, we think zoom can fill a gap for many members and non-members alike. Who doesn't like to curl up in their own chair and not have to drive on a cold and snowy Manitoba day/evening!

Ann Mandziuk, PHEC

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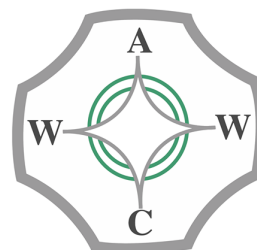


Mission Statement

"Manitoba Women's Institute is an organization that focuses on personal development, family agriculture, rural development and community action... locally and globally."

Vision Statement

Manitoba Women's Institute strengthens women, families and communities.



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President's Thoughts

Greetings Everyone,

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds all of you and your loved one's enjoying the warm sunny weather. I have been keeping track of the weather around the province and see that most of us are experiencing a dry spring. Almost each evening, I hear thunder promising moisture only to be disappointed as the thunder moves on and no refreshing rain drops land in my yard.

May has been very busy, as MWI works to create relationships with WIs in other provinces and other like-minded organizations in Manitoba. Liz Chongva and myself attended the British Columbia AGM; as in any situation, when you get a group of women together you hear new ideas and learn new skills. Both Liz and I came away with ideas on how to hold a virtual AGM next year if MWI members are still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings.

We also attended the AGMs for the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba, Costume Museum of Canada, and Agriculture in the Classroom. MWI was also invited along with other WI provincial presidents to sit as observers at a couple FWIC board meetings. The last FWIC meeting was history making as the FWIC reviewed their current financial situation, their financial needs for the coming year, and their mandate, to be the umbrella organization for Canadian WIs and/or owners of a museum. Debate covering these topics was intense, in the end FWIC voted to sell the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead Museum. The museum has a heritage status which will impact the type of sale that can be made. The letter from the FWIC President, Joan Holthe outlining this sale is included in this newsletter for your information. I can tell you FWIC had a very difficult time making their decision and I was glad I was not one of the people having to make the decision.

Our MWI mail-in AGM 2021 ballots were counted by Angela with the help of two non-MWI scrutineers. We appreciate these ladies sharing their time to help MWI count and document our member's votes. A report on the vote results, member comments/questions, and suggested resolution ideas are included in this newsletter for your information. Thank you for taking part in the vote and sharing your comments/ideas.

MWI's Zoom presentations have been very successful with many members and non-members taking part in listening to the speakers, discussing the ideas and experiences shared by the presenters. If you have a suggestion for possible speakers you would like to hear this fall please contact the MWI office and let us know the person's name, topic for discussion, and how to contact the person. There will be no zoom presentations during July and August as most speakers are busy with summer activities.

This summer the MWI office will continue to be closed due to COVID, and Angela our Administrator will be taking the summer off to spend time with her family. Angela, will be checking emails and phone messages and passing along all information to myself for follow up. I am sure she and her family will enjoy having a free summer to spend time together at the lake and watch their garden flourish. Take care and have a safe, happy and fun summer!

Debra Barrett



EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Summer is just around the corner, and I know that for me, this is my favorite time of year! Even with the restrictions in place, working outside, going for long walks, and enjoying the odd thundershower are the moments I wait all year for!

May was a busy month, starting with our first virtual MWI Women's Day. Great comments were received from participants as well as our presenter. I look forward to a new session in the fall.



The ballots were counted with two additional scrutineers and we had a great turnout of voters. There were a few questions regarding the coding on the outside of the envelope. The reason it was placed on the outside is that once the envelopes were opened, they were shuffled and divided among the counters, therefore there was no identification of whom the vote came from once the envelope was opened. The reason we use these codes is to ensure that only one ballot is sent to each member and to prevent duplication. They are not tracked, and the vote remains anonymous.

The final copy of our Bylaw 2021 has been printed and sent to Institutes by mail. Individual members received an email copy.

The office is closed for the summer, however the emails, phone messages, and emails will be checked weekly. The office will officially reopen the week of August 30th.

Hoping this finds you healthy and well, and that your summer is beautiful, until next time.... Angela

Executive Administrator

Farmers are reseeding some fields due to frost and wind damage. More rain is needed in most areas of Manitoba.

Check out the Facebook page (or e-mail: milkrunmemories@gmail.com) **"Milk Run Memories"**. They are looking for your stories to be included in a book. The Milk Run is a group of agricultural fairs that take place in the third week in July. Starting on Monday in Oak River, Tuesday in Strathclair, Wednesday in Shoal Lake, Thursday in Hamiota, Friday in Harding and on Saturday in Oak Lake. At one time farmers would show their best milk cow amongst other livestock.

On a personal note: I bought myself a battery (rechargeable) chain saw to trim trees, remove branches and fallen trees. Now I don't have to ask anybody ten times for help.

Submitted by Gisela Nolting



MEET A MEMBER

I spent time in a delightful conversation with **Pearl Homick from Fisher Branch Women's Institute**. Pearl told me she attended conventions and annual meeting years ago but now at 93 she isn't up to attending them. But she was delighted to have the opportunity to cast her vote in AGM's in 2020 and 2021. Covid and all related to it made us rethink how we do things and good has resulted in allowing more members to vote and be part of the AGM decisions.

As lots of conversations start, we talked about where we were from and in her case where she had moved from (her husband worked for the railroad so she moved lots). She had lived in Miami Manitoba and worked as a telephone operator (hourly wage 25 cents an hour). As coincidence would have it my father's cousin owned the Drug Store in Miami and she knew him and his family.

Pearl has been a hard worker for the WI movement, a member for over 50 years, secretary for 18 years, has kept records of all the members since 1948 when their branch started. She has all the meeting journals except one which was destroyed in a fire.

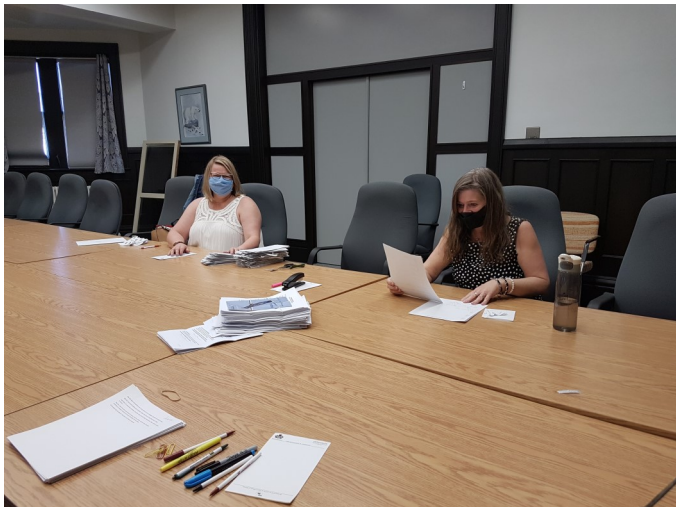
We talked about finding it difficult to attract members but she knows young mums today have lots to do and time is precious. But the young women in her community do help with WI events if asked. She is on the phoning committee and keeps members in the know. I asked what stands out about WI to her and her instance response was "I love it".

When I first tried to call, Pearl's line was busy. She told me at about 8:00 every evening for 15- 30 minutes she talks to a friend to catch up on the day and have some good conversation. I love the idea!

Pearl quizzed me on where I lived and then shared, she had ordered Chinese food from the Golf Course and her Fortune Cookie said she was going to *hear from someone far away!* I guess Mountain Road to Fisher Branch could be considered far away. Thanks for the visit, Pearl.

Ann Mandziuk, PHEC

BALLOT COUNTING



(left to right)
Leanne Sprung, PHEC
Leadership Specialist-Youth
Development
Industry Foundation, Industry
Development and Resilience
Manitoba Agriculture and Resource
Development

and Kathleen Steele, 4H Bookkeeper-
Database/YPP Administrator

June 2021

MWI AGM 2021 Wrap Up Report

AGM 2021 was coordinated by the Executive Committee, planning started off with a review of the AGM 2020 evaluation report and preparation began. The MWI Board realized that provincial health restrictions and COVID-19 were determining that AGM 2021 would need to be conducted via a mail-in ballot again this year.

The concept of a virtual AGM was discussed but remained as a mail-in AGM due to the non-existent or limited internet service in many areas of Manitoba and the inability of many members to participate in a virtual AGM due to their technological awareness.

The mail-in AGM was very successful with 67% of the membership submitting their vote to accept and approve Bylaw 2021 and the MWI business regularly conducted at an AGM. Costs to conduct the mail-in vote came from the monies saved from not holding the in-person 2021 AGM.

Thank you everyone for your votes, feedback and resolution ideas. Attached for your information are the vote results, feedback/comments and future resolution ideas submitted by members.

Submitted by
Debra Barrett
President

Manitoba Women's Institute AGM 2021 Vote Results

1. Bylaw 2021

Motion: Moved by Gisela Nolting that the Manitoba Women's Institute Bylaw 2021 be approved and adopted. Seconded by Debra Barrett.

I accept and approve Bylaw 2021 previously distributed to all WI Institutes and Individual members.

Yes – 147 votes No – 2 votes Abstentions – 3

2. Financial statement for 2019-2020

Motion: Moved by Debra Barrett, the MWI Finance Committee chairperson, that the MWI 2019-2020 Reviewed year-end Financial Statement, provided by Sensus, be accepted and approved as presented. Seconded by Gisela Nolting.

I accept and approve the reviewed MWI year-end Financial Statement as presented.

Yes – 150 votes No – 1 vote Abstentions - 1

3. Hiring of Accountant to review financial statement

Motion: Moved by Debra Barrett, the MWI Finance Committee chairperson, that Sensus Partnership of Chartered Accountants be accepted and approved as the financial reviewer of record for the coming year, 2021-2022. Seconded by Liz Chongva.

I accept and approve the appointment of Sensus Partnership of Chartered Accountants as the Manitoba Women's Institute's reviewer for the coming year.

Yes – 148 votes No – 3 votes Abstentions – 1

4. Minutes of 2020 AGM

Motion: Moved by Debra Barrett, that the 2020 AGM results summary (minutes) of the mail-in ballot be accepted and approved as presented. Seconded by Peggy Bradshaw.

I accept and approve the 2020 MWI AGM minutes as presented

Yes – 150 votes **No** – 0 votes Abstentions - 2

5. Ratification of the Work of the MWI Board

Motion: Moved by Debra Barrett that the 2019-2020 work of the MWI Board be ratified. Seconded by Ann Mandziuk.

I accept and approve the ratification of the work of the MWI Board for the year 2019-2020.

Yes – 149 votes **No** – 1 vote Abstentions - 2

6. Appointment of MWI Board of Directors for 2021-2022

Motion: Moved by Ann Mandziuk to approve the in-coming Board of Director positions for 2021-2022. Seconded by Peggy Bradshaw.

I accept and approve the in-coming Board of Director positions for 2021-2022.

Yes – 150 votes **No** – 1 vote Abstentions – 1

7. Vote for the position of Federated Women's Institute of Canada (FWIC) Representative

Motion: Moved by Liz Chongva to approve and accept the nomination of Denise Joss as MWI's representative to the FWIC board for 2020-2022. Seconded by Peggy Bradshaw.

I vote to elect Denise Joss as the MWI representative to the Federated Women's Institute of Canada (FWIC) board of directors for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Yes – 147 votes **No** – 3 votes Abstentions - 2

8. Resolutions

8.1 Internet Coverage in Manitoba submitted by Marketing and Promotion Committee, Manitoba Women's Institute.

Motion: Moved by Janice Harrison, the MWI Resolutions Committee chairperson, that the Marketing and Promotion, Manitoba Women's Institute Resolution requesting the telecommunication companies operating in Manitoba provide full highspeed internet coverage in all rural/remote areas of Manitoba be accepted. Seconded by Ann Mandziuk.

I accept and approve of the Resolution as described in the February newsletter.

Yes – 151 votes **No** – 1 vote Abstentions - 0

8.2 Broad licensing for on-farm slaughter submitted by Woodmore Women's Institute

Motion: Moved by Janice Harrison, the MWI Resolutions Committee chairperson, that the Woodmore Women's Institute Resolution regarding the implementation of a broad licensing program for on-farm slaughter, butchering, and sales thereof to the general public be accepted. Seconded by Janet Kroeker.

I accept and approve of the Resolution as described in the February newsletter.

Yes – 122 votes **No** – 25 votes Abstentions – 5

8.3 Creation of Senior's Advocate Office submitted from the Domain Women's Institute

Motion: Moved by Janice Harrison, the MWI Resolutions Committee chairperson, that the Domain Women's Institute Resolution to install the Office of Seniors Advocate for the protection of Manitoba Seniors. Seconded by Pat Manness.

I accept and approve of the Resolution as described in the February newsletter.

Yes – 147 votes **No** – 3 votes Abstentions – 2

8.4 Mental Health Forensic Assessments in Manitoba submitted by the Fisher Branch Women's Institute.

Motion: Moved by Janice Harrison, the MWI Resolutions Committee chairperson, that the Fisher Branch Women's Institute Resolution regarding the provision of adequate mental health housing, treatment, and Forensic Psychiatric Assessment Services to meet the needs of the people of Manitoba be accepted. Seconded by Debra Barrett.

I accept and approve of the Resolution as described in the February newsletter.

Yes – 144 votes **No** – 5 votes Abstentions – 3

8.5 Long Term Care Facilities submitted by the Domain Women's Institute

Motion: Moved by Janice Harrison, the MWI Resolutions Committee chairperson, that the Domain Women's Institute Resolution regarding the provision of immediate attention to the multiple problems associated with Long Term Care in the province of Manitoba be accepted. Seconded by Debora Durnin-Richards.

I accept and approve of the Resolution as described in the February newsletter.

Yes – 151 votes **No** – 1 vote Abstentions - 0

8.6 Improved Long Term Care Facilities to meet Present & Future Needs submitted by the Manitoba Women's Institute Individual Members: Joan Clement, Lynne Hopley, Elaine Thomson, Enid Clark, and Marion McNabb.

Motion: Moved by Janice Harrison, the MWI Resolutions Committee chairperson, that the Resolution of the Individual Members regarding increased Federal transfer payments for Health to the province of Manitoba to recognize the increasing need in long-term health care facilities, encourage construction of not-for-profit vs for profit facilities, build accountability into funding, and encourage the modification of the Federal Infrastructure program for long-term facility builds and upgrades be accepted. Seconded by Lynne Hopley.

I accept and approve of the Resolution as described in the February newsletter.

Yes – 147 votes **No** – 3 votes Abstentions – 2

Comments and Questions- Annual General Meeting Ballot Count 2021

(Comments in bold print are responses from the board)

- It has been a privilege to be a part of the formation of the two resolutions from Domain WI. I have never felt the power of women in the WI, to affect change so strongly!
- I have to admire all those women who put pen to paper in an effort to make the world around us a better place.
- Just a comment- since we are unable to hold our regular monthly meetings, it is nice, although rare, to meet at co-op (our only store in town) and if able to recognize a masked WI member, have a couple of minutes of chit chat with them!
- Thank you for all your long and hard work to keep MWI alive!
- Great work this year despite Covid!
- Regarding Resolution 8.2 Broad licencing for on-farm slaughter: Most cattle bought off the farm are sent to a butcher shop and inspected by a government rep.
- I agree in principle about licensing for an on-farm slaughter but question the term "broad" that doesn't really provide limits, but it is a good idea in my opinion.
- Regarding Resolution 8.6 Improved Long-Term Care Facilities: The Federal government has spent so much money this year. I feel we will never be out of debt and as it is, we are being taxed too heavily as it is.
- Thank you very much for all the board members and Angela for the great work you have done. It is a difficult time. I greatly miss our monthly meetings and the social time with the ladies.
- Thank you for all the hard work you do!
- Regarding Creation of the Senior's Advocate Officer: I totally agree with the suggestion of the "inspection" of the Seniors Advocate, to these residents, be an "unannounced" visit to keep these facilities (and staff) on their toes. Too many things have not been properly done or looked after as has been proven during this pandemic.
- I am curious how the resolutions are being worked on. Are there committees? **There is a Resolutions Committee as well as resolutions that are submitted by members. For more information on how to submit a resolution, please contact the office. The MWI Board advertises each year in our newsletter for volunteers to sit on committees. If you would like to join the Resolutions committee, please contact Angela at the MWI office.**
- I would suggest membership receive updates on resolutions. There are many resolutions over the years, and it leads to the question, what is the status of them? **Thank you for this suggestion, from this point forward, correspondence regarding the resolutions will be noted in our board meeting minutes that can be found on our website at mbwi.ca**
- In retrospect, perhaps a \$40,000 dollar loan was ill advised in these uncertain times. **The CEBA loan is a loan that when paid back by the due date, enables us to keep \$10,000, that does not need to be paid back . Plans are in place to have the loan paid off by the deadline, which will result in \$10,000 of income for MWI, which was needed due to funding cuts in 2020-21.**
- The resolutions are all excellent, my compliments to all those contributing to them. Last year when Covid hit, we had no way to communicate except by this format. This year we could have used Zoom concept to get better involvement and discussion. Would at least give more weight and validity to resolutions. **Thank you for this suggestion, if Covid is still an issue next year, this is being considered. There is an issue, however, that many members are uncomfortable using zoom or unable to use zoom due to the lack of internet coverage throughout Manitoba.**
- You have a pretty small Executive with so many vacancies. **Thank you for this comment, we have been actively trying to fill the vacancies, the two positions currently empty are the Northwest Regional Rep and a Rep from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Agriculture.**
- It is time to appoint new auditor/reviewer. Have had in place for four President terms and should look at changing. **Thank you for this suggestion. Several accountants were contacted and asked to provide a quote but failed to produce a tender for their services by the deadline needed.**

- I am deeply grateful to Debra. She typed this complete writing form drove around to see where I lived then the next evening met and delivered the package to me, even with an addressed envelope with a stamp, all ready for mailing. **THANK YOU, DEBRA!! Mrs. R. it was a pleasure meeting you and I will be back for tea when the world straightens out.**
- After 71 years of questionably active WI membership, I feel I can let the younger “gals” take over. **Thank you for your years of service. MWI like any organization is best served by a combination of experienced members and younger “gals” with new ideas and energies. We hope to continue to have both and have been fortunate to have new members of all ages join.**
- Duties of board members #18 f- Ensuring Board members sign a Code of Conduct at first meeting of newly elected board. This, to my knowledge, has never been fully explained. I was on the Provincial Board many years ago and no such thing was ever mentioned. Where, who, and why has this become an item when you go on the Provincial Board? **This issue has become an expectation by Insurance Brokers, Funding Bodies, Governmental officials, and Directors of Boards who do not want to be held legally and financially responsible for the inappropriate actions of fellow board members.**
- Was the Forever Fund included in the financial report? I would not find it under “Forever Fund” **The Forever Fund is invested in two separate accounts and totals over \$50,000. The renaming of the fund was changed approximately 8 years ago and is the subject of our current discussions to make the year end financial statement easier for members to understand.**
- Note Wording for resolution 8.1: the word “committee” is missing. **Thank you we will add in the word.**
- Regarding 5. Ratification of the work of the MWI Board: But this does not make much sense because we cannot change what the board has already done. Should we not be making a motion to ratify the work of the 2021-22 board as the board will not be doing the work they already did. Congratulations to the board and Angela for doing such a great job of holding our organization together during these stressful times. Your efforts are truly appreciated. **Ratification of the Board’s work has been a tradition of MWI and is not required by law. The Board will certainly discuss your thoughts and appreciate your suggestion.**
- Good work on thoughtful resolutions- very pertinent for the world today. Thanks to all!

Resolution Suggestions- Annual General Meeting/ Ballot Count 2021

1. **Changes to the education system:** Background – the proposed system removes local input from people who are elected and accountable. The report they refer to have many suggestions/concerns like poverty etc. affecting student outcomes. Unfortunately, the government only focuses on 1 thing- that gives provincial government 100 percent control of the education system This means schools/parents/students have no say/ input into education- except there volunteers, parent boards, that have no authority.
Concern re childcare: Manitoba government plan on removing pension for staff, changing required education, elimination positions that monitor/oversee daycares, eliminating nursery school, giving little access to those looking for part time enrichment/care
We should be increasing pay etc., value those who care for our children. Inadequate funding and training= inadequate care
2. **Garbage/Litter:** Background – concern expressed about what garbage is in our ditches. Last year I started a “ditching project” For 6 weeks in the spring and 4 weeks in the fall I walked the ditched picking up garbage. Initially I was picking up beer cans because they are worth 10 cents a can. I was raising money for attending a dragon-boat festival (Waves of Hope team). During the process, I found I couldn’t walk past the other cans, plastic bottles and general garbage. I stated keeping track of the amount. Once the weather clears, I plan to do another 6 weeks in the spring and 4 in the fall. This way I can have concrete data. My goal is to paint a picture for our government to implement a return policy as done in Saskatchewan for aluminum cans (pop, energy drinks and plastic bottles. Our ditches have become dumps.
Another submission: Liquor bottles (cans, drink) has a return cash in Saskatchewan, we pay deposit, where does our money go?

3. Purple Martins: Background – the migratory flight path of Purple Martins. Would be great to abstract a colony or spread Purple Martin Awareness.

Dr Kevin Fraser is highly regarded by PMCA.

Dr Fraser is an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Services U of M would be an expert on Purple Martins (Manitoba likely has a provincial society also)

4. Petitions e-3189: Background – House of Commons regarding horses being exported to Japan for human consumption. If more would sign this it has to be stopped. This is horrific. As seen on W5 and local newscasts. These horses are being shipped out of Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton. If we could mention this in our newsletter the deadline for this petition is June 18th, 2021. You can also Google horseshit.ca Jann Arden is leading this campaign among other celebrities and the Canadian Horse Coalition (a very worthwhile cause). The horse from Anne was rescued by them. Thank you!

5. Rehabilitation for Drug Users: Background – My resolution that I would like to suggest for next year is provide rehabilitation for all incarcerated people with alcohol and drug addictions.

6. Offset cost of Medications: Background – Offset the cost of experimental medication not covered by Pharmacare and for those who do not have adequate private insurance and show a significant increase in quality of life with the use of the medication. (my daughter suffers from debilitating migraines prior to this medication, such as going to the emergency department at least 3 times a month. With migraines that take away her vision and sensations in her hands and cause excessive vomiting lasting a few days to a week. She has now been on this experimental medication for 1.5 years and is no longer covered under my insurance. The cost of this medication is \$800 a month and is no longer affordable. Since she has been put on this medication, she has only experienced 1 migraine and that was when she first started taking it. With this medication, my daughter is a contributing member of society and without it is disabled. Off set costs for people who live in rural communities who require frequent medical appointments i.e., Cancer Care.

7. Enhances Involvement Internationally: Background – As a participant in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (in person in New York 2018-CSW62 and 2019- CSW65) I would like to see increased participating of WI women in Manitoba and Canada. It will be held virtually until at least 2022 and probably for several more years, and even when physical meetings in New York resume, the virtual aspect is expected to continue so our members here in Manitoba can participate from home. I have already discussed this with our national FWIC president, and we are looking into restoring FIWC ECOSOC (Special UN) status.

8. Other Suggestions: Abolish Daylight Savings, household batteries collection bins in all communities, hazardous waste and electronic waste collection at all municipal dump stations, reduction in plastic bottles, use of refund glass bottles, raise taxes on pop and beer cans to reduce the usage, body camera for all RCMP and other police officers in Manitoba, provision of a Mental Health Advocate to assist the mentally ill and their families access services and court decisions in a fair and timely manner.



MANITOBA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE **2021/2022 COMMITTEE STRUCTURES**

Board Members: Gisela Nolting – Wpg/Interlake; Janice Harrison – Eastern; Peggy Bradshaw – Southwest & Northwest; Heather Cummings – Gov't Appointee; Denise Joss – FWIC; Ann Mandziuk – Advisor; Thelma Blahey – MB Agric & Resource Dev.; Liz Chongva – President-Elect; Debra Barrett – President; Angela Pickett – Exec Admin (EA)

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Executive: Debra Barrett (Chair), Liz Chongva, Gisela Nolting, Angela Pickett (EA), Thelma Blahey (Advisor), Ann Mandziuk

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Nomination: Ann Mandziuk

Bylaw & Policy: Debra Barrett (Chair), Liz Chongva, Thelma Blahey

Marketing & Promotion: Ann Mandziuk (Chair), Liz Chongva, Heather Cummings, Debra Barrett, Angela Pickett (EA)

Resolutions: Heather Cummings (Chair), Karen Kaplan, Pat Manness, Barb Stienwandt, Debora Durnin-Richards

Scholarship: Peggy Bradshaw (Chair), Rose Keiper, Gisela Nolting

Virtual AGM 2022: Debra Barrett (Chair), Liz Chongva, Angela Pickett (EA)

Virtual MWI Women's Day 2021-2022: Jacqueline Chartrand, Liz Chongva, Ann Mandziuk, Heather Cummings, Debra Barrett

Agriculture & Rural Development: Gisela Nolting (Chair), Heather Cummings

Strategic Plan: Debra Barrett (Chair), Liz Chongva,

Made in Manitoba Project: Peggy Bradshaw (Chair), Audrey Waddell, Donna Young, Debbie Melosky, Janice Harrison

Restructuring Committee: Debra Barrett (Chair), Liz Chongva, Peggy Bradshaw

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MWI Membership with External Organizations for 2021-2022

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC): Denise Joss (2021-2022)

International Peace Gardens (IPG): Janice Harrison

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC): Gisela Nolting

Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba (PCWM): Liz Chongva, Debra Barrett

Costume Museum of Canada: Liz Chongva

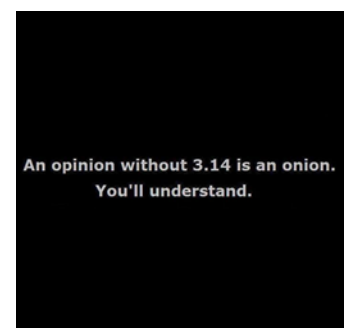
Join us June 24, 2021 at 7:00 for our Zoom presentation.

We are pleased to have Kelly Tallon Franklin founder of **Courage for Freedom**.

This organization educates, trains and certifies front-line workers and community service providers on proven strategies and prevention tactics to serve vulnerable victims (especially children and youth) of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.



<https://www.canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca/>





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May 31, 2021

Dear Members and Friends,

At the FWIC board meeting on May 19, 2021, a motion was made to sell the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless museum and property. Present at the meeting were all the Provincial Representatives and most of the Provincial presidents, who were not able to vote.

The idea for the sale originally came out of a strategic planning meeting, in February 2020, when it became apparent that a balanced budget had not been possible for many years.

I could go into a lengthy detail telling you about the cost savings and fundraising that this board and past ones have done, to try and make ends meet. The saddest part of all is the failure of our hopeful renovation of Addie's Kitchen. The troublesome issue of Covid 19 and the forced closure of the museum because of social distancing was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Creative ideas for improving our financial picture came to no avail, and in reviewing the bleak picture, the motion was made to sell the property which has been part of our organization since 1959. This is a historic moment in our history that will remind us of our roots, formed to be the national voice for the members since 1919, and now we can move forward with that objective in mind.

A realtor has been chosen, and now begins the task of downsizing and determining careful dispersal of the collection. I know there are many questions and concerns that will arise and my board will meet them head on, responding with clarity, common sense and, especially, compassion for the issue. It was not an easy decision to make, but it was felt that the operation of a museum and its maintenance was not the future direction that FWIC/WI Canada needed to take.

Please give us your support while we go through this process, and know that we are ever hopeful that it will strengthen our organization and give new purpose to the reason we were formed over 100 years ago.

Yours For Home and Country,

Joan Holthe, President

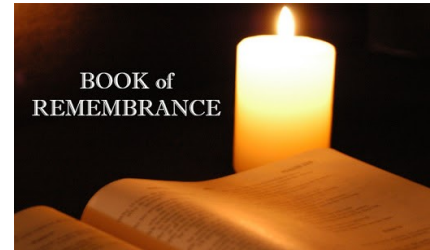
WI Canada....Women Inspiring Change

To the Institutes in the Winnipeg-Interlake Region

Please submit entries for the Book of Remembrance to Gisela Nolting. If you send it by e-mail please use pdf or word. I can print it and insert it in the book. Don't wait until we are back to "normal" times. It is easier to do it before too much time passes. We are hoping to have a get-together in fall. The Book of Remembrance will be on display then.

The Grosse Isle Women's Institute held their last in person meeting in June 2020. We are trying to keep in touch via phone, e-mail, and text.

Submitted by Gisela Nolting



PARAPROSDOKIANS

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Sadly this is true!!!

Spread the Laughter, Share the Cheer, Let's be Happy, while we're here!



Fran Dickinson (July 3, 1931—March 17, 2021)

Raised in the Medora, Manitoba area, Fran married John Dickinson of Waskada, July 3rd, 1954.

Fran was very involved in the community, for over 60 years, United Church, Sunday School teacher, Presbytery rep, a leader and program assistant in 4-H, member of the Waskada Library Board.

She was an active supporter of Southwest Farm Women's Network, assisted in planning events, bus tours, seminars, host at Ag Days in Brandon since it's inception in 1989.

She was also very involved in the Waskada History Book committee. Fran loved to play cards, liked western and old-time music. She and John square danced for many years with various clubs.

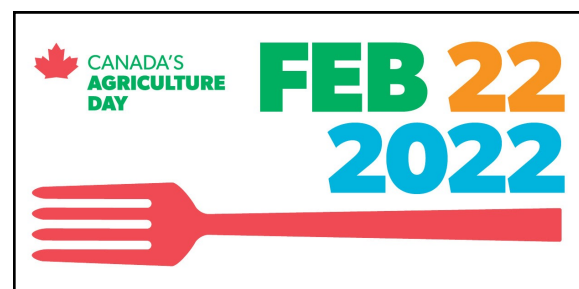
Fran was a member of Waskada WI serving many offices. She became an individual member when Waskada disbanded in 2003. She served as SWB rep on the Provincial board and was SWB President. She joined Broomhill WI in 2020, serving as Vice-President.

She is survived by her husband John, children Bill, Dawn, Tracy, and grandchildren. She will be missed.

In Loving Memory.

Della Dawn Radcliffe (January 29, 1940—April 20, 2021)

Della was an active member in the Women's Institute for decades, an organization that seeks to empower women in order to strengthen families and communities. She believed that one woman's success helped other women succeed, that when women helped other women, they helped themselves as well. (taken from her obituary). She was a Home Economist who gave back in so many ways to her community. Over the years she worked in the extension service, taught school, taught sewing courses around the province and wrote for Grainews and Farm Women's Magazine. One of her memorable articles described the feeling of barley dust in your bra! Della's aim was to leave you laughing.



RESOLUTIONS 2021

Thank you once again for the resolutions presented for consideration at our 2021 AGM. The favorable vote for all six indicates the relevance of these resolutions was timely. President Debra Barrett will be sending them all to the Minister of Agriculture and forwarding individually to the minister directly involved. We then will have to wait and see what response we receive—hopefully a face to face meeting. The AGM saw 152 of the 228 ballots returned.

*Internet coverage:	Yes 151	No 1	Abstain 0
*Licencing on Farm Slaughter:	Yes 122	No 25	Abstain 5
*Senior's Advocate Office:	Yes:147	No 3	Abstain 2
*Mental Health Forensic:	Yes 144	No 5	Abstain 3
*Long Term Care Facilities:	Yes 151	No 1	Abstain 0
*Improved Long Term Care:	Yes 147	No 3	Abstain 2

Further to the comments that accompanied the mail-in ballots, yes, there is a Resolution Committee that works with the locals who submit resolutions. Locals/individuals decide on the resolution they wish to address and are given an end of January deadline to submit the resolution to the Provincial office or to the chair of the Resolution Committee. Over the last 2 years that committee has been Janice Harrison (chair), Pat Manness (Domain local), Karen Kaplen (Individual member Wpg); Barbara Stienwandt (individual member Grandview) and Heather Cummings (MB gov't appointee Neepawa). Submitted resolutions are mailed/e-mailed to all the committee members who review them for appropriate content, grammar, spelling, etc. Once the resolution is screened by the resolution committee and by the MWI Board, they are published in the February WI newsletter. Heather Cummings will be chairing this committee for the 2021 – 2022 term. Any interested member—local or individual, please call Angela at head office.

The mail-in ballots are not ideal for discussion on the resolutions. It would be great to hear the background feelings from those who submit the resolution. However, we are thrilled to see the numbers of those responding and would hope our members are finding value in the “in person” voting. Be sure to read your newsletters to keep in touch with the resolutions going forward. This process “Provides a venue for Manitoba Women’s Institute members to voice their concerns over current practices within our province”. The belief being that our collective memberships’ voice will be heard more quickly than that of an individual.

Janice Harrison





We're looking forward to seeing you at our Virtual
AGM & 22nd National Convention!

"Our Diversity is Our Strength"

JOIN US ON
JULY 5 & 6, 2021

Presentations begin at 10am ET

Opening Ceremonies at 1pm ET

Location: Virtual Meeting

Register by June 25, 2021

<https://www.fwic.ca/copy-of-22nd-national-convention-2021>

Watch our website for more details <https://www.fwic.ca/>

Thank you for registering to attend. We will follow up with reminder emails prior to the date. Should you have any difficulties, questions or concerns, please reach out to info@fwic.ca or call 226-988-7013

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 2021 MWI Scholarship winners are:

Emily Robb of Brandon

Halee Piasta of La Salle

Congratulations and we hope to have further information to share in our next newsletter.



Coming Events

JULY

- 1—Canada Day
- 5-6—FWIC Virtual Conference
- 6-7—ACWW Area Canada Virtual Conference

AUGUST

- 1—Newsletter Deadline

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

- 11—International Day of the Girl Child *The theme is My Voice, Our Equal Future*
- 15—International Day of Rural Women *The theme is Building Rural Women's Resilience in the Wake of COVID-19*
- 16—World Food Day

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ACWW Canada Area Conference 2021



<https://www.acww.org.uk/canada.html>

Area President Linda Hoy is pleased to confirm that the 2021 Canada Area Conference will be held digitally on July 7, 2021. More details are now on the website above. The registration form is also available on the website as well. Linda is hosting a virtual social for members on the evening of July 6. Again details will be on the ACWW website.

You will need to have Zoom downloaded onto the device you will be using for the meeting.