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Veterans' Week 2005

Each year, Canada marks Veterans' Week from November 5 to 11. This particular year is special because the Government of Canada has declared 2005 the Year of the Veteran.



As a highlight of 2005 the Year of the Veteran, Veterans' Week will be a time to honour, celebrate, remember and thank all those who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace, and to teach our youth about remembrance.

There are countless ways to commemorate Remembrance Day, November 11, and Veterans Week 2005. Commemoration can include observing two minutes of silence, attending a local ceremony, thanking a Veteran in person, or planning an event in your own community. The important thing is that you remember!

Launch of Music CD a Success

The official launch of the newest CD by Susan Ueffing was held on Saturday, October 15th at the Horton District High School in Wolfville. The launch was well attended by eager fans anxious to hear the latest CD of music by Susan and her special guests, The Valley Voices.

The title of the CD is *'God Be With You'* and it features fifteen songs of inspiration and hope. This beautiful CD is now on sale at the WINS office for \$15 each. If you wish the CD to be mailed to you, please add \$2 per CD for postage. Profits from the CD will be used for WINS local, national and international projects. Our thanks and gratitude is extended to Susan Ueffing and her band of talented musicians for making this project a reality!

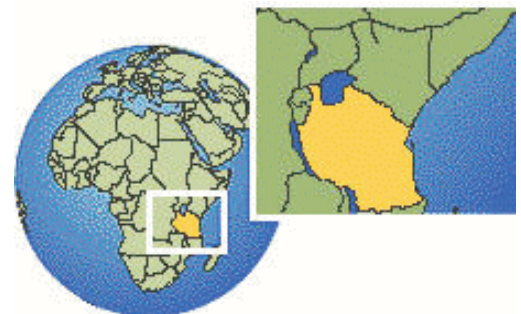
ACWW News

**Mildred Keith,
ACWW Area President - Canada**

Would you be interested in an individual membership to ACWW? Mildred has membership application forms available upon request. Your membership ensures you that you receive *The Country Woman*, the ACWW newsletter, three times a year. It is filled with beautiful colour photos of ACWW projects around the world.

We are now collecting donations for our triennial project - a catering and nutrition project in Tanzania. Mildred hopes that we can reach our goal of \$7000 across Canada. The beneficiaries of the project is a group called KIMAKO.

This project will help to promote health and education for children in the area.



Thank you to everyone for your donations to the Tsunami Relief Fund. Your donations to the fund are being used for a recovery project in Sri Lanka and India to help children of stricken families.

The ACWW Area of Canada Conference will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, on October 13th - 15th, 2006. Mildred hopes that many members will attend the conference next October and learn more about ACWW.

Plan for WI Week 2006



Will your branch or district be doing something special for WI Week 2006?

The date is February 19th - 25th.

The Talking Apple Tree

Recently at the WINS office, a copy of a children's story was found in one of the archived files. It is a story about 'The Talking Apple Tree'.

The story tells about a little girl who befriends an old 'talking' apple tree growing in the Annapolis Valley. The Tree tells the little girl about the settling of the Acadians and how they helped to plant the very first apple trees in Nova Scotia.



We are interested in possibly reprinting this story but we have one problem. The author of the story is unknown. The story is typewritten on plain white paper with a few hand-drawn illustrations. It is believed the story is at least 40-50 years old and written by a WI member, possibly from the Western Area. If anyone has any information or memories of this story, please contact the WI office.

Provincial Convention 2006 Update

Provincial Convention 2006 will be held on July 4th - 6th, at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Truro. The theme will be, '**We Can Do Anything!**' and we will focus on the traditional and not so traditional roles women have taken on through the years. Keynote Speaker will be Wanda George of Mount Saint Vincent University, who will share her inspirational story with us. Look for more details on Wanda in our next newsletter.

A new twist on workshops will be featured - instead of having the workshop presenters come to us at the hotel, we are going to travel to visit with our presenters at their place of work. That's right! Bus tours are tentatively being planned to take convention delegates to visit with women entrepreneurs in Pictou and Colchester counties. Delegates will have the chance to visit women business owners such as a stone carver, a painter, a potter, and owners of a farm market, sheep farm and wool shop, gallery, vineyard, maple syrup producer, etc. It will really be exciting! We will also incorporate a cultural stop at a museum or other venue along the tour route and have lunch along the way.

Another fun event will be the Tall Tales Competition. Each District is asked to choose one member to present

their 'Tall Tale' at the Convention. The winning District member will receive the Tall Tales Award! And, for all of those members asking if we are going to have another Golf Tournament - yes, it will be held on July 4th at the River Run Golf Club. Look for more information on this during the winter.

And, that's not all! We will be welcoming approximately forty members of the West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service to our convention. We will possibly also have a few members from Pennsylvania and Ohio also in attendance. It will be wonderful to welcome our friends from the US!

Papmobile Needs Assessment Survey Regional Resource Network Gynaecological Cancer Screening Program Cancer Care Nova Scotia

On behalf of the Regional Resource Network (RRN), I would like to thank the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia for their participation in the Papmobile Needs Assessment.

Based on the statistics received to date, the RRN was able to assess and evaluate whether or not more time should be devoted to the Papmobile project.

Discussions within the Network found that:

- Concern was expressed that our survey was not reaching target populations
- issues surrounding confidentiality of information provided by individuals
- difficulty mailing the responses back to the surveyors
- information from similar mobile health services was difficult to obtain.
- although many respondents thought the Papmobile idea was a good one, most would not attend to have their Pap test done.

Therefore, the RRN decided to halt the statistical information gathering and shelve the Papmobile concept. The RRN will instead concentrate our work on issues that support Well Woman Clinics. This would more likely support the mission of the GCSP than a Papmobile.

Once again, many thanks to all of you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Lessard, Medford Branch WINS