

NEWSLETTER FIVE -- MAY, 2009

MOTHER'S DAY

We greet all mothers and grandmothers, wishing them good health, and many happy years with their families. We also greet all godmothers and special aunts. May God bless all of you, granting you much joy not only on Mother's day, but throughout all the year.

CONVENTION REMINDERS

1. Reports - Provincial presidents and all convenors are again asked to submit their activity reports for publication in the Convention Booklets. In provinces where there was a change of Provincial President, we ask that both presidents report for their portion of time in office (2008-2009). These presidents may submit one report to which they both contribute. Convenors are asked to submit their report to the chair of their group so that the chair can include it into one collaborative report. Any convenor who does not have anything to report should let the chair of the group know as soon as possible so that she can complete her work on time.
2. In the Convention information please note that the first UWAC session is taking place on **Thursday, August 6th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM.** We ask you to make your travel arrangements so that you arrive in time to attend this first session.
3. To date we have not yet received any resolutions. Any branch planning to submit resolutions should send them in as soon as possible for inclusion in the Convention Booklet.

ANKETA

We thank the branches who have sent in their anketa, and for the generous donations. There are still twenty branches to hear from. We urge these branches to respond as soon as possible so that your information is included in our reports at the convention.

CONSTITUTION

The Constitution Committee has been meeting to review this document, and we have received suggestions from two of the Provincial representatives so far. These will be presented and discussed at the convention. The ideas that are brought forth at these discussions will be recorded, and work will proceed in the next two years with possible concrete revisions presented at Convention 2011.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee thus far is made up of Alicia Klopoushak and Patricia Yuzik from the National, Aileen Pillipow from Saskatchewan Provincial, Anna Trojan from the East, and Geraldine Nakonechny from Alberta. They may be approaching people to complete the slate of executive members, and we urge you to consider filling a position so that your province is well represented.

ELECTRONIC MAIL

As you are aware, we have been using electronic mail as much as possible in our communications with the branches and members. Email has its advantages as it saves us a lot of time, postage costs, and messages are received instantly. Many branches have email contacts, however, some branches have difficulty because they have access to computers but do not have a printer.

We are asking branches whose contacts do not have a printer to let us know as soon as possible so that we are aware of your situation, and keep your branch on the Canada Post mailing list. It is not our intent to cause any branch difficulty in the way you receive your communication from us, and we apologize for any inconvenience caused.

WORLD FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

Information from Newsletter #1/2009

1. The UN has adopted "Blue Heart" as the symbol of action against Human Trafficking.

Campaign Blue Heart – Action Against Human Trafficking

People everywhere are called upon to join Campaign "Blue Heart" to permanently stop this violence, and achieve equality for all women. By wearing the Blue Heart, each person can spread information about trafficking of humans. WFUWO calls on all women in all Ukrainian organizations to join this campaign of the UN against this terrible on-going tragedy.

The blue heart represents the sadness and sacrifices of human trafficking, while reminding us of the cold hearts of those who are involved in this horrific activity.

WFUWO is presently working on the project "Blue Heart", and will send information when plans are completed.

2. The WFUWO Committee to the United Nations, under the chairmanship of Nadia Shmigel, has put in a lot of work and effort, and deserves many thanks. Thanks also go out to Moki Kokoris for her participation in the conference, the theme of which was "Climate Change and Its Effects". Her work was highly valued, and was recognized by UN's Vice-General Secretary, and will be submitted to the General Secretary. WFUWO thanks Pani Shmigel and Pani Kokoris, and all the members of the World Federation of Women's Organizations UN Committee for their work and their representation of WFUWO at the United Nations.

As this is our last newsletter before the summer vacation, I take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire National Executive, to wish each one of you the best summer ever. I wish you a summer filled with many happy times with family and friends. To those who may be traveling to distant places, a safe journey and return home. To those who will be spending the vacation close to home, a safe, relaxing time. Stay healthy, stay positive, laugh often, and find joy in all that you do.

We'll see all of you at the convention in August.

God Bless!

Zennia Yuzik