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IODE Ontario hopes that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas holiday and is optimistic for a great 2023! Last December we were pleased to thank all members for their dedication to IODE through a fun Christmas e-card. Our external contacts received a more formal card that you may view on you-tube youtu.be/pQLHCYQLR5A .

Annual Reports: Thank you to all Primary Chapters who forwarded their 2022 Annual Reports by the new January 31st deadline. Sometimes report writing seems like an onerous task, however if each officer keeps an on-going list of things that the Chapter does for her department, then the task is less daunting. Share your Annual Reports with the local media to let them know what IODE is doing in their community or have someone (member, grandchild) prepare a video or PowerPoint highlighting your year. This is a good way to make the public aware of IODE. Finish your media story with “new members are always welcome.” Contact IODE at iodeontario@gmail.com for more information.

Newsletters:

During this past year IODE Ontario has focused on “Celebrating You.” Thank you to chapters for sending their pictures of IODE events to be featured in the newsletters. Sharing is a great way to exchange ideas for fundraising, projects and celebrations. Please continue to send this information to IODE Ontario for future newsletters. We would also like to celebrate new members, and milestones for experienced members. IODE Ontario relies on you to let us know what is happening in your chapter. Let’s celebrate together!

Dates to Remember:

- IODE week February 12-18
- National Flag Day – February 15th
- International Women’s Day March 8th
- National Volunteer Week April 16-22
- Provincial Annual Meeting, April 22nd – all are welcome!

See you at our Provincial Annual Meeting ...
Helen Danby, President

by Lisa Cossar, Education Officer

IODE Gladys Raiter Award

To honour the memory of Gladys Raiter, her husband donated a monetary gift in 1977 to the IODE Queen Anne Chapter in Kitchener. However, in 1978 the chapter retired and the funds were given to the IODE Municipal Chapter of Kitchener to continue the IODE bursary. When the Municipal Chapter disbanded in 1990, the money was forwarded to the jurisdictional chapter of IODE Ontario to administer. The capital received was invested and the yearly accrued interest is used to provide the funds for the bursary. Applicants will be considered whose family resides in the Regional Municipality of Kitchener-Waterloo and the student is in post-graduate study locally or elsewhere in Canada or the student is enrolled in a post-graduate degree program at the University of Waterloo or Wilfrid Laurier University. The 2022 recipient of the IODE Gladys Raiter Bursary for \$5,000 is Máire Slater.



Máire received her BA (Hons.) in English at Wilfred Laurier University after moving to Kitchener with her husband and two children. She is currently studying at the University of Waterloo in the Master's Degree Program focusing on English Rhetoric and Communication Design. Máire appreciates the learning experience of being a mature student and is putting her writing skills to good use by writing a Young Adult novel in her spare time and hoping to have it published. Recently she was a Teaching Assistant for the Genres of Business Communication program at the University of Waterloo. Máire won the Graduate Professional Communication award in Spring 2022, in addition to another highly

competitive award, the Rhetoric Essay Prize for Master's students. Her research professor commented that Máire "has a unique capacity to combine ethnographic research with cultural studies through a technological lens, which has prepared her for further communications-based critical thinking and application."

Máire has taken an online course with the University of Alberta to deepen her understanding of Indigenous Histories and Contemporary Issues in Canada. She is a volunteer editor with First Person Scholar, a publication connected to the University of Waterloo.

After designing bracelets with QR codes for people with Alzheimer's, who will be located with her wearable technology project, Máire hopes to continue to apply her skills to benefit people with Alzheimer's.

Lucy Morrison Memorial Bursary Fund

Bursaries up to \$1,000 are awarded to post-secondary students at colleges and universities in Ontario who demonstrate financial need, have completed one full year of study and are Canadian citizens.

A recipient for Fall 2022 is Martin Mwaura who is finishing his 4th year of Honours of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the Faculty of Health at York University. We are thankful for chapters supporting the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Bursary Fund.

SERVICES

by Gloria Saunders & Virginia Reade, Services Co-Officers

GOOD GROOMING KITS

Is your chapter looking for a fun project? Have you considered making good grooming kits? IODE Ontario sends good grooming kits for women, men, children and babies to the remote northern communities we support. These kits are filled with hygiene and personal care items. But not just remote areas are in need of these kits. Many homeless and women's shelters in your communities are happy to receive these to share with their clients. Here are some suggestions for items to include in your kits.

WOMEN	MEN
Hairbrush/comb	Hairbrush/comb
Hair ties/clips	Toothbrush/paste
Toothbrush/paste	Soap
Soap/body wash	Shampoo
Shampoo/cream rinse	Face cloth
Lotion	Tissues
Nail file	Deodorant
Face cloth	Shaving cream
Tissues	Socks
Deodorant	
CHILDREN	BABIES
Hairbrush/comb	Baby shampoo
Hair ties/clips	Baby oil
Toothbrush/paste	Baby soap
Soap	Baby lotion/cream
Shampoo	Face cloth
Face cloth	Vaseline
Tissues	Bib
Colouring book/crayons	Pacifier
Small toy	Small toy
Writing pad/pencil	

So, do some shopping, ask your local merchants and dentists for donations, grab your Ziploc baggies and have a party where you fill your kits!

Communications

by Betsy Thompson, Communications Officer



LET'S CELEBRATE YOU!

A burst of colorful confetti and streamers in shades of blue, yellow, pink, and purple, scattered around the text.

At the Provincial Annual Meeting Saturday April 22, 2023

SPREAD THE WORD!


- Send in your story of a new milestone in your Chapter!
- Is there a Primary Life Member recipient in your Chapter? Celebrate her success and tell why she was chosen!



Do you have a sparkler in your Chapter?

Tell how they ignite your enthusiasm!

- Celebrate a mentor and share how she has influenced you!
- Will you BE THE VOICE of that quiet reliable thinker in your Chapter? Let's recognize her abilities!
- We will highlight some of the tributes in the afternoon session. Listen for your Chapter and members' names!
- Forward your tributes please, to iodeontario@gmail.com by Tuesday March 14
- ALL tributes will be published in a special e-flyer sent out after the PAM!

Thank you to the chapters who have sent in stories of your amazing and heart -  warming deeds delivering kindness and making a better life for all to be included.

GET READY FOR THE BIG DAY

*Where are YOU getting together for PAM 2023?
A house? A hall? Plan your day!*



Socks for Services Final Donation



- Bring a pair of socks - kids, men's, and women's sizes.
- Break out the LPs (or YouTube will do) and rock and roll at lunchtime to your favourite 50's and 60's SOCK HOP tunes!
- Hot dogs and Coca Cola, anyone?



Make the Provincial Annual Meeting your special day!

Registration forms are here today on the back page!

Sign up!



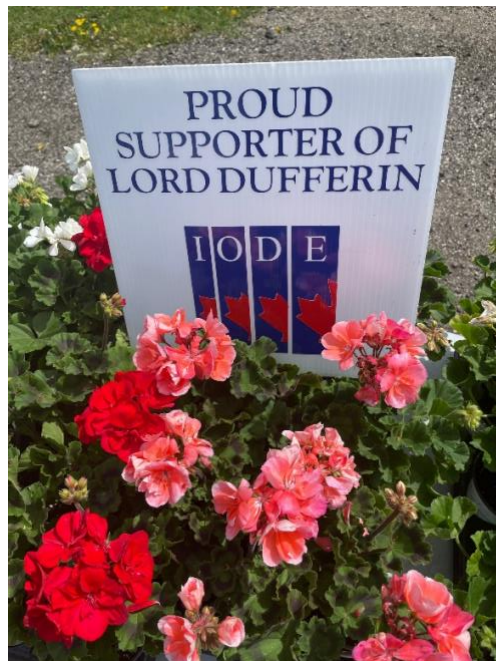
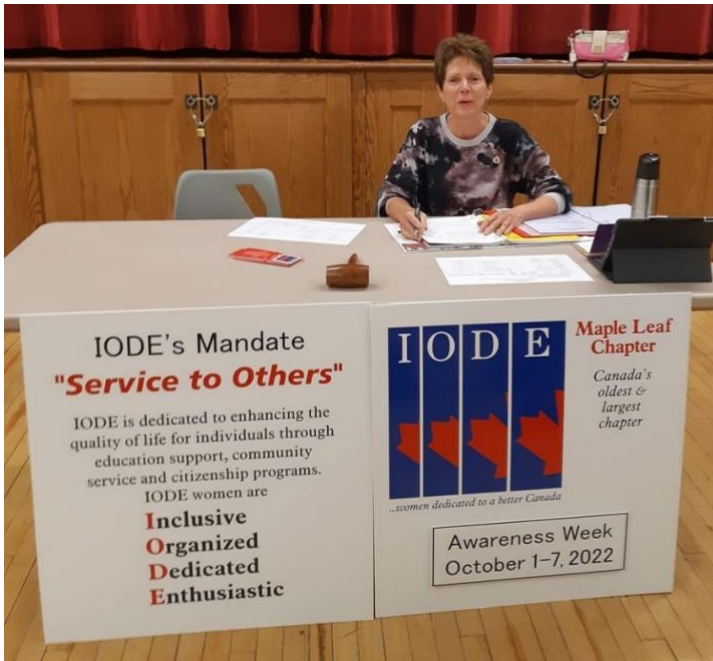
- ✓ Read ALL the instructions on your Invitation for Zoom.
- ✓ Help each other learn a new skill and get connected.
- ✓ "Raise your hand" if you have a follow-up question for the guest speaker.
- ✓ Enjoy a successful meeting and the fellowship of IODE across Ontario!

**You are Virtually the Best **



IODE Awareness Week

Thank you to the chapters that have sent their IODE Awareness Week reports. It was wonderful to see the displays and all the various events. Please continue to share your pictures.



Often a Picture is worth a thousand words.



IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, currently has eleven members. They recycle newspapers and volunteer a couple of times each month at Jackpot City Bingo. All the money raised goes back into the community and to different charities around St. Thomas, such as STEGH, Christmas Care, 2nd stage housing and The Inn, etc. This year, the chapter once again held its annual barbecue at a local nursery as well as a bridge and euchre night. Monies raised supported two bursaries for local high school students and the Rotary Music Festival. The chapter also has an adopted school in Labrador and sends three or four parcels each year.

Social Media: Facebook and Twitter

Email: iodeontario@gmail.com

IODE is a membership of women who are:

Inclusive, **O**rganized, **D**edicated and **E**nthusiastic.

Citizenship

by Kathryn Weston, Citizenship Officer & Standard Bearer

INTERNET AND TELEPHONE FRAUD AND SCAMS are becoming more sophisticated and more prevalent. The reason for this is that they are very successful means by which criminals can receive large amounts of money very quickly from many people. Although the 'Nigerian Prince' scams are still out there, several other methods exist and are constantly being revised. For example, scammers taking over email addresses and sending distress calls to people on the contact list can be compelling when you want to help a friend in need of money.

The guest speakers for the Provincial Annual Meeting are police officers who specialize in internet fraud. Please consider registering for the meeting to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The afternoon session, at a cost of only \$20.00 will be very informative and may possibly save you more than \$20.00 by increasing your awareness of the fraudsters operating on the internet these days.

Here are some general ways to protect yourself:

Remember: Scammers are counting on the fact that you will want to act quickly to help your friends or loved ones in an emergency.

Caution: Never send money to anyone you don't know and trust. Verify the person's identity by other means such as a phone call before taking any steps to help them.

Think: Don't give out any personal information to the caller.

Investigate: Does the caller's story make sense? Ask the person questions that only your friend or loved one would be able to answer.

*Adapted from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC)

SUPPORTING IODE ONTARIO CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVES:

As your chapter is developing the budget for 2023 please consider a small donation to the Provincial Citizenship Fund. Even \$20.00 would make a difference in the ability to continue to support the IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award. This award consists of a monetary donation to be given to the recipient's organization of choice, an engraved plaque and a certificate. It is given annually to an OPP Officer or Detachment for service to the community beyond policing. The recipient is chosen by the OPP and has always been an outstanding example of community involvement.

Membership

by Michelle Batty, Membership Officer

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to welcoming new members to your chapters and honouring the wonderful accomplishments of current members. In 2022 it was wonderful to see the growth in membership, the chapter members embracing and welcoming new ladies to their meetings and using every opportunity to increase awareness of IODE contributions in local communities.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS:

1. RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Goal: Each chapter in Ontario commits to recruiting at least one new member in 2023.

The past year showed us the benefit of showcasing IODE activities in our communities. The special celebrations for the late Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, IODE Awareness Week events, the many posts on social media and coverage by local media all contributed to an interest in IODE. Web site searches and requests for more information on membership helped to connect prospective new members with chapters. We must use every opportunity to brag about the good works of our IODE chapters. Let's generate interest in IODE all year long.

2. HONOURING OUR MEMBERS

Goal: Each chapter in Ontario commits to recognize their chapter members.

- Consider recognizing your members with 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60-year pins, available from IODE Canada for only \$10 each.
- Life memberships are not about length of service but about extraordinary contributions and service. Remember to share these accomplishments on social media, with local media and with IODE Canada and IODE Ontario.
- Don't forget to submit members names for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, OVSA.
- Sometimes it can be as simple as having a cake and celebration at a chapter meeting for a member's milestone birthday.

3. CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM

Goal: Pick one successful 2022 project and do it again.

The Jubilee projects generated some unique, easy and wonderful projects that showcased the awesomeness of IODE membership. Never underestimate the impact that your chapter can have on others. We touch the hearts of those in our community with our good deeds. I know that the knitters in our membership bring warmth and comfort to those in need. It is not complicated. Just share your gifts to be a good member!

Members with NO email??

Please share this Newsletter with all of your members,
especially those without email.

As always, email us at: iodeontario@gmail.com to report
new email addresses and corrections.

IODE Chapters in Action



IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, donated a Veteran's Memorial reflection bench at the Town's cenotaph.



During Remembrance Week, the window of the Victory/Thrift Shop of IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay, featured the work from Quilts of Valour. Supplies and machine quilting have been donated to the Quilter's Guilds in the North Bay area involved in this Canada wide organization.



IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, tells us...

Christmas is just around the corner and knowing how long parcels take to arrive in the fly-in community of Cat Lake, where we have two adopted classes, in the Lawrence Wesley Education Centre, a parcel for each class is packed and ready to go.

The parcels are hats, mitts and neck warmers for each of the 40 children, spare socks for emergency use, Christmas decorations, games, candy canes, Christmas pencils, cards, jigsaw puzzles, books and craft items. (pictured on left) We are grateful our supporters who knitted some of the hats, mitts and neck warmers for us.

IODE Chapters in Action



IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London: This Chapter is small but mighty. The chapter has been making quilts for Y.O.U. (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) in London. These beautiful quilts go into the rooms for homeless youth, aged 16 – 25 years. The Y.O.U. finds individuals who need help, starting with the most immediate needs and collaborates with them to supply whatever services are needed.



IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, donated 100 books to the Lambton Literacy Association. They also supplied and prepared food for meals to be delivered to disadvantaged citizens by the Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Service Vehicle (EDSV).



IODE Chapters in Action



IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter. Petrolia, apple pie crew.



*IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville,
Spring Flower Sales.*

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgeway,
members at the cenotaph that was erected
by their Chapter and the IODE Kent
Chapter, Ridgeway in 1921.



IODE Chapters in Action

48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto



Sue Lake welcomes daughter Lindsay as the newest member at the IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter's tea.



Top 1st pic: Regent Shirley Ann Elms presented IODE Canadian Force bars to Sadie Pedwell, Bonnie Brown-Thompson and Quenda Stern. Featured in 2nd pic and below (l-r) are Kathryn Boyden, Catherine Kent, Sue Lake, Dianne Love, Susan Arbour, Lorelei Cornish, Kirsty Hanson, and Ashley Bonnell receiving IODE years of service pins.



Congratulations members!!!

IODE Years of Service Pins



The following members received Years of Service pins from IODE

Congratulations to **IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto members:

- 5 years: Ashley Bonnell, Tracey Bradford, Bonnie Brown-Thompson, Kathryn Boyden, Susan Lake, and Sadie Pedwell
- 10 years: Lorelei Cornish, Kirsty Hanson, Catherine Kent, Janet MacKay, and Marilyn Willis
- 15 years: to Linda Lang
- 20 years: to Shirley Ann Elms
- 30 years: to Karen Barker, Dianne Love, and Quenda Stern
- 40 years: to Susan Arbour, Beth Crook, Carol Anne MacInnes, and Mary Oliver
- 50 years: to Marjorie Harding

Congratulations to **IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter**, Orangeville, members:

Marilyn Maxwell and Sandra Voisey for 40 years of service to IODE.

Congratulations to the following **IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter**, Bradford, members:

Aynsley McMillan.....15 years
Courtney Elliott.....20 years
Pat Winnacott.....25 years
Margaret Canavan.....30 years
Marcia Gaudet.....35 years

Congratulations to the following **IODE Bertha Cane Chapter**, Bradford, members:

Janice Langlois, 30 years and Amy Seilis, 10 years

Congratulations to the following **IODE Catherine McVean Chapter**, Dresden, members:

10 years: Marie Carter, Karen Melton, Emma Richards

20 years: Kris Kearney-Richards and Laurie Dunlop

Happy Birthday to Bonnie Jean Miller,
a former member of the IODE Windsor Rose Chapter, Toronto on her 100th birthday.

Please send your Information to IODE Ontario

Did you know that IODE Ontario also sends certificates and letter of congratulations to members who are receiving years of service pins from IODE Canada? When you request IODE Canada to send these pins to your chapter, please copy the email to IODE Ontario so that we may celebrate with you.



IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, Bench and Tree Planting Dedication at Queen Elizabeth II



48th Highlanders Chapter book donations received at December tea commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be donated to Holland-Bloorview Rehabilitation Hospital.



IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter. Petrolia, Platinum Jubilee Bench and enhanced trails dedication on a rainy day in October.



IODE Ontario
103rd Provincial Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 2023, via Zoom
Theme: "Celebrating You"
Provisional Agenda

Saturday Morning Business Session Via Zoom

*(Link to the **PAM Zoom Invitations** will be provided to Registrants on April 21st)*

9:30-10 a.m.- Admission of all registrants

10:00 a.m. sharp - Official Opening of the Morning Session

- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
- 'O Canada'/Prayer/Affirmation/Statement of Values
- Welcome / In Memoriam / Introductions
- Resolutions of Loyalty
- Greetings from the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell
- National IODE President's Greetings
- Presentation & Seconding of the 2022 Annual Reports
- Secretary & Treasurer's Reports
- "Helpful Tips for Small Chapters" presentation
- National & Provincial Councillors Election Results
- Services Announcements
- Meet our 2022 IODE Gladys Raiter recipient

12:00 Noon - Closing of the Morning Session

Lunch Break

*(Please click "**Leave.**" Reconnect to Zoom for the afternoon sessions using the new link provided in your email.)*

Saturday Afternoon Session Via Zoom

12:30-1:00 p.m.- Admission to Full registrations

- **1:00 p.m. sharp: IODE OPP Community Relations Award**
- IODE Jean Throop Book Award Presentation
- Guest Speakers: "Protecting Yourself Against Internet Frauds and Scams"
- Membership Awards Presentation
- Nominating Committee Report/ Installation of the 2023-2024 IODE Ontario Executive
- President's Remarks
- Announcements/Report Cards

3:00 p.m. "God Save the King"/ Official Closing of PAM 2023

NOTES: All Registrants are asked to PLEASE Log in ON TIME and once in the meeting:

1. RENAME yourself to your PAM Registered Name
2. Use the HAND RAISING icon (located in Participant's window/Reactions) in order to be recognized to speak
3. Stay on MUTE unless recognized to speak by the Chair
4. When speaking, state NAME and CHAPTER for the benefit of phone callers or those with no videos.
5. For best viewing experience, switch screen views (top right corner) from SPEAKER to GALLERY as needed.



IODE Ontario
103rd Provincial Annual Meeting

Theme: “Celebrating You”

Saturday, April 22, 2023 (Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

Name: _____

Chapter: IODE _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

First Time Attendee? _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 14th (To allow delivery of ZOOM Invitations and Emails)

1. Download this form & fill. (All items are required for registration.)
2. Save on your desktop.
3. Email as an attachment to Registrar: iodemichellebatty@outlook.com
4. Business Session (A.M. only) is free; registration is required to receive the zoom link.

FULL REGISTRATION (A.M. and P.M. sessions)\$20

Registration Package includes Opening Ceremonies, IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award Flyer, IODE Jean Throop Book Award Flyer, Guest Speaker, Membership Awards, Installation of Officers, plus more.

A choice of either a printed 2022 Annual Report or free download from the website at iodeontario.ca

- _____ Yes, I would like a printed copy of the 2022 Annual Report mailed in May/June.
- _____ I would like to give a donation to IODE Ontario Donors Circle or to another Provincial Fund.
 Provincial Fund: _____ and enclosed is \$_____

TOTAL PAYABLE CHEQUE to “Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE” \$_____

Send Cheque to: Registrar, IODE Ontario 45 Frid St., Suite 9, Hamilton, ON L8P 4M3

OR I am paying by e-transfer \$_____ to iodebookkeeper@bellnet.ca

A fillable Registration form is also available at iodeontario.ca

Books Available:

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| <i>A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women.</i> | Cost \$20 plus \$10 shipping |
| <i>IODE Ontario, 1920-2020, 100 Years of Community Service.</i> | Cost \$15 plus \$10 shipping |