

IODE Ontario

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IODE ... women dedicated to a better Canada



From the desk of ... President Renate Schuetz

This year marks the 97th year of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario. Before we know it this wonderful organization will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary. The Provincial Officers and Convenors of Special Committees are already put plans in motion for all of us to memorialize this Centennial Anniversary.

At this past April's Annual Meeting we created a Strategic Planning Committee that all members are welcome to join. Since then Committee Chair Karen Barker has led two meetings and we are grateful to those participating. IODE Ontario is almost 100 years old and processes, policies need to be reviewed and possibly changed. IODE Ontario needs to set a direction in which the chapter will take to ensure sustainability, growth and change in technology and times. We need to monitor the process and make sure that the positive steps that we take continues our vision. Primary chapters need a voice and we need your input. You are welcome to join our next meeting on Wednesday November 29th.

IODE Ontario relies on the generous contribution of its chapters and members to the Provincial Citizenship, Communications, Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education, Services, Special Representatives and Toronto Legacy Funds. Specifics of each fund can be found on our website under the Members Resources page. The programs and projects these funds support is given from you, the Members of IODE Ontario. Please remember these funds when making your chapter's budget.

I had the honour of being installed as the 28th Provincial President and feel fortunate to work with the members of the Provincial Executive Committee and the National Advisory Committee. These groups of women are very giving of their time, talents and friendship. From my personal experience of being a member since 1985, I know that IODE can change the lives of those in need. IODE also changes our lives. By becoming a provincial or national councillor you will support the future of IODE. When the Councillor Nomination forms arrive, please think of adding your name.

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May 31 to June 2, 2018

Please join us for the
IODE Ontario's
98th Provincial Annual Meeting
 happening immediately prior to our
118th National Annual Meeting
 at the
Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre
 in London, ON.

Let's get Growing!

By: Shirley Ann Elms, Membership Officer and Gail McDiarmid, Assistant Membership Officer

The Membership Committee approved the **Grow with IODE** Membership Drive.

At the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting rack cards with small packages of sunflower seeds were available for attendees to take home for their chapters.

Attendees took away packages to use for recruiting members in their local communities. The Membership Committee will be preparing additional packages for distribution to those chapters who would like to use the **Grow with IODE** drive to increase their membership. Please contact the IODE Ontario office to order yours.

The Membership Committee would like to know how your sunflowers and your chapter memberships are growing. We are still collecting photos for our video. Send your photos to iodeontario@gmail.com.

Chapters in Ontario have installed twenty new members in the first six months of 2017. Keep up the good work! Let's make 2017 a banner year for new members!

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Where can I wear my badge? Why do we pay fees? Who is eligible to join IODE? How can we increase our membership? I am moving and want to stay connected, how can I do this? How do we start a new chapter?

Send your questions to the Membership Officers and we will get back to you with an answer. Please contact us at iodeontario@gmail.com



Your mission... should you choose to accept it!

By: Helen Danby, IODE Ontario Archivist

Chapters listing of Past members and Executive?

In preparation for IODE Ontario's 100th Anniversary we are recording names of past and present Ontario members. To date we have over 33,400 names. However, our database is not anywhere complete. Many Chapters have only a few recorded members. Helen has traveled to various archives and libraries to get a more complete picture of Chapters that have disbanded.

Last year, with your help we have doubled the names in our IODE Ontario Membership database. You can help by ensuring that your chapter is complete. These records are also great for your chapters use and are a crucial part of the picture of the local IODE history. Presently, we have less than 75 chapters finished of a recorded 930 chapters that had existed in Ontario.

We need your Help! Please email Helen at iodeontarioeducation@gmail.com if you can assist. Your help is truly appreciated.



Ontario Provincial Police Community Relations Award



At the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting, President Renate Schuetz and Citizenship Officer Caroline Rodgers were please to present the **IODE OPP Community Relations Award to OPP Constable Sandro Cave** from the **Kirkland Lake Detachment**.

Constable Sandro Cave started his career in 2008 with the OPP after serving in the OPP Auxiliary Programme for 10 years. The auxiliary programme is a volunteer programme that assists the OPP in patrol and community duties.

Constable Cave is a community minded person and gives freely of his time, his personal conduct, beliefs and values, the relationships he develops and the way he carries himself personify what it means to serve his community with pride.

Constable Cave started his giving to the community as an Auxiliary Officer and continues to the present day.

He is involved with the Salvation Army in their Christmas Kettle campaign and gives of his time to attend local schools to provide lectures on bullying and self-esteem. Constable Cave is involved as the co-ordinator of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics Committee and fundraises. As the Co-ordinator, he has raised near \$17,000.00 for the Special Olympics in Kirkland Lake.

He volunteers his time with Meals on Wheels and The Boys and Girls Club. Constable Cave and his wife Tracy give of themselves by being foster parents to over 25 children in the community. This included billeting a hockey player for the Kirkland Lake Goldminers' Junior Hockey A Club.

Constable Cave is an active coach with the Kirkland Lake Soccer Association and volunteers with the Kirkland Lake Skating Club.

He volunteers his time with the other members of the OPP and the Kirkland Lake Goldminers Junior A Hockey Club in their annual food drive for the Salvation Army Christmas Campaigns. Each year the amount of food gathered increases enough to cram 10 cruisers with foodstuffs. Cash donations to this drive have totalled over \$7,000.00.

He annually attends and volunteers his time at the Remembrance Day ceremonies and every year he gives a presentation on elder abuse/fraud at the Encore Club 50+, where he is currently working on a fundraising project to be able to construct a new kitchen. He annually appears as the guest chef cooking a meal in his native Caribbean style for 250 people, this event has raised over \$5,000.00.

Constable Cave is a **VOLUNTEER**:

- On Kirkland Lake Crime Stoppers Board of Directors
- In all detachment associated fundraising endeavors – playing in charity hockey games each year to help various charities. (Crime stoppers, Canadian Cancer Society and Heart and Stroke)
- On the Board of Directors for the Kirkland Lake Rotary Club
- On call volunteer as a Mental Health Care Crisis worker.
- Member of the Kirkland Lake Road Safety Coalition to ensure our roadways are safe
- With the Kirkland Lake Skating Club

PC Cave organized a *"Push for Change"* an event to support community awareness of youth homelessness in Canada. This was a hockey challenge event which he coordinated sponsors, community partners and coaches. PC Cave partnered with the Mental Health Association of the Cochrane/Temiskaming Branch to ensure that they were in attendance with information and interactive displays for all in attendance.

In 2016, PC Cave was honoured by the OPP as the Accolade Award winner for his Community Service work.

As PC Cave demonstrated a firm commitment to his community and goes above and beyond his duties of an OPP officer he is a deserving recipient of the **IODE OPP Community Relations Award**.

An Update from IODE Ontario's Student Partner

It is our pleasure to share an update on **IODE Ontario's Student Partner, Alexandra Hall** who had a wonderful year at the **National Ballet School of Canada**. We are pleased to confirm that Alex has completed her training at NBS and will be starting her professional career with The National Ballet of Canada, as an Apprentice! We are thrilled for her!

Thank you the Members of the IODE Ontario, for your ongoing support of the school, the students and the programs at the National Ballet School of Canada.

The following is Alexandra message to us:

Hometown: Oakville, Ontario

Entering: Canada's National Ballet Apprentice Program

Years at NBS: 8

The past year at NBS was full of exciting opportunities. I feel prepared to take my training to the next level as I enter the National Ballet of Canada as an Apprentice.

I learned a lot about myself as a dancer this year. I got the chance to work with two companies: the National Ballet of Canada and Semperoper Ballett Dresden. Both experiences helped me build my understanding of the life of a professional dancer. It was so inspiring to see so many new dancers.

One of my favourite memories from the past year was getting the chance to perform and participate in Assemblée Internationale 2017. Meeting so many different students from around the world and getting the chance to work with them was exciting.

I love to dance character roles, especially in the classics like Swan Lake and Sleeping Beauty. I also love modern dance where I get to move in different ways that are unexpected.

In the fall, I will be joining the National Ballet of Canada as an Apprentice. I am very excited to start my professional dance career here in Canada, but also sad to leave NBS. It has been part of my life for so long! No matter what, I know the School will always be there for me.

Thank you for your support!

Alex Hall



Are you missing out?

Do you know a member who is **not** receiving any email from IODE Ontario?

Please take a minute at your next meeting to check with your membership.

Email us at: iodeontario@gmail.com to report new email addresses and corrections.

Celebrating New Canadians **by Caroline Rodgers, IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer**

As Canadians, we are proud of our citizenship. We value the rights and freedoms and accept the responsibilities. New citizens take the oath of citizenship to become Canadian at ceremonies across the country. Most are open to the public.

A citizenship ceremony is the final step in the process of becoming a Canadian citizen. During the ceremony, the new citizen receives a Certificate of Canadian Citizenship. Guests attending the ceremony, who are already Canadian citizens, are invited to reaffirm their commitment to Canada by repeating the oath along with the new citizens. IODE Chapters have been part of Citizenship ceremonies for many years.

Groups are encouraged to participate in hosting a citizenship ceremony at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada facilitates or at a community-based site.

IODE Chapters can benefit from hosting a ceremony by:

- raising your chapter's profile in the community
- celebrating Canadian citizenship with Canada's newest citizens
- promoting the values of citizenship in the community and recognizing the responsibilities of citizenship
- Encouraging the acquisition of citizenship by members of your group.



This past May, I was privileged to join President Renate Schuetz, 2nd Vice President Shirley Ann Elms, members from the IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton and IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton. These chapters were presented with Certificates of Recognition and thanked for their years of participation in Citizenship Courts at the Hamilton office of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

For Citizenship ceremonies near your Chapter: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/citcer/search-recherche-eng.aspx#resultList>

Communications and Confidentiality



Some Chapters have commented on the issue of confidentiality of providing email addresses to jurisdictional chapters.

In order to prevent this, IODE Ontario would suggest that chapter officers should develop Gmail addresses. For example: 48thpresident@gmail.com or yellowbriartreasurer@gmail.com. This will allow each officer when changing departments the ability to transfer all emails for the department to the new officer. Thus transferring the history to the next officer. Any chapter who requires assistance in setting up a Gmail address (email), please contact the IODE Ontario office.

Education Bursaries, Funds and Awards by Helen Danby, IODE Education Officer



The IODE Gladys Raiter Bursary \$5,000 to be offered in 2018

To honour the memory of his wife Gladys, a member of the IODE Queen Anne Chapter in Kitchener, Norman Raiter bequeathed money to the IODE to establish the IODE Gladys Raider Bursary for Graduate Study. This bursary is to be awarded on the basis of academic standing and financial need to a full time graduate study.

DEADLINE for receipt of application and supporting documents is April 30th, 2018. Information is available on our website with information being forwarded to the Kitchener area universities soon.

IODE Ontario Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education

Bursaries from this Fund are given to students who show a dire financial need, as well as, a strong commitment to their studies. Unfortunately, there are always more students' requests than funds available. Please keep the IODE Ontario Lucy Morrison Memorial Education Fund for Education in mind when you allocate monies in your chapter budget. It is deeply appreciated.

Secondary School Fall Awards Nights

Many secondary schools have their "Awards Nights" in the fall to honour students in grades 9, 10 and 11. Let's give each award winner an IODE keep-sake by preparing a certificate for the student listing the award and your chapter name. Include an invitation to join IODE along with an IODE Ontario pamphlet.

To personalize certificates by inserting your own Chapter's name from IODE Canada's website www.iode.ca

Celebrate the success of these students by submitting this news to your local newspaper with pictures of the award winners. Don't forget to include your chapter's website and the **IODE Facebook** page.

Remember to place a permission slip with the certificate for the student to notify you if he/she does not want their name or picture published.

IODE Ontario is proud to award **The Darkest Dark** the **2016 IODE Jean Throop Book Award** as part of the awards dinner at our 97th IODE Provincial Annual Meeting, held at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre in London, April 21-22nd, 2017.

Written by Chris Hadfield with Kate Fillion, Illustrated by the Fan Brothers.

Terry and Eric Fan were present to receive their award Friday evening and signed books.



Are you afraid of the dark or things that go bump in the night?

Everyone has some fears, even the bravest amongst us who have ventured to space.

Retired Canadian Astronaut Colonel Chris Hadfield teamed up with Author Kate Fillion and the award-winning illustrator team of Terry and Eric Fan, to tell the story of his childhood fear of the dark. Inspired by watching the moon landing as a child in Sarnia, this book reveals how he overcame this fear and more!





Recently a primary chapter asked the question “Can you clarify the preferred process for the flow of information/issues/questions from primary chapters all the way up to National? i.e. what issues should be raised with the Provincial Chapter vs what issues should be addressed National directly? What issues can be addressed with your Area Vice President vs a local provincial councillor?”

Annually we elect Provincial and National **Councillors**. These councillors represent you at the level she is elected to. We have various committees that the councillor sits on. It is her responsibility to act in the best interest of our organization while keeping in mind how decisions will impact chapters in her area.

All chapters are required to pass requests or enquiries through the jurisdictional chapter e.g. primary chapters write to the municipal chapter (if a municipal chapter exists) or the Provincial Chapter. The Provincial Chapter will forward the request or enquiry to the National Chapter. It is important that the jurisdictional chapters are aware of the requests being forwarded to National in order that the jurisdictional chapter can provide their support as well as are aware of the work being suggested by the primary chapter.

Provincial **Area Vice-Presidents** are an executive member of IODE Ontario and may be asked to represent the Chapter or the President in her defined area as required. Taking guidance from the President, she is the liaison between the chapters in her area and the Provincial Chapter. This Officer is familiar with IODE work at the National, Provincial, and Municipal levels by reading reports of other jurisdictional levels. She is called upon to provide advice in regards to the chapters in her area to the Provincial Executive Committee.

The following is from the Primary Chapter Regulations to be used in conjunction with General Operating By-Law No. 1. Copies can be downloaded from www.iodeontario.ca Member’s Resource page.

“Forward all communications directed to the National Chapter through the immediate jurisdictional chapter to the attention of the jurisdictional secretary. All requests should be supported by complete and relevant information.

The purpose of a jurisdictional chapter is to support the chapters in their area, assist with communications, respond to requests for such things as grant applications and approval to sell items for fundraising. A Primary Chapter may have a Municipal Chapter as their jurisdictional chapter. Where there is no Municipal Chapter, the jurisdictional chapter will be the Provincial Chapter. In cases where there is no Provincial Chapter, the jurisdictional chapter is The National Chapter of Canada IODE.

A chapter’s By-Laws and any changes made must be forwarded to the chapter having jurisdiction for approval. Any change to a chapter’s by-laws becomes effective immediately after being passed, subject only to the veto of the chapter having jurisdiction. If any by-law is vetoed, the chapter shall have the right of appeal through its provincial chapter to the National Board of Directors and the decision of the Board shall be final.

It is important to note that permission must be obtained from the National Board of Directors for extended use of the logo, i.e. on articles to be sold by chapters. Organizations outside of IODE require permission from IODE Canada for use of the logo.

No provincial, municipal or primary chapter may apply for grants from foundations or trusts without prior approval of the Board of Directors. The IODE Grant Application Form must be completed (available on the IODE Canada website or from head office) and sent with accompanying financial statements and budget to the Board of Directors through the regular channels.



Ontario Volunteer Service Awards are presented at ceremonies across Ontario from March to June. The recipients are given a stylized trillium service pin and a personalized certificate to acknowledge their years of service. Each recipient can bring one guest and their organization can invite two representatives.

A number of chapters are nominating their members for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards - in fact four members from the Provincial Executive Committee received their Ontario Volunteer Service Award this past April. We plan to nominate others for 2018.

You can nominate up to 6 chapter members for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization. Adults are recognized by the length of time they've volunteered with one organization, ranging from five to 65 years of continuous service.

For additional information and the application form: www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-volunteering#section-1

In 2017, 11,000 awards were presented in over 40 communities throughout Ontario; let's add our dedicated members to the list of recipients in 2018 and celebrate our **Purpose with Passion**.

Every IODE Chapter has a story

Each chapter is special because your chapter finds a specific program or a particular project that makes you stand out in your community.

As part of the 2017 Provincial Annual Report, we will give each chapter an opportunity to write "**Your Chapter Story**". This could include special events, speakers, fundraising, etc. Perhaps this was the first time your chapter did a project or possibly a program that you have supported for a number of years.

Most chapter secretaries write up a synopsis of the year's activities that is presented at your chapter's annual meeting. Sometimes these reports are included when the annual reports are submitted to IODE Ontario. These accounts are irreplaceable – it's not always about giving sizable monetary support, it's the stories of how we gave resources and our time for someone. Sometimes we are being visible in our communities promoting IODE. For example, we heard of a lady who knits premie hats... the small things matter just as much as the larger projects! Sometimes our goal is being visible in our communities promoting IODE!

TELL US YOUR CHAPTER STORY – brag about what makes your chapter special!

In your words tell us:

- Date of Bestowal
- Chapter Motto
- Number of members
- A project or program the chapter supports and length of time
- An event or fundraiser the chapter does and length of time

Due to space the essay should not be more than 200 words and will be edited.

Please submit **Your Chapter Story**, along with your 2017 Annual Report to the Provincial Office **by January 15th, 2018**.





Annual Reports

SPRING INTO



At the April 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting **South Central Area Vice-President Sheila DeJaegher** presented the 2016 Annual Report on behalf of the Officers and Convenors. Thanks to your efforts we had an exceptionally productive year.

The following is part of her speech. “As a Past Citizenship Officer, I will start with this year’s newest Provincial Life Member and **Citizenship Officer Caroline Rodgers’s** report. Chapters reported 246,179 volunteer hours. This is an increase of almost 29,500 volunteer hours from 2015. A total value of over \$52,000 was given to Citizenship Programs. This has almost doubled from the previous year.

Communications Officer Elanor Brodie reported a total value of over \$95,000 worth of promotional marketing. This is an increase of \$30,000 from the 2015 report. Social Media has had a tremendous impact on our culture, in business, on the world-at-large and given IODE more exposure.

Helen Danby, Education Officer reported over \$287,000 for a Total Value of Education Programs between the categories of “assistance to local students” and “local schools” and “other Education work outside of schools” received the addition growth of \$70,000 in contrast from the 2015 report. Norma Chicoine reported over \$12,500 expended to Adopted Classes in Northern Ontario and Labrador – this was a \$2,000 increase.

Services Officer Virginia Reade reported over \$772,000 of Total Value of Services Programs for 2016. Yes another increase - \$33,000 more than the 2015 Annual Report. The services department is very thankful for all of the items that the chapters send to the packing room – I encourage you to visit our office to see how full our shelves are before a packing and how empty they are after a packing.

Provincial Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms’s report had good news and bad news. With the disbandments and loss of members she reported 1,263 IODE members, a decrease of 67 members. The good news was that the two chapters amalgamated and received their new charter. Welcome IODE City of Lakes in Sudbury. We welcomed 2 new chapters, IODE Ubique in Toronto and IODE Headwaters in Orangeville. We welcome these ladies to IODE.

Remember this annual report is a permanent record of our accomplishments for 2017. Be proud of what together we can do, to better our communities, assist those in need and support each other.

It is an honour and a pleasure to say congratulations to all IODE Ontario chapters and their members for helping others.”


We have posted many pictures on the dedicated 2017 Annual Meeting page found on our website. The minutes from the meeting can be downloaded also from the page.

GO AHEAD
BRAG
A LITTLE


Don't be shy!! We want to hear about:

- successful fundraising events that attracted prospective members
- any good deeds your chapter has done
- innovative tips on how to recruit new members to IODE

Please share your photos or videos with IODE members!



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