



# IOD E Ontario

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## Message from President Renate Schuetz

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This is the time of the year we reflect about the past year and for our plans meant for the coming year.

Our annual reports confirm our achievements from the past year. These reports demonstrate the service we provide in the name of IODE. Your chapter's reports are key for the creation of the Provincial Annual Report. Your Provincial Officers compile the funds donated, the description of your good works plus the works of the Provincial Chapter. Together these tell the story of IODE in Ontario.

Join us Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 for the 96<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting to obtain the information first-hand. To give you a few highlights, we plan to start the meeting with a Meet & Greet Breakfast; Eric Bortlis, Director of Teacher Development with Teach for Canada will be our All Members Lunch guest speaker and we

will be leaving plenty of time for talk about new and different fundraising methods during the afternoon. The registration form and the proposed agenda are included in this mailing. Additional copies can be downloaded from [www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca).

By-Law changes and the closing of two Provincial Funds will be brought before the Provincial Annual Meeting. The Notice of Motion and details of these changes are included in this mailing. Please review them with chapter members and contact the office or me if there are any questions.

This past year, I mailed a considerable number of "Welcome to IODE" letters to new members. We are starting 2016 with the Bestowal of a new chapter in Toronto. The **IOD E Ubique Chapter Bestowal** is Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Moss Park

Armoury. Ten women affiliated with the 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (a unit of Army Reserve based at Moss Park Armoury in Toronto) will be the foundation for the IODE Ubique Chapter. The women have the knowledge that they have the full support from the Regiment, IODE Ontario and IODE Canada. They will service their community well.

In April, we will be travelling to Sudbury to celebrate the bestowal of **IOD E City of Lakes Chapter**. Members from two chapters have decided to amalgamate, thus forming the **NEW IODE City of Lakes Chapter**. Sudbury will continue to benefit from IODE for many years to come.

As you can see, 2016 is starting with a BANG!

## In Memory...



Noreen Salari passed away peacefully at home, in Burlington, on Saturday, October 3, 2015, at the age of 87. She was a very proud IODE member for more than 70 years and a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal recipient.

Noreen was a member the IODE Wellington Square Chapter that she affectionately always called "The Best Chapter in Canada".

Noreen held the position of Provincial Chapter of Ontario Treasurer for seven years. She often said that it was her favourite post before becoming Second and First Vice President, then Provincial President 1987 to 1990. She then served as Constitution Officer, Treasurer, First and Second Vice-President and National President.

## A banner year to promote IODE

by Elanor Brodie



IODE Ontario has a fantastic new marketing tool for each chapter- our IODE customizable floor banner. We are encouraging your chapter to add this banner to market and to promote your Chapter at your events.

The banner comes with the IODE logo, your chapter's name in the top left corner and your chapter contact information in the bottom right, e.g. website. The pictures on the banner (see photo) are representative of the areas we support and the work we do as IODE.

The banner is 30 inches wide by 96 inches high, 10 oz lightweight material with quality print finish, best suited for indoor use. This white flexible material with matte finish is fade-resistant and tear-resistant. It is easy to transport to all of your events and comes with a banner stand and its own carrying case.

The price for a customized vertical banner delivered directly to your chapter is \$125. A one-time cost for a lifetime of promotion.

To purchase one for your chapter simply email to myself I will be in touch with you to process to customize your order.

Your banner can have some or all of your own photos to reflect projects or events specific to your chapter. We can provide to you the technical specifications that the photos will require in order to ensure you get high quality looking images and a professional look to your banner.

If I can be of further help with your communication and promotion needs contact me Elanor Brodie at any time at [iodeontariocommunications@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontariocommunications@gmail.com)



## ..and the Winners are!!

By Helen Danby

The IODE Ontario Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education are funds from Primary Chapter contributions and with them we are able to reward hard working deserving students. This past fall we were pleased that the following students received awards from this fund.

**Alexandra Hall**, is your Canada's National Ballet School in Toronto Student Partner for another year. She danced the lead role in Swan Lake for the past year's sold out performances of the NBS Spring Showcase! Alexandra is continuing her post-secondary education at Canada's National Ballet School.

The successful applicant of the Special Award in Music Performance is **Kathryn Jonker**, an accomplished pianist, from Queen's University. Kathryn is enrolled in both the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education programs.

The Ontario College of Art and Design University scholarship for a student in his/her 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year was given to **Emily Kathleen Norry**. **Emily is in her third year of the Drawing and Painting & Program.**

We are planning to have **Eric Bortlis from "Teach For Canada"** speak at the IODE Ontario 96<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual meeting, April 23, 2016. While teaching in Cat Lake Eric became familiar with IODE. His students received special parcels from an Ottawa Chapter.



Kathryn Jonker

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## Our Members are Achievers!!

By Shirley Ann Elms and Gail McDiarmid

As we welcome the New Year we take time to reflect on 2015. For IODE Ontario it was a very good year, filled with much fun and many adventures while we attended events, raised funds and collected and distributed much needed support items in our local neighbourhoods and to northern Ontario communities. We met in our homes and in community halls. Members spent time in 2015 knitting, sewing, baking, packing parcels, selling and even eating for the cause.



**Celebrating Our Membership**  
*IODE Honorable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Samia recently honoured members for a combined 180 years of service!*  
*Pictured above are: Kay Robertson (40 years), Marnie Holloway and Mary Christie (70 years each)*

IODE Ontario would not be the success we are without our Membership; our seasoned members who continue to guide our newer members. New members were welcomed in 25 Primary Chapters in 2015 and we kept President Renate Schuetz busy signing many welcome letters. Two Chapters will amalgamate rather than disbanding and a new Chapter bestowal is on the horizon for early 2016.

The IODE Ontario Membership Team would like to take a moment to say thank you to all Members and to recognize your service, and we look forward to hearing stories of the members of your Chapter; the events you host, your guest speakers. Remember to celebrate your Members, their achievements.

IODE, like all organizations remains fresh by incorporating new ideas with traditional ones, and that is accomplished by recruiting new members. Everyone has a friend or two they would like to share the IODE experience with. A new member could be among your friends, family and neighbours; talk to them about IODE and the fun we have. Invite them

to a meeting so they can see firsthand the fun we have, share your enthusiasm. You, the Primary Chapters are the foundation to a strong and healthy IODE and we count on you to help us be IODE...*women dedicated to a better Canada!*



## Members "Make it Happen" Again

By Virginia Reade

Thank you to everyone who responded so warmly for our request to help with items for the Christmas Packing to the North. Thirty cartons were mailed to the Northern communities and some lovely thank you responses have arrived. You ladies "Made It Happen", there were more happy children this Christmas who receiving gifts because of your help.

Are you shopping for your Chapter's Projects or for items to send to Provincial Packing? Would a letter telling the store about the Charitable Works of IODE be helpful? Please contact the office or our new Services Email, [iodeontarioservices@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontarioservices@gmail.com) to request the Merchant's letter.

Neck-warmers are the new safer replacement for young children on playgrounds and are being requested by Northern schools, nurses and communities. We have a pattern that we would be pleased to share with the knitters in your group. Just ask and we will send it to you.

Enclosed in this mailing is an invitation to the 96<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting Baby Shower. "Make It Happen" by bringing a gift for the babies that we help support in Northern Communities. We are looking for newborn and baby one piece sleepers, onesies, receiving blankets and toddler winter wear. It was amazing how many items were donated the last time we had a shower at a Provincial Annual Meeting. The nurses appreciate our help so they can send little ones home from the Birthing Centres with some layette items for a good warm start.

## IODE Ontario's 100th Anniversary

By Linda Gryner

Did you know that IODE Ontario will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020? A Committee has been established and is led by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Linda Gryner.

You the members are the important "cogs" in the IODE Ontario wheel we need your input. Put on your "thinking caps" and help us to come up with a special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project. Send your comments to my attention at the Provincial Office or email me at [iodeontario2vp@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario2vp@gmail.com)



Still  
Undecided?

### Why Should I Attend the Provincial Annual Meeting?

This Meeting is for:

- IODE Members
- anyone who is interested to learn more about who we are and what we do

You will walk away with:

- tips for new and different Fundraising methods
- facts about our northern communities from guest speaker Eric Bortlis with *Teach For Canada*
- tools for your chapter's marketing plan
- advice for membership growth

We will start the day with:

- a **"Meet & Greet"** Continental Breakfast
- the Provincial Officers will be available to answer your questions
- some of our chapters will have their fundraising items for sale

Send your registration before April 1<sup>st</sup> to have your name entered into a draw to win One-Night Stay at the Hamilton Admiral Inn (this is a value of over \$110).

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