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## President's Newsletter

### September, 1998

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WELCOME to each of you and to the new members who have joined the Alberta Women's Institutes this year. Summer is drawing to a close and we have enjoyed one of the hottest summers for a long time. Because of the heat, fall has come quickly; harvesting grain, fruit ripening early, flowers reaching maturity and the rainfall that we just received was very welcome to most. The rain may relieve the allergies that some of us are blessed within the fall.

The Northeys are celebrating 100 years on the family farm. We will hold the celebration at my home on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1998. We are planning a photo of our immediate family, and a small celebration to commemorate the occasion and reminisce. Five generations will be honoured at this time.

On behalf of the Alberta Women's Institutes' Members and Council, I would like to express our condolences to two of the Council members in the loss of their husbands during the summer: Olga Brown, District 2 Director and Mildred Luz, Vice-President. Our thoughts and prayers will be with them in their time of bereavement.

#### **LITERACY PROJECT**

This is a joint project between FWIC and the Canadian Association of Consumers. You will be receiving a packet in the mail in early September to use in a short workshop in each branch. These will be returned to the AWI Office and from there they will be forwarded to FWIC. It is a most rewarding and enlightening project that all can participate in together.

#### **Alberta Women's Institutes Convention, 1999** **90<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The convention will be held at Olds Agricultural College. We look forward to an excellent attendance from members and friends.

June 6, 1999 - Executive Meeting  
June 7, 1999 - Council Meeting  
June 8, 1999 - Professional Development Day  
**June 9 and 10, 1999 -CONVENTION**

## OTHER DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDER

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**Duffield Branch - Turkey Supper**  
**Duffield Hall, Duffield, AB**  
**September 26, 1998; 5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
**Tickets: \$5:00**

**Please Call: Pat Scott (403)852-2532**  
**(Proceeds go to the purchase of a blanket warmer**  
**for the Cross Cancer Treatment Centre)**

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**Belvedere Branch**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**Saturday, August 29, 1998 at 2:00 PM**  
**A Tea and Program are planned**

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**World Rural Women's Day**  
**October 15, 1998**

The first World Rural Women's Day was held on Oct. 15, 1996 to highlight the part played by women in rural and agricultural development worldwide. The aim is to present a positive image of rural women and their work through effective networking which empowers small farmers and entrepreneurs and strengthens their role in agricultural decision-making.

The day is designed to increase awareness and gain recognition for the contribution made by rural women to producing food, managing natural resources, creating jobs and raising the next generation. We urge our member societies to make preparations for celebrating World Rural Women's Day. (From: Countrywomen July-September, 1998)

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**World Food Day, October 16, 1998**

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**FALL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 28 - 30, 1998**  
**September 28, 1998 - Executive**  
**September 29 and 30, 1998 - Council**

Council members will receive an information package before this date so you can be prepared with questions or concerns. Council and executive welcome suggestions, concerns and ideas that will benefit the organization. How about ideas for sales items?

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Mae Deans has been in the office during the summer for your convenience. No holidays were taken this year due to staff changes.



### **CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**

The executive planned a luncheon for Janet's retirement, and presented a gift to her in Edmonton. The gift was in keeping with her love of dogs. Mildred Luz sent her regrets.

### **FORT EDMONTON CELEBRATES AWI in the 1920s**

During Heritage Week, Fort Edmonton volunteers presented a re-enactment of an Edmonton Branch 1920s meeting. Between 28 - 30 AWI members attended the event. We had very short notice of the event. However, Mae mailed a memo to branches close to Edmonton. Congratulations to the ladies who participated in the event on such a hot afternoon. Thank you Fort Edmonton.

### **AWI NEWSLETTER DEADLINE, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1998**

Please send in articles, for the next issue of the newsletter, no later than September 20<sup>th</sup> as Marilee Kosik will be taking holidays later in the year. We hope the Summer issue of *Home and Country* arrives for your September meeting. Please read and let us know your comments.

In this mailing you will find the following items, if something has been omitted, please call the office at (403)488-5282.

1. Summer Issue of Home and Country
2. Spring/Summer Issue of Federated News
3. Alberta Celebrates 100 Years of Women's Institutes
4. 1998 Convention Minutes
5. Notice of Kid's Farm Safety Program Funding
6. Nomination Information for AWI Executive Positions

Best Wishes to All for a Happy Fall Season  
Doris Northey,  
President