Hello everyone,

Welcome to spring, it is a joy to see so many early bulbs blooming, the grass is becoming green, geese, robins and peepers are back. WINS has begun the journey to self-sustainability, the first Work Plan was submitted prior to the December 31st deadline to the Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Keith Colwell. The next, a plan of our proposed goals for the fiscal year, April 1st, 2016 to March 31st, 2017, was submitted January 28th, 2016. The work and guidance of the ‘Think Tank’, and the two board members who volunteered to work with them is very much appreciated, thank you ladies.

The Minister of Agriculture asked to meet with the Executive in Halifax, March 31st. Unfortunately, he was indisposed and we met with his Executive Assistant, Kyla Pierik, Loretta Robichaud and Lori Kittlesen, all of whom Coni and I have met before, but were new to Lisa Simpson and Eleanor Lilley. We had a productive meeting, explaining the work plans, the proposed goals for the coming year and ideas for the future of our organization.

A website for WINS has now been created and is up and running now. The Facebook page has now been in existence for several months.

This summer, members will be venturing into ‘apple country’ for the AGM, being held at Port Williams Community Centre August 3rd & 4th 2016, registration forms are available from the office or online. The theme is apples and a fun filled program has been prepared for your enjoyment. At this time, we do not have a host for AGM 2017.

The ACWW 28th Triennial Conference is being held in England August 17th – 23rd, 2016 and the final registration deadline is July 1st, 2016. The next ACWW Canada Area Conference will be held in Ontario, in 2017, details to follow.

The 2nd annual Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Canadian Woman of the year award was presented to Florence Ellerton (past Quebec WI president) recently by Linda Hoy, FWIC President. There is a photo posted to WINS Facebook page, the first recipient was Dr. Ellen McLean.

Hope to see you at AGM in Port Williams.
Yours in WI, Sheila Richards WINS President
Women Institutes of Nova Scotia AGM
Port Williams August 3-4, 2016
“WINS: A Core in Our Community”

The East and West Kings Districts are excited about hosting the 2016 AGM. Our Meet and Greet will be on Wednesday night where we hope you will come and enjoy greeting each other, identify some types of apples, and have a sip of sweet or hard cider or wine. Also on display will be old kitchen utensils and you will have an opportunity to try and guess what they are. There will also be a display of Apple Blossom China and hopefully the local wineries will come with displays. We will launch our Theme song and hope you join us in singing other Apple Themed songs. Please come and get acquainted with other WI members.

On Thursday our meeting will take place and we will have a few fun games interspersed amongst the business meeting, and of course, a singsong. Dr. Ellen McLean will be our guest speaker and she will relate some stories of her days with our organization.

Lunch will be a cold plate and homemade muffins and coffee will greet you in the morning. Do not forget to bring a Touch and Take Bag, sign in on the Silent Auction, and buy a ticket (or two) on the beautiful cross stitch. We hope to see you at the AGM.

Any questions call or email Liz Johnson, Chair johnsone@ns.sympatico.ca
902 542 5314

Five reasons to Go to The AGM

Reason 1: Meet the people who are running things. Come to the AGM and meet the people running the organization. Get to know them so you will be more comfortable for you to contact them when you have a question.

Reason 2: Hear first hand the discussion on where the organization is going in the future. Hear from the Board of Directors on what the plans are to go forward and ask questions.

Reason 3: Meet fellow WI members from across Nova Scotia. Sit at a table with members from other Branches and talk with them about the programs and projects they sponsor. You are sure to get ideas to take home.

Reason 4: Bring your voice forward. Help make a difference by making your thoughts and opinions heard. Help WINS to promote the organization by expressing your viewpoint so the board and staff hear about your concerns.

Reason 5: There could be an interesting resolution. This year there are two resolutions that would change the WINS By-Laws. You will have an opportunity to hear the discussion and ask questions about the pros and cons of the resolutions.

Handcraft Competition

The Handcraft Competition for the 2016 AGM is a watercolour painting.

Guidelines:
- Unframed but can be matted
- Size: between 8”x10” and 20” x20”

Voting: People’s choice

Prizes: First, second, third placings

Tentative Agenda

Wednesday Evening 7-9 August 3
Meet & Greet and Early Registration

Thursday August 4
8:00-9:00 Registration
9:00–11:00 Business Session
11:15–noon Guest Speaker– Dr. Ellen McLean
Noon–1:00pm Lunch
1:00 Business Session resumes
Awards and Installation of Board of Directors
Also available;
Touch and Take and Raffle Tickets
Right: Lakeville WI looks forward to the coming of Spring. Recently the members engaged in their first watercolour painting experience - the painting of leaves. This was a fun, learning exercise for everyone as participants focused on the details of depicting their chosen leaf, followed by a group reading on the personal and insightful benefits gained from painting.

Left: The members of the Lakeville Women’s Institute met every Tuesday afternoon, during the Fall and Winter months, to knit supplies for children at the Valley Regional Hospital. They provided over 2000 new born caps, toe socks, finger puppets.

Right: Jennie Jolly, Cambridge WI, presenting her interesting and fun St Patrick’s day program. Six members and two guests answered roll call with Irish sayings.

Above: Cambridge WI Sadie - Maxine Bezanson, left, secretary, presenting our dear Sadie Arenburg with flowers and best wishes from us all on the occasional of Sadie’s 95th birthday. Sadie has been an active and loyal member of Cambridge for many decades. Right: LR Lockhartville WINS members Vice-President Carolyn MacLeod, Treasurer Faye Singleton.
In March Cambridge WI celebrated all things Irish. Jennie Jolly presented her interesting and fun St Patrick's day program. Six members and two guests answered roll call with Irish sayings. Business included West Kings April 28th Spring Rally and preparations for the AGM in August 3-4 in Port Williams. Recently members of Grand Pre enjoyed a program on creating Ukrainian Easter eggs. A good time was had with varying degrees of success. The program was presented by member Karen Purves. A bake-less bake sale was held with money raised to be designated at a later date. A suppers is being planned at Open Arms Outreach in April, in conjunction with Sheffield Mills WI. In January of this year, Grand Pre WI received the first annual Annie Stuart Award. This award was set up by the Grand Pre and Area Community Association. Six members attended the potluck supper and presentation. The Branch submitted Iris Fraser's name as a worthy recipient of this award, as she was a staunch supporter of WI at all levels, as was Annie Stuart previously. She had been provincial president in 1983 and played a leading role in the transformation of the old Grand Pre schoolhouse into the new Horton Community Centre. Living directly across from the Covranter Church, she served there as a long time caretaker and historian. They were very proud to accept this award which carries with it a plaque and money for community improvement. In November Lakeville members heard from Steven Webster on the Champs War Amps program and a donation was made to War Amps for the CHAMP program. December brought the community pot luck supper, and a Christmas party. WI members and other community members put on a play, “The Origin of Silent Night”. A collection was made for the local food bank, and a donation made to a local church for their Refugee Fund. In January the group watched a very interesting BBC production about 100 years of WI in England and made plans for WI week and the February meeting. Roll call was answered by members telling what they know about England. An interesting program in February had Hank Bosveld, past president of the NS Federation of Agriculture, answering questions about agriculture on topics such as fire blight, soybeans, and corn for silage. They planned their WI week visits to present and former members who are housebound and made plans for the spring social which they will be hosting. Also a discussion on our role for the 2016 AGM was held. Roll call was answered with agricultural facts about Kings County. Recently a local yoga instructor met with the Lockhartville Branch. She talked about and demonstrated the value of yoga in general and chair yoga in particular. She encouraged them to relax their jaws and shoulders, practise tucking in their chins and out 250 times, and tilting their pelvis. The group is keen to adopt a twin and they discussed the AGM. They wondered why the apple theme was chosen over grapes. Vineyards are becoming very popular in the valley in particular and the province in general. The group agreed and will ask for clarification. In December, Medford members held a Christmas luncheon at Sharon Lynk’s with special guests Liz Johnson and Ruth Blenkhorn. Donations for the Canning Food Bank and socks for Open Arms were collected. January’s roll call was to share a favourite photo. The program was the “Soup Luncheon Project” being put on by Medford WI and the Kingsport Community Association. Details and plans were discussed with the first luncheon being held at the Lloyd Centre in Kingsport. The purpose of the luncheons is not to raise money but to provide a simple meal and social place for Medford and Kingsport residents to meet once a month during the winter. 18 people attended on the 21st and a nice outing was enjoyed during a season when many feel shut in. New Tusket Branch members answered the January’s roll call with their favourite hobby then an enjoyable time was held playing games. $200 were donated for refugees and plans were made for WI week. Condolences on the passing of member Madilene Forgrave were shared. In January Port Williams Branch member Joan Churchill spoke about the challenges- monetary and material of bringing a refugee family to the community and how far the initiative is from reaching its goal. Plans were made to initiate a weekly craft evening for women in the community to come out and enjoy a coffee, chat and craft time. In February, roll call was answered by Valentine Trivia. They learned...
Dropping In on the Western and Southern Area Branches

so much from a very informative program - a Nova Scotia trivia game, where members were divided into teams and the first to answer had their marker moved along a map of Nova Scotia. Many questions came from Channel 95 on TV. They have also started a Tuesday morning craft group for community members. An average of 12 people shows up at the community centre to work on a craft. There is lots of chatter and they have met some new people. In December Sheffield Mills & District enjoyed a pot luck with invited spouses and friends. Susan Ueffing led the group in carol singing and items and money were collected for the Canning Food Bank. January roll call was answered by What I Like Most about WI. For program, Christina Swetnam of the Annapolis Valley Farm Land Trust spoke on the value of preserving farm land and how the land trust was organized. In February South Berwick answered roll call by reading a small piece on friendship. Program was presented by one of their own members, Sandra Milbrandt, who had spent the summer months as a child with her grandmother in Scot’s Bay. She combed the beaches and gathered all sorts of rocks and her brother tumbled the agates to make jewellery. She showed a lovely collection of rocks – pink quartz, amethyst, agate, carnelian, etc. It was so interesting and a draw was made for a lovely agate pendant which was won by Carolyn Newman, making everyone quite envious! A donation of $75 was made to the Annapolis Valley Music Festival, and shut in boxes will be delivered to shut-ins for St Patrick’s Day in March. In November Spa Springs held a successful ticket auction and the 4-H awards presentations were made. A Merit award was presented to a county group for recognition. Donations were also made to the High School and Elementary Breakfast Programs. A new branch Brochure is being drawn up by two members. In December, 19 members answered roll call with a Christmas song. Program consisted of Christmas games, skits and songs, and a gift exchange was enjoyed. The WI Christmas craft event was very successful. Donations of clothes, toys and food were gathered for a family’s Christmas and gift/fruit baskets were delivered to two gentlemen. A pot luck and Christmas party were held and volunteer hours were discussed. January roll call was answered with each member bringing a greeting card for the cheer convenor. Program booklets were filled in for the remainder of the year and the volunteer hours’ procedure was finalized. A lovely thank you was received from the family for whom they had provided gifts at Christmas. In February a Valentine Party was organized for members by Bonnie Hatt. The hall was beautifully decorated and games and poetry were enjoyed by all. The meeting had a very warm, fuzzy feeling! They planned a visit soon to a local nursing home. Condolences were given on the passing of member Ruth Neily. Tupperville Branch’s program for February was the preparation of new program booklets for the period March 2016 to January 2017. The branch presented a $75 fruit basket to the Meadows, formerly the Adult Residential Centre. This is an annual project. The following donations were also approved by the membership: $100 – IWK hospital, $100 to Soldier’s Memorial Hospital, $100 to the Annapolis Health Centre, $100 to Chrysalis House, $20 to the District Directors Fund, $50 to the WINS Scholarship fund, and $200 to a neighbour who has recently lost her husband and is experiencing some financial hardship. Since February is Heart Health month, Weston Branch answered roll call with heart health tips. For the program, Louise McTavish showed how to make felted mittens from 100% wool sweaters purchased at Frenchy’s and then lined with fleece. She brought a number of the mittens that she sells at craft fairs. March roll call was responded to with Irish blessings and member Lynne Kavanaugh demonstrated making pasta by hand and with a food processor. They rolled it out and cut it with hand tools, then cooked and served it with grated parmesan and pesto. Delicious!

Respectfully submitted,

Sharman Fells

New! News!

Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia has a new Website.

Check it out at:
www.winovascotia.ca
Dropping In on the Southern Area

Six members from Brazil Lake enjoyed a delicious lunch and social time at Marion’s beautifully decorated home on Brazil Lake. In February Elaine Whitehouse played piano for a sing along program. Plans were made to try a ham and scallop supper in May as a fund raiser. In December, Kempt held a community Christmas pot luck supper with gift exchange and games at the Christmas party. A good turn out of friends. They packed and delivered 5 Christmas boxes to shut-ins and some who hadn’t many relatives. An outside Christmas tree was decorated with lights. Plans are being made for a sign outside the hall with a bulletin board for events. In January roll call led to discussion about items used 40-50 years ago how many people wrote letters and how the songs of that time are now the oldies. During the program they talked about many of their favourite foods and some they did not like. As a fresh start for the new year it was suggested that each month some item in the house be cleaned, tossed out, or some change made in the house. Nothing big or heavy but in the end they would all add up to improvements. The changes needn’t necessarily be cleaning, maybe just adding some fresh flowers could make a difference. A good discussion. Twelve members from Parkdale/Maplewood answered February roll call by telling about a Christmas gift they had received. Program consisted of some facts about why Valentine’s Day is celebrated and when it began. Homemade valentines were exchanged. A donation was made to the South Shore Health Services Foundation for their radiothon.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharman Fells

Reach for the Stars Membership Challenge

Welcome to our new members for 2015-2016!

One Star
Foxbrook—Mary Romsa
Lakeville—Joann Sweet
MacPherson’s Mills—Bonnie Klein
Paradise—Sharon Shaw
Parkdale Maplewood—Debbi Campbell
South Berwick—Sandra Milbrant
Spa Springs—Ann Doucet
Weston—Lindsey DeEll
West Pugwash—Dawn Foreman

Two Stars
Homeville—Julie Dzaich, Jo-Anne Stanton
Kempt—Bella Gilbert, Diane Hirtle
Port Williams—Juanita McCready, Kathy Gammon

Three Stars
Brazil Lake—Donna Blackadder, Marion Smith, Crystal Richardson

Please remember in order to be listed and recorded in the membership challenge, new members’ names must be submitted to the Office with their membership dues. If you require a new member form, please contact the Office or go to the WINS website. Errors or admissions should be reported to the Office as well.

In Memoriam
Jean Palmeter – Grand Pre
Madiline Forgrave – New Tusket
Edie Horne – Enfield
In January, **Belnan** Branch had a program on the formation of the Hants County Exhibition in 1765 at Fort Edward. Members were told how it all started and bringing it to the present format for all who attend each year. The possibility of holding meetings of public venues was discussed. In December, the ladies from **Gore** met for a Christmas potluck supper and gift exchange. During WI Week, the Branch promoted WI by attending the Fellowship Café for Seniors on February 18th. Ada, Edna and Gerry talked about what this branch does for the community and what WI does worldwide. A poster board displayed their many projects. A dessert party is planned for May 1st. This is one of the Gore Branch’s main fundraisers. Roll call idea was a food you dislike. In February, **Hardwoodlands Junettes** had a program on the history of the Women’s Institute. For WI Week, they made and delivered salad plates and dessert to the seniors in the community, 100 pounds of potatoes and 20 pounds of carrots were donated to the local Shumilocke Food Bank. Roll call idea was Donate to Third Place Transition House. **Nine Mile River Homemakers** went to their local superstore in December. A dietician showed how to make healthy snacks to serve over the holidays. Members made up baskets of goodies and delivered them to the seniors in the area. A donation was made to the Spa Springs branch to help support the Refugee Relief Day Project. Other donations were made to the local food bank and to the Transition House in Truro. Roll call idea was bring in a homemade Christmas ornament. **Three Cornered** member Jaclyn Biggs presented a program on Farm Works Investment Co-operative. Farm Works mission is to promote and provide strategic and responsible community investment in food production and distribution. Loans go to qualified food related for-profit businesses that want to increase the economic, health, social, environmental and other benefits that result from producing Nova Scotian food. In three years, Nova Scotians have invested $1,033,400 in Farm Works. Loans have already been made to more than 35 businesses with more to come. Members in this branch have been knitting mittens for their local elementary school, 100 pairs completed. Another member has been knitting finger puppets which are given to young patients having blood work done and making Izzy dolls given to young people who are receiving treatments. These will be donated to the IWK. Over 360 volunteer hours went into these “close to the heart” projects. Roll call idea was why you are looking forward to Spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Lake

Above: Enfield WI – A wonderful meal and sharing for all! Eunice Horne, Florence Benere, Eveleen Solowij, Geraldine Low - District Director for Hants Central, Dianne LeJeune and Edie Horne.

Below: Gore Branch W.I. Members, Edna Grant, Gerry Low and Ada Campbell presented a cheque to Corinne Williams of Hants North Community Food Bank during W.I., week at the Fellowship Cafe.
Martock Windsor Forks and “Days for Girls”

The members have been busy this year - mainly to support the “Days for Girls” project. A cash donation was given to Paula David, DFG Coordinator. In February, the members held a panty shower during their regular meeting and also in February they held a “Tea for a Toonie” for residents at the Manning complex, Windsor. Pictured below members and guests enjoyed the afternoon refreshments. The Tea combined our Valentine Day and WI week celebrations and the money received from the tea was used to purchase soap for “Days for Girls” kits. The “Days for Girls” project has made them realize just how fortunate they are. Many of their fellow sisters and daughters do not have access to many basic things that they take for granted. For instance, young girls in some developing countries are unable to attend school during their menstrual cycle just because supplies are unattainable to them. The “Days for Girls” program offers the opportunity for girls to attend classes every day during the school year. It also teaches them good hygiene practices. Days for Girls kits are also supplied in areas of need in this country—especially amongst low social-economic sectors of their communities—wherever needed. Kits for women can also be supplied.

Above: Edna Grant, Gore Branch, W.I.N.S., displaying the lunch that members provided for the seniors at the Fellowship Cafe on Feb 18.

Below: Caribou WI members Ruth Wortman, Mona Richard and Juanita Lakenman (l-r) preside over the lunch table at the Community Shower for the Syrian refugee family coming to Pictou.
In December, Bridgeville had a very enjoyable potluck Christmas party. In January, Caribou had a “games” program which was a lot of fun. Their project focused on the Syrian refugees who are moving to Pictou and a fun roll call idea “what is it?” was played. In February, this branch arranged a welcome community shower for the Syrian family and it was a huge success. For program, Beth Henderson was present to speak about the 200th Anniversary plans for Pictou Academy High School to be held in July. In January, Churchville Branch had a guest speaker, Nanda Shirke, who spoke on education and the preparation involved for Syrian families. The Branch donated grocery gift cards to these families and made their monthly donation to the MacLeod School breakfast program. For February’s program, members had to “tell something that others may not know about themselves” and to celebrate W.I. Week they made a donation to “The Life Shelter” in New Glasgow. Homeville and Spanish Bay Branches celebrated W.I. Day with a “special” lunch hosted by Sobey’s, in Sydney. This lunch was prepared by Chef Franklin and Dietitian Maria using all “local” products. They had 2 guest speakers, one from “C.B. Food Hub” and a Naturopath. They presented while the meal was being prepared. W.I. cake was enjoyed to finish off the celebration. Cape Breton District had a table at Port Morien market to promote Dept. of Agriculture and W.I.N.S. with good results and was well attended by members. New Facebook site is available for the Cape Breton District W.I and the free monthly newspaper submission is going well and creating interest in the communities. Homeville branch had to say best wishes & farewell to a long time member Winnie Peach, as she is relocating to Calgary to be with her family. Lifetime awards were presented to Marilyn Cathcart and Kathy MacCuish in February. In January, Foxbrook made a donation to W.A. MacLeod School breakfast program and collected articles for the SPCA. In February they had a guest speaker from VON, Catherine Haslam, who was very informative. Valentine cards were brought in to be delivered to Haven Brook Manor in Riverston. In February, Indian Harbour Lake Jordanville held their monthly meeting as well as members from the Port Hilford Branch. The first two Branches gave several fruit baskets as gifts to bereaved families and people recovering from surgery. For roll call a donation was made to a “wellness” fund and the amount depended on your shoe size eg.5 cents per inch. Lyon’s Brook recently celebrated their 87th anniversary. Program was the Nova Scotia Book of Nine, a collection of stories about women who have made a difference in Nova Scotia. During WI week and the members made a donation to the Life Shelter. They also have committed to supporting the 100 Women Who Care. In January, MacPherson’s Mills held a SPCA auction which was very successful and all members brought in other items to donate as well. They made their monthly donation to the “Book Awards” project that is helping students at Thorburn Cons. School. These books are presented to the students from members of this branch and it has been an on-going project for several years. In February for W.I. Week they collected and donated boxed cereal and juices to Thorburn Cons. School. In December Point Edward made comfort pillows for the Breast Cancer unit & quilts to be distributed throughout the Northside Hospital. Work is on going to maintain their W.I. hall and have weekly rentals of their hall to help with maintenance and operating costs. Port Bickerton had their annual fundraiser for Shrove Tuesday and held a pancake brunch with an excellent turn out, despite the weather delay. They had “Social Days” two Wednesdays in the month. Welcome NEW member Lyndsay Keith! In January Sherbrooke had a very enjoyable program “Show and Tell” where each member had to give a highlight of their Christmas celebration or any story to share. In February they had an information session which was called “Golden Years” and it was very well attended. This event was held by the RCMP and the Women’s Resource Center with a legal expert present, a local minister & a representative of the local funeral home. This was a very informative session for all who attended. In January Spanish Bay had their program which involved their District Director Cheryl. She provided the branch with updates on upcoming events and the importance of monthly Branch Reports. This branch has been very busy with receiving blankets for neo-natal unit of C.B.
Regional Hospital, shawls and walker caddies for Cove Guest Home residents, and helping with the Syrian refugee crisis in their local area. Welcome NEW member Gill Forrester from South Bar!
In January the program for the Springville Branch was a “Book Report & Exchange” amongst their members. They donated $50 for the Pictou County Fuel Fund and roll call involved Food Bank items. It is obvious the Eastern Area Branches have been very busy! Keep up the great work!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Durham

Above: Homeville Branch offers best wishes to long time member Winnie Peach, as she moved to Alberta with her family. Below: Homeville presented Lifetime awards to Kathy MacCuish & Marilyn Cathcart.

Top Right: Below: Caribou WI – Some of the donations made at the Community Shower for the Syrian refugee family coming to Pictou soon. Caribou WI planned and sponsored this community shower.

Above: MacPhersons Mills WI donated cereal and juice to the Thorburn School Breakfast Program as their project for WI week. Pictured back row L-R are members Joyce Roode and Lorraine Blakeney with students from the school.

Right: Cape Breton Members Jean MacQueen, Homeville Branch and Brenda Skinner, Spanish Bay at Port Morien Market.
W.I.N.S. Work Plan 2016-2017

At the District Meetings information was shared on the Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.), that was signed with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and the Work Plans that have been submitted to the Department of Agriculture.

As you would have heard each work plan consists of themes, goals, and activities. The activities are items that currently reflect the work of W.I.N.S. (Branches, Districts, and Provincial Board).

The Themes in the 2016-2017 Work Plan are: Agricultural Awareness, 4-H and Youth, Health and Welfare, Rural and Global Communities, and Operational Growth and Improvement.

Under each theme, there is a list of activities to support that theme or topic. For example, in the plan for 2016-2017, the activities to support Agricultural Awareness include but are not limited to: supporting the 4-H program, Exhibitions, agriculture in the classroom, and having agriculture as a Branch or district program.

At the April Board meeting, the Think Tank Committee presented recommendations on the goal on Operational Growth and Improvement.

After March 31, 2017, W.I.N.S. will report to the Department of Agriculture on how well W.I.N.S. (Branches, Districts and Provincial Board) supported the activities outlined in the current Work Plan.

What is the role of Branches and Districts?
One of the ways W.I.N.S. will evaluate the Work Plan is by having each Branch report their programs and projects. Some of the information requested will be new but for the most part, the Branches will report as usual on the Branch Monthly Reports.

In order to have an accurate report to the Department of Agriculture, it will be very important for all Branches to complete their Monthly Branch Reports.

If your Branch would like a copy of the Work Plan for 2016-2017, please contact your District Director or the Office.

News from our Federal and International Affiliations

Federated Women’s Institutes of Canada (FWIC)

International Peace Garden Applications due May 1
Criteria for the FWIC International Peace Garden Scholarship Applicants:
Eligibility:
- Young women between the ages of 18-22 as of January 1st of this year
- Community and volunteer experience an asset.

Areas of Interest: Leadership, marketing, social media, horticulture, public relations, the arts, inspiring others and positive social change

How to Apply:
- Submission of a type written essay (500-1000 words) describing their interest area and why this experience would be beneficial to the applicant
- Submit a current resume and one letter of reference to the Provincial WI office

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

Penfriends “or “Friendship Link” has not changed its goal of fostering better understanding between countries and WI and associations” since 1936, however the mode of writing has changed dramatically. There are however, still requests for airmail letters only. If you would like more information on this program you can either contact Judy Parks at judithanne@eastlink.ca or info@acww.org.uk.

Women Walk the World: April 29. After your event send your pictures to info@acww.org.uk

28th Triennial Conference will be held at Warwick University from August 17-23. Last day to register is July 1, 2016.

Mrs. Madge Watt, founding member of ACWW and first World President of ACWW was recently honoured by Parks Canada and the Historic Sites and Monuments of Canada. A plaque was unveiled in her memory in recognition and commemoration of the national and international significance of her work. Check out www.fwic.ca/tag/Madge-Watt.

Follow the work of ACWW at www.acww.org.uk
Resolutions for AGM August 2016

The Resolution Committee is proposing the following changes to the Bylaws of the Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia. These proposed changes will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting being held August 4th, 2016 and require two-thirds majority of votes to pass.

Membership Dues – Submitted by Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia Board of Directors

Whereas, on March 31, 2019, Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia will no longer receive an annual grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, this means WINS will have to function without funding from NS Department of Agriculture. Revenues that will be available will be membership dues, investment interest, and other minor sources. Based on fiscal statements of June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015, without any NS Department of Agriculture funding, the actual deficit would be $29,326.

Whereas, it is evident that major changes have to be made, there must be an increase in revenues and a decrease in expenses. One of those ways is to increase the membership dues, which have remained at $20 since 1994.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia membership dues be increased by $5 to $25 effective June 1, 2017, and by $5 to $30 effective June 1, 2018, and by $5 to $35 effective June 1, 2019.

District Director Terms – Submitted by Queens District

Whereas, some Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia Districts have members who are older and;

Whereas, it is becoming impossible for these Districts to find members who are willing to act as District Directors, for example: Guysborough, Queens, and possibly Lunenburg, and;

Whereas, some of these districts have District Directors willing to act beyond their two (2), three (3) year terms;

Therefore, be it resolved that the by-laws of the Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia be amended to allow Districts who cannot find a District Director to reappoint the present District Director for one (1) or more terms longer than the present.

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