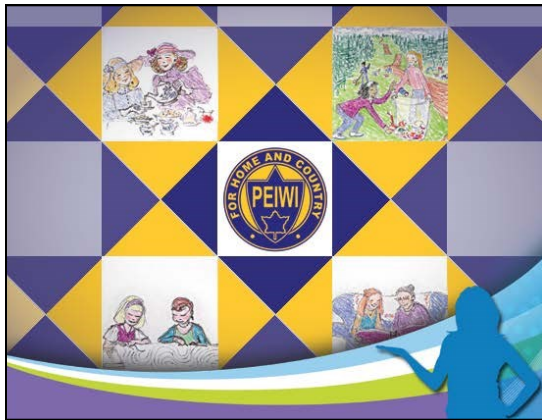


## So Many Benefits As a Member

- ♦ As part of local branch you are able to network locally, nationally and internationally as part of a Canadian organization with associations around the world.
- ♦ Opportunities to share input on important issues at the community, district and provincial level.
- ♦ Develop leadership and personal skills to further your professional career.
- ♦ Meet and build relationships with other women and have fun doing it.
- ♦ Participate in workshops, community events, area & provincial conventions.
- ♦ WI offers a number of scholarships, awards and bursaries.



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## Purpose

*PEI Women's Institutes enrich, educate, and revitalize women, families, and communities through actions taken by informed and inspired women.*

## Principles

*We focus on women, home, and family.*

*We believe in a culture of collaboration and sharing.*

*We support our agricultural needs, and protect our environment—now and for future generations.*

*We believe through education, leadership and goodwill, we can build stronger communities.*

## WI Policy

*Non-partisan  
Non-sectarian  
Non-racial*

***To become a single or branch member, please contact the PEIWI Office below or the branch listed in the Contact Information Box.***

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# Prince Edward Island Women's Institute



*WI: Women Inspired*

## Who Are We ?

Established in 1913, the Federated Women's Institute of Prince Edward Island (PEIWI) is an educational organization focusing on family, personal growth and community action. The primary focus is to promote a greater understanding of social and economic problems affecting families and a greater appreciation and understanding of homemaking and the agricultural industry.

Approximately 1,000 members of PEIWI are included in the 10,000 members of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada (FWIC). We are also affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW), a group of some nine million women in over 70 countries, the largest women's organization in the world. With close to 70 branches on Prince Edward Island the Women's Institute is the largest organization throughout Prince Edward Island.

## Our History

The first Women's Institute was organized at Stoney Creek, Ontario, on February 19, 1897, by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless. The organization provided a voice for rural women.

The movement spread rapidly throughout Ontario and later to other provinces and onto other countries.

Prince Edward Island's first branch was organized in 1911, in York. In 1913, Marshfield became the first branch to be organized under the Department of Agriculture. From there, many other branches were established across the province.

## What Do We Do?

### Awards & Scholarships

- ◆ WI Agriculture Scholarship - \$1,000
- ◆ Helen Herring Scholarship - \$500
- ◆ PEIWI Education Scholarship - \$500
- ◆ Marie Kenny Community Builders Scholarship - \$100
- ◆ Adelaide Hoodless Award of Honor
- ◆ Women in Agriculture Recognition Award
- ◆ Friend of Women's Institute Award
- ◆ Golden Book of Recognition
- ◆ Erland Lee Award of Appreciation
- ◆ Tweedsmuir Competitions
- ◆ Senator Cairine Wilson Competition

### Education

*Our educational convenerships cover:*

- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Citizenship and Legislation
- ◆ Cultural Activities
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Home, Family and Nutrition
- ◆ International Affairs

***Special Events and so much more!***



## Our Major Accomplishments

- ◆ 1913-2013—PEIWI reaches 100th Anniversary as the leading women's group in PEI.
- ◆ 1922—presented petition for Right to Vote.
- ◆ 1924—Forerunner and host of existing Provincial Handcrafts & Arts Exhibition.
- ◆ 1930—Opening of Provincial Sanatorium.
- ◆ 1945—Initiated first Provincial Music Festival.
- ◆ 1946—Initiated first Provincial Drama Festival.
- ◆ 1947—PEIWI first in Canada to have radio program.
- ◆ 1973—First WI Annual Roadside Clean-Up.
- ◆ 1979—"Make Mine Milk" program organized in provincial schools.
- ◆ 1989—Over \$25,000 raised for CAT Scan Fund Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- ◆ 1998—Spearheaded drive & raised \$260,000 for Stereotactic Mammography Machine QEH.
- ◆ 2000 to Present—The provincial board of directors with the assistance of members across the Island, have developed various fundraising drives through Legacy Bike Tours, Garden Tours, Gala Dinners, and have surpassed well over half a million dollars in funds for Island Hospitals. Funds have been earmarked for Mammography Machines, Video Scopes, Dialysis Units, Neonatal Units, Stroke Rehabilitation Equipment, and for other various pieces of equipment or departments. Although not a fundraising organization, both Provincial and Branch levels have assisted hundreds of organizations, communities and families from their fundraising endeavors. The latest projects included sewing over \$80,000 in masks as per request during a shortage during the onset of COVID, donating over \$40,000 in menstruation products, and knitting 750 pairs of mittens for children for a Mitts for Kids program.