



# IODE Ontario

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## Meet Helen...Our New Provincial President



*Erin Pollard (left) pins the Provincial President's badge on her Mom, Helen Danby at the 2022 Provincial Annual Meeting*

"Hi my name is Helen Danby and I am your current Provincial President. In 1993, I joined the IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter in Petrolia when I was working full time as a secondary school Physical Education, Math and Science teacher and later administrator. Fascinated by IODE with its education awards and bursaries, I joined and have held the positions of Assistant Education and Education Officer at the primary, municipal and provincial levels. I have also been First and Second Vice-President at the Provincial level, as well as President at the primary and municipal levels.

In 2007, after retiring from teaching, I became part of the Provincial Executive Committee as a councillor and quickly became involved and held the positions of the Provincial Annual Meeting Convenor, Education Officer, Archivist and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convenor. As the Sarnia-Lambton Municipal President, I wrote the history for the chapter for its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and recorded all executive and members of the chapters in the area. This project blossomed to include the creation of a provincial database with over 50,000 IODE members of various IODE chapters. To this day, it continues as an on-going project.

As Provincial Archivist, I have researched and contributed to the two recent provincial anniversary books "A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women" and "IODE Ontario 1920-2020, 100 Years of Community Service." I have served on many committees at the Provincial Chapter level since 2008.

Outside of IODE, I volunteer with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) and enjoy golfing, gardening and time with our two grandchildren. I have two daughters Alison and Erin of whom I am extremely proud and my husband Larry who is musical and creative.

At the provincial level, we have already established a committee to review the format of Annual Reports making it easier for the primary chapters to complete and submit. **Your ideas in this area are always welcome!** I firmly believe that recognizing problems, could lead to solutions. Brainstorming or seeking alternate solutions give way to satisfactory results.

The annual report is a part of your chapter's history! And, the history of IODE within your community and province is important and something of which we can all be proud. The Provincial Annual Report is a composite report of all the primary chapters with some highlights from provincial. It is a full account of the many wonderful services and accomplishments from each IODE chapter in the province. However, this is only made possible if you, as a primary chapter, tell us what you have done. The Provincial Annual Report is available on the website [www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca) and may give your chapter ideas for future projects, gatherings, etc." ♦



# 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting via Zoom on April 23, 2022

### Special Guest Speakers:

The guest speakers at this year’s Annual Meeting were excellent. Guest speaker, Sergeant Gilles Lachance, of the OPP Indigenous Liaison Team, with the aid of some interesting pictures, explained his role as an OPP Liaison Officer with the Indigenous Communities and spoke highly of IODE Ontario and the help we provide. The OPP relay system that is used to transport items to communities where they are desperately needed was included. His presentation is available on our website for future reference.

National IODE Membership Officer, Liz Hancock of Vancouver, B.C. spoke about the four Membership Pillars, an initiative currently being undertaken in order to grow membership In IODE and maintain member satisfaction.



**Sgt. Gilles Lachance of the OPP  
Indigenous Liaison Team**



**National IODE Membership  
Officer, Liz Hancock**



### Membership Awards:

Congratulations to the 13 chapters that installed new members in 2021. Membership Award winners with the most new members were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place** with six new members.....IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place** with five new members..... IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place** with four new members.....IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester

## ***HIGHLIGHTS: 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting...***

### **2022 IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award:**

IODE Ontario Police Community Relations was presented to Sergeant Clayton Brown of the OPP Highway Safety Division in Aurora. The 2022 recipient has a long-term interest in volunteering and working with youth, currently in the York Region and Peel high schools.

Sergeant Brown spoke briefly of his work with Indigenous and non-Indigenous post-secondary students from across Ontario. The award money will be used towards working with the students on the 'Impairment by Drug' project or 'Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2Spirited People (MMIWG2S) First Nations project to fund the production of the art books.



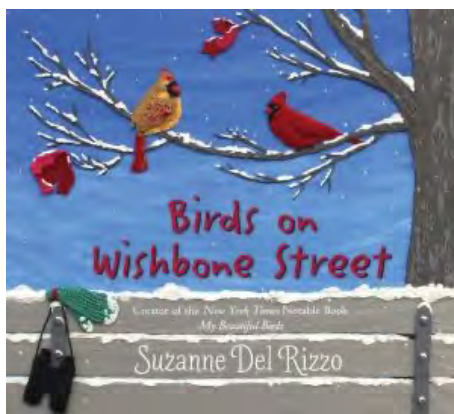
**2022 OPP  
Community Relations  
Award Plaque**



**IODE Ontario OPP Community Relations Award recipient, Sergeant Clayton Brown, here pictured with his wife, at the 2022 PAM.**

### **2022 IODE Jean Throop Book Award:**

The winning book for the IODE Jean Throop Book Award was presented to Suzanne Del Rizzo, author and illustrator of 'Birds on Wishbone Street.'



**“Birds on Wishbone Street” by winning author, Suzanne Del Rizzo**

Limited number of books are available through IODE Ontario ([iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com)) or through Indigo Books. You can purchase the books with an Indigo gift card that you can buy from the IODE Canada website, *IODE Snack Pack for Labrador* will get 15% from the store and no extra charge to you. (See instructions on how to order Indigo Gift cards on page 12.)

***HIGHLIGHTS: 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting...***



**View Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell's  
Video PAM greetings on the Provincial  
website: [www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca)**



**IODE Ontario President Linda Gryner's daughter, Emm Gryner (right) jazzed up her Mom's outgoing presidential address with a vocal rendition of "Let's Face the Music and Dance".**



**Linda Dennis, IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, was recognized for her many years of service and dedication as Chair of the IODE Jean Throop Book Selection Committee.**



**Provincial Assistant Education Officer in charge of Adopted Schools, Aileen Reid gave an excellent powerpoint update on the "Play it Forward" project. (see Aileen's presentation on the IODE Ontario website.)**

## ***HIGHLIGHTS: 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting...***

### **Installation of the 2022-2023 IODE Ontario Officers:**

President: Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
1st Vice-President – Michelle Batty, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia  
2nd Vice President – Betsy Thompson, IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford  
Secretary – Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia  
Treasurer – Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown  
Citizenship – Kathryn Weston, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
Communications – Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia  
Education – Lisa Cossar, IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford  
Assistant Education (Adopted Schools) – Aileen Reid, IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester  
Membership – Michelle Batty, IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia  
Services Co-Officer- Virginia Reade, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton  
Services Co-Officer- Gloria Saunders, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
Standard Bearer - Kathryn Weston, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia

#### Area Vice-Presidents:

Eastern Area Vice-President — Jo Brodie, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa  
Mid Central Area Vice-President — Aileen Reid, IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester  
North Central Area Vice-President — Chris Bateman, IODE West Gwillimbury, Bradford  
Northern Area Vice-President — Heather Stuart, IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter North Bay  
South Central Area Vice-President — Donna O'Reilly, IODE Freelton, Freelton  
Southwestern Area-Vice President — vacant  
Toronto Area Vice-President — Catherine Moore, IODE Kathleen Drope, Toronto



**National IODE President, Carol McCall installed the slate of officers for IODE Ontario**

## ***HIGHLIGHTS: 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting...***

Provincial Councillors are integral members of the governing body of IODE Ontario who serve as liaison between the primary chapters and the Provincial Chapter. In the fall, primary chapters are requested to send their nominations for Provincial Councillors, as well as for National Councillors with a deadline date of November 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

**Councillors-National: Article VIII. Section 8.06:** *Each province or territory shall be entitled to elect two National Chapter councillors for up to the first one hundred members in good standing within its jurisdiction and one councillor for each additional hundred members or major fraction thereof. In addition, each provincial chapter shall be entitled at its annual meeting to elect three further National councillors.*

**Provincial By-Law #11 (b):** *In each Provincial voting Area there shall be allocated one (1) Councillor for every approximately 40 members in good standing plus an additional four (4) Councillors to the area of Provincial Headquarters.*

### **Elected PROVINCIAL Councillors for 2022-2023:**

Garna Argenti, IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham  
Chris Bateman, IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford  
Michelle Batty, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia  
Eleanor Bentley, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton  
Margaret Bentley, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton  
Ashley Bonnell, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto  
Jo Brodie, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa  
Bonnie Brown-Thompson, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto  
Ruth Ann Butler, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London  
Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown  
Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia  
Lisa Cossar, IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford  
Karen Dalton, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London  
Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
Margo MacKinnon, IODE Rouge Valley Chapter, Scarborough  
Susan Davis, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton  
Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto  
Cara Fabian, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Waterloo  
Patti Fabian, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Waterloo  
Peggy Gallipeau, IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place  
Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia  
Jean Hof, IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton  
Nancy Hughes, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich  
Ietje Kerkhoff, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London  
Dr. Patricia Kresan, IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford  
Susan Lake, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto  
Jayne Little, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia  
Norma Lyttle Chicoine, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester

**Elected PROVINCIAL Councillors for 2022-2023 (con't.)**

Hazel MacLeod, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London  
Carol McCall, IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto  
Gail McDiarmid, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville  
Catherine Moore, IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto  
Penny Murray, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich  
Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London  
Donna O'Reilly, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton  
Virginia Reade, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton  
Bonnie Rees, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Waterloo  
Aileen Reid, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester  
Lynda Rivard, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton  
Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean  
Gloria Saunders, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton  
Sandra Smith, IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham  
Heather Stuart, IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay  
Betsy Thompson, IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford  
Wendy Weston, IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden  
Kathryn Weston, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
Laura Williams, IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas

**IODE Ontario's Elected NATIONAL Councillors for 2022-2023:**

Chris Bateman, IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford  
Michelle Batty, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia  
Dana Bryant, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville  
Ruth Ann Butler, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London  
Lisa Cossar, IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford  
Karen Dalton, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London  
Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto  
Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia  
Nancy Hughes, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich  
Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean  
Gloria Saunders, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton

*For Your Information...*

- **All Provincial Officers in IODE Ontario, by right-of-office, are members of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and are therefore National Councillors. They serve as liaison between Primary Chapters, the Provincial Chapter of Ontario and the National IODE Chapter.**
- **The Provincial President, by right of office, is a member of the Board of Directors of IODE Canada during her term of presidency.**
- **Please do not hesitate to contact the councillor in your area, the Area Vice-President or any Provincial Officer if you have questions or concerns about IODE. We are here to help you.**

# MEMBERSHIP



*by Michelle Batty, Membership Officer*

I am looking forward to my new position as Membership Officer for IODE Ontario and connecting with the Chapter Membership Officers by zoom. It is very encouraging to see so many requests coming from IODE Canada website for information on membership and volunteer opportunities. Linda Gryner, IODE Canada Membership Officer and I will work closely together to ensure that we respond quickly to these requests in the hopes of more women joining our wonderful organization. We need everyone to promote the benefits of being an IODE member.

At the 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing from Liz Hancock, IODE Canada 2021-2022 Membership Officer about the 4 Membership Pillars. Stay tuned for the next steps as we plan to implement the recommendations.

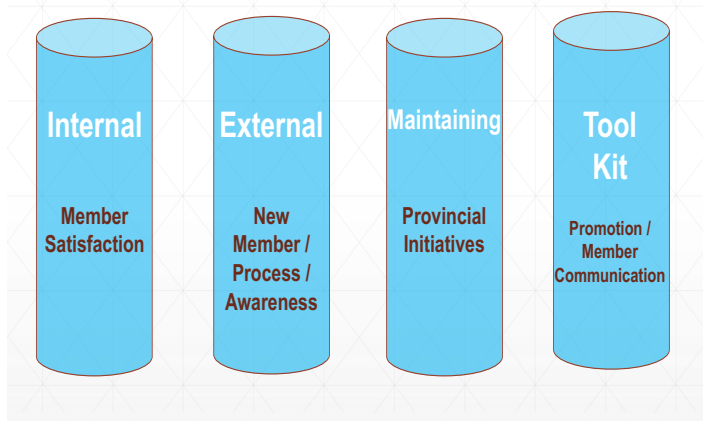
A few suggested activities for IODE members at no cost or minimal cost:

- Gather gently used magazines and donate them to doctors' offices, senior homes, shelters and hospitals, etc. Write or make labels indicating this is donated by IODE.
- Donate gently used clothing to shelters or thrift shops.
- Ditto with gently used bedding and towels.
- If your towels are not suitable to donate to a shelter, consider offering them to the local animal shelter.
- Use the mini toiletries from hotel rooms and donate them to shelters, etc.
- Shop at thrift stores for gently used backpacks or jeans and donate them to teen drop-in centres.

Everything we do is important in making a change and helping others. Fundraising is not the only option to contributing to our communities.

**Stay Connected with the Provincial and National Chapters and plan to be fully engaged when TOGETHER, we put into ACTION the Membership Pillars initiatives!**

## The Launch: National Councillors



## Let us Celebrate IODE Members!

Service pins for various years of service (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years) are available through IODE Canada. ([iodecanada@bellnet.ca](mailto:iodecanada@bellnet.ca)) for a minimal cost.

Please notify the Provincial Chapter ([iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com)) if you are recognizing your members, by emailing the recipients' names, years of service and date of award. Thanks.





# IODE Membership Pins

## IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich

President Penny Murray and membership Officer Anne marie Beck presented Membership pins in June.



**40-Year Pin recipients, Merle Stanbury, Johnine Strickland, Joan Perrott, and Roz Campbell**

**30-Year Pin recipients, Roberta Machan, Patti McManus, Emily Crew, Katerina Romano, Lynn Edwards**



**50 and 60 Year Pin recipients, Cathy McDonald (left) 50 years and Patricia Stringer (60)**



**14 recipients for 5 year pins**

## IODE Captain Nichola Goddard & IODE Humber Valley Chapter, Toronto

**60 Years: Barbara Johnston**

## IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford

- 5 Years: Amy Cross**
- 10 Years: Kate McKeown & Mary MacMillan**
- 20 Years: Fern McKelvie**
- 30 Years: Betsy Thompson & Marian Morton**
- 40 Years: Diane Splaine**
- 60 Years: Marilyn Murray**



## IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester

**Marion Niessen, life member; 5 year pins to Jen Ashby and Sharron McMillan, Doreen Campbell, life member & 40 year pin; Helen Reid 5 year pin; Joyce Brouwer 10 year pin; Marion Hearn 40 year pin. Missing Kristen Van Berkel 5 year pin;**



**Congratulations on Primary Life Memberships!**

**Doreen Campbell and Marion Niessen**



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## ***IODE Eldon House Chapter, London***

### **Celebrates Membership Years and a belated 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

IODE Membership recipients were:  
10 Years- Kathy Newnes, Lori Dickie,  
Susan Latta & Cathy Willems;  
30 Years -Ruth Ann Butler, Hazel MacLeod  
40 Years- Karen Dalton, Marnie Luce,  
Ietje Kerkhoff, Tory Garfat, Marion Hearn;  
50 Years- Marg Meathrel  
60 Years- Patricia Steele



Happy 60+ Anniversary



Marg Meathrel, 50-Year  
Membership Pin.



Mother-Daughter  
members of IODE Eldon House,  
Karen and Marty Dalton  
(below) have together amassed  
close to 100 years of service.



National IODE Secretary, Chris Bateman of  
Queensville (centre) pictured here with 30-  
year membership recipients Hazel MacLeod  
(far left) and Ruth Ann Butler.



Kathy Newnes 10 -Year  
Membership Pin.



IODE Canada President, Jane Cushing of  
Saint John, N.B. attended and brought  
greetings and congratulations on behalf of  
National IODE.



Patricia Steele, 60 Year Membership Pin.

# SERVICES

Gloria Saunders & Virginia Reade, Services Co-Officers



**THESE ARE A FEW OF  
OUR FAVOURITE  
THINGS!!!**



The song line above says it all. It is so much fun to open up donated parcels and find these wonderful knitted items inside. Small children in the Northern communities have few toys and these cuties are VERY much appreciated.



## Every purchase is important!

***Did you know that when you order Indigo gift certificates through IODE Canada's "Shop to Give Program", you are supporting the IODE Snack Pack Program? Tell your friends and family about this program!***

Here is how to order books from Indigo and donate to the Snack Pack Program:

1. Go to [iode.ca](http://iode.ca)
2. On the front (home page) go to the middle of the page to the article about IODE Snack Pack Program.
3. Click on the paragraph that talks about giving through Indigo. This will take you to a separate page that is titled IODE Shop to Give. You have an option to donate now or shop online- give cash back.
4. Click on the Image of the Indigo e-gift card below the page. Then purchase your gift card.
5. Enter your name and email (required for confirmation)
6. Click go to checkout- select the \$ amount- choose the quantity and go to checkout.
7. Click "Guest Checkout" and click next.
8. Delivery- click "Send order to your personal email address"- click next.
9. Enter your credit card information- at this point you will see a message that you gave \$0.00; this is the 15% that the IODE Snack Pack program will receive from the value of your purchase- click next.
10. Next step after reviewing- click place order. An email will be sent to your personal email address with e-gift card and PIN numbers.
11. The last screen will show *"Thank you, your order has been sent to you and is available to download below."* The order number and dollar amount is displayed with date of purchase, with a note that you **"Give \$x to IODE Canada- IODE Shop to Give"**.
12. Please print your pdf or save it with your name to your computer. Use your e-gift card to order online or the printed e-gift card at an Indigo/Chapters store.

**This Newsletter is for your information as a  
Primary Chapter member.**

**IODE Ontario would like to help you share your stories and  
recognize your members.**

**Primary Chapters are encouraged to send photos of their special  
events and membership recognition to IODE Ontario at  
[iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com)**



**MEMO TO ALL IODE PRIMARY CHAPTERS**

This year, as part of the 2022 Annual Reports, we are including a special Report on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (similar to the Special COVID Report we had for the 2020 Annual Report.) Please let us know how you are celebrating or have celebrated Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee by sending a write up, with properly captioned pictures to IODE Ontario. Email [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com)

***Lieutenant Governor's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party***

Representing the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE at Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party were 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Michelle Batty and Past Provincial President Linda Gryner. The June 5<sup>th</sup> event hosted around 200 people and was held at the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto.



Pictured with Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell are IODE Ontario's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Michelle Batty (far left) and Past Provincial President, Linda Gryner.

# IODE Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to date

## Tea Parties...



IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place



IODE Captain Hooper Chapter members (L-R): Hilda Docker, Donna Fairbain, Bev Shepley, Karen Brunton, Barb Nauss and Brenda Mattey.



IODE Captain Hooper Chapter members baked, packed and distributed 250 IODE labelled packages of crown-shaped Platinum Jubilee cookies at the Garden Tea Party in Carleton Place. On the right is Jake Gallipeau and his wife, Peggy who is President of the chapter.



Brenda Mattey hat distributing Platinum Jubilee cookies.



IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgeway



IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich



## *IODE Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to date ...*



**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester**

### *Jubilee Luncheon...*



**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter Platinum Jubilee Luncheon, Sarnia where members Carleen Weaver and Robin Chamberlain were the only ones who modelled their hats.**

### *Special Platinum Jubilee Church Service...*

On Sunday June 5 2022, three members of IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton attended a service of Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral Hamilton, commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Ascension of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The Rt. Reverend Susan Bell Bishop of Niagara spoke about the history and role of Kingship in the bible and how Her Majesty, a devoted Christian, had dedicated her life in service to her people through her faith.

**Pictured on the left are members of the IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton (L-R) Lori Graf, Jennifer Early and Nancy Corman who attended the Queen's Jubilee Service at Christ Church Cathedral in Hamilton.**



### **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](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com) to report new email addresses and corrections.

# COMMUNICATIONS

by Linda Gryner

## IODE Awareness Week

The week of October 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 has been designated as IODE Awareness Week throughout the country. How are you planning to call awareness to our organization? We are very interested in knowing how you will promote IODE that week by sending your “story” to [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com)

Sending a Press Release to your local publications and sharing all the good things IODE members have done for the community is one excellent way of promoting IODE. On the National website ([www.iode.ca](http://www.iode.ca)) under Members’ Resources is a document called **How to Prepare a Media Release**. Aside from the guidelines provided in preparing a media release, here are a few items that could be included in a Press Release:

- IODE’s Mission statement or Statement of Values (including this will tell the general public what IODE is).
- A little history of your local chapter, e.g, when it was chartered, first project, etc.
- Community projects undertaken in the past and the ones being currently undertaken
- Partnerships created with other organizations
- Good quality digital photos, accompanied by captions.

## The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Year

The 2022 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee is an appropriate opportunity to communicate with others what IODE is and our ties with the Queen. Did you know that at the 1953 National Annual Meeting, then National President Helen Chipman announced that Her Majesty had granted her patronage to IODE? Did you also know that IODE is only one of 600 global organizations given patronage by the Queen?

Whether or not your chapter received a Platinum Jubilee grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage, if your chapter held an event to specially commemorate this anniversary, please send us a write up describing the event and supporting photos.

## Social Media

Whenever possible, find a reason to let the public know how IODE has made a difference in your community using the various social media platforms. And that **IODE** describes the

membership of women who are **I**nclusive, **O**rganized, **D**edicated and **E**nthusiastic.

The late American poet, Matthew Stepanek once said, “**Unity is strength...when there is teamwork, communication and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.**”

Let us hear about the wonderful things that your chapters have done so far in 2022!

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