

IODE Ontario



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The 95th Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario, a one-day meeting, formally opened at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18th, 2015, at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario, with **President Karen Barker** presiding. We were honoured by the attendance of **E. Anne Mason, President of IODE Canada**.

The Piper led the procession followed by the Standard Bearer **Sheila DeJaegher** and then the **President and Officers** into the meeting room. The singing of the National Anthem was followed by the placing of the Standard followed by the IODE Prayer. Two minutes of silent tribute honoured the memory of those members who had passed away during the year, including **Provincial Life Member Dorothy Brown, Provincial Life Member Evelyn Mitchell** and **Provincial Life Member Joan Murchie**.

It was with regret that members noted the loss of two members of our Armed Forces killed while on duty, **Corporal Nathan Cirillo** at the National War Memorial, Ottawa and **Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent** killed by a vehicle in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

The Affirmation of IODE was repeated by the members and the President declared the meeting open for the transaction of business. The President expressed the wish to the members that they leave the meeting rejuvenated and encouraged to continue the work of IODE.

President Karen Barker thanked the organizing committee of Friday evening's *Days Done Bytown*. Members from IODE Ottawa, including **Barb Adair, Valerie Blais, Elanor Brodie, Jo Brodie, Ann Dyer, Gwyneth Harkin, Charlotte Perry** and **Caroline Rodgers** did a great deal of work in getting all of the pieces in place for an evening full of fun. Thank you to all who were involved.

Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Governor General as well as Greetings to the Lieutenant Governor were prepared by **Honorary Vice-President Bonnie G. Rees**.

First Vice-President Renate Schuetz assumed the chair.

The Resolution of Loyalty to The Queen was presented by **President Karen Barker**.

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, QUEEN OF CANADA

"May it please Your Majesty:

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), assembled in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada, on the occasion of their

95th Provincial Annual Meeting, respectfully wish to present to Her Majesty, our beloved Queen and Patron, expressions of their continued loyalty and fidelity to Her Majesty.

Affectionate greetings are extended to His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and all members of the Royal Family. Sincere good wishes are sent for the safe arrival of the second child of Their Royal Highnesses Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge.

IODE members in Ontario further assure Her Majesty of their continuing efforts to fulfill the Mission of IODE, which is to enhance the quality of life for all Canadians through educational, social service and citizenship programs. They pray that Her Majesty and all members of the Royal Family continue in good health and find much happiness in the coming year.”

**MOTION: THAT the Resolution of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II be adopted
by a standing vote. **CARRIED****

Moved by: Heather Stuart, IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay

Seconded by: Josie Hamilton, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa

President Karen Barker resumed the chair.

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The Resolution of Loyalty to The Governor General was presented by **First Vice-President Renate Schuetz**.

**RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY TO
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
DAVID JOHNSTON, CC, CMM, COM, CD, FRSC, FRCPSC
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada**

“May it please Your Excellency:

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), assembled in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada, on the occasion of their 95th Provincial Annual Meeting, present an affirmation of their loyalty and allegiance to the Crown, to His Excellency, The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

Affectionate greetings are extended to Her Excellency Mrs. Sharon Johnston, the Honorary President of The National Chapter of Canada IODE.

His Excellency's call to service for all people of Ontario resonates to the members of IODE, as the IODE Mission Statement speaks directly to this request in its programs in education, social service and citizenship. IODE's goals echo His Excellency's desire to build a more caring nation. Indeed, IODE members applaud the sentiment expressed in His Excellency's Coat of Arms, “Contemplare Meliora” (to envision a better world).

As the official representative of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada and beloved Patron of IODE, may His Excellency be blessed as he fulfils his pledge to serve our Sovereign and Canada.”

MOTION: THAT the Resolution of Loyalty to His Excellency, The Right Honourable David Johnston be adopted by a standing vote. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Beth Crook, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

Seconded by: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

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First Vice-President Renate Schuetz assumed the chair.

The Greetings to The Lieutenant Governor were presented by **President Karen Barker**.

**GREETINGS TO
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
THE HONOURABLE ELIZABETH DOWDESWELL OC OOnt**

“May It Please Your Honour,

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire), assembled in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada, on the occasion of their 95th Provincial Annual Meeting, respectfully wish to present most loyal and sincere greetings to The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honorable Elizabeth Dowdeswell.

Enthusiastic congratulations are extended on Your Honour’s appointment to this prestigious office and for accepting the challenge of representing Her Majesty the Queen with humility but without hesitation. Your Honour’s commitment to continue to nurture the objectives that your predecessors held dear is laudable. We commend Your Honour’s desire to convene diverse groups of Ontarians to hear their ideas about Ontario’s place in the world.

All IODE members assure Your Honour of their concerted effort to strive to fulfill the Mission of IODE to enhance the quality of life for all Canadians through their educational, social service and citizenship programs.

May the blessing of God go with you during this newest phase of your notable career.”

MOTION: THAT the Greeting to the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell be adopted by a standing vote. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Sue Harrison, IODE Glen Stewart Chapter, Toronto

Seconded by: Barb Rafter, IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa

President Karen Barker resumed the chair.

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President Karen Barker introduced IODE Canada **President E. Anne Mason** who presented Greetings from IODE Canada.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE – E. Anne Mason, President

“Madam Provincial President, Officers, Members, honoured guests,
On behalf of IODE Canada and the National Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the members in Ontario at the time of your 95th Provincial Annual Meeting. We are here to celebrate what you have accomplished throughout 2014, to network with members from across the province and to hear about the possibilities for the future.

It is encouraging to read your annual reports and I am very impressed by the good works accomplished by IODE in Ontario, by working as a team of dedicated volunteers. This provincial chapter is an important part of this team.

Our IODE team is made up of primary chapter members working within their own chapters, municipal chapter members working within their jurisdictions, provincial officers who oversee the provincial programs, national councillors from each province and the National Board of Directors. Each person is important; each one brings her own unique talents and viewpoints to the table, all of which contribute to the success of any project. It takes a team of volunteers to run a successful program; you can't work alone. Remember, there is no I in Team!

Each member of IODE should be proud to be a part of this national organization. You may be happy – justifiably so – to support your local and provincial projects but you must remember that you are doing so in the name of a national non-profit charitable organization, without whom you could not do the work that you do. I'd like to remind you why it is important to maintain a National Chapter:

1. Charitable status
 - Each primary chapter could not maintain a charitable status and report directly to the government.
 - Each primary chapter could function as a group and do good works, but not be able to issue tax receipts.
2. HST
 - The National Chapter has a master number for the organization
 - Each primary chapter could not maintain the paperwork and work with the government to ensure HST rebates
3. War Memorial Scholarships
 - these scholarships are ongoing and the interest must be used to provide scholarships
 - The National Chapter prepares and processes the applications through the War Memorial Committee and issues the cheques at the appropriate time
4. *Echoes*
 - without the National Chapter, there would not be a national magazine to inform other chapters about the work done
5. Insurance
 - each chapter could not afford to apply for liability insurance for each member
 - The National Chapter arranges for coverage for all the members and provides the certificates needed at various events

6. Designated Funds
 - selection of recipients and payment of various awards
 - e.g. The IODE Violet Downey Book Award (and prepares T4A for this award)

7. 100th Anniversary Grant Program
 - The National Chapter prepares the applications, processes them, and issues the cheques at the appropriate time.
 - Awarded every two years, the 2015 winner is Peaceful Alternatives for Male Youth At-Risk, offered by Family Counselling and Support Services of Guelph-Wellington.

Our status as a charitable organization plays a significant role in how we do business. As National President, I have a responsibility to you, the members, to protect our name and to ensure that the integrity of IODE is upheld for the good of the organization. I will take every chance I get to remind you that we are a part of the same team and, as such, should be supportive of each other and of all levels of IODE. On behalf of the hard-working members on the Board of Directors – my team, your team - I want to thank you for your dedication and for continuing to believe in the ideals established by our founder in 1900.

National Committees have been working hard this year on developing new public relations materials to use to promote this organization. We recognize the fact that increasing membership is our top priority and the goal of the new PR items is to attract those women who have not yet had the opportunity to experience the camaraderie we share. The materials are ready to go and will be officially launched in St. John's in May. There are some samples here this weekend for you to see.

Over the past year, the Constitution Committee has continued to work on revisions to the IODE Constitution. The new Canada Not-for Profit Corporations Act came into effect on 17 October 2011 requiring all non-profit organizations to obtain a certificate of continuance. As you know, IODE Canada was granted its certificate in August 2013, well ahead of the October 2014 deadline. Members of the committee are continuing their review of the remaining sections of the Constitution for compliance with the new Act. We will keep you informed about the next steps.

One of the requirements of the new Act is that all members in good standing must receive an advance copy of the audited financial statements or a summary of the audited statements and the proposed Slate of Officers for the upcoming year. Last year, you received the full audited statements in the all member mailing. One difference this year is that you will only receive a summary of the audited financial reports, instead of the complete audited statements. This means a cost savings on paper and postage, as well as the time involved to reproduce the full statements, which will be available at the office upon request and also will be posted on the website for the perusal of members. These will be sent out from the office at the end of April.

I would now like to invite you to attend the 115th National Annual Meeting, which will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador on the 29th and 30th of May at the Holiday Inn St. John's. The theme for this full two-day conference is *Be the Change* and is an opportunity for you to reconnect with IODE friends, learn about what's happening at other levels and have some fun!

We are continuing the tradition of asking for donations of books at the annual meeting so remember to bring a book suitable for very young children that will be donated to a local organization of the Newfoundland chapters' choosing.

From the opening ceremonies with the special awards presentations for the IODE RCMP Community Service Award and the IODE Violet Downey Book Award – and I just found out that the winning author will be in attendance - to a special Friday night fun night of music and entertainment at a Newfie Kitchen Party, to the incredible scenery in this eastern province, there is sure to be lots to see and do!

This week, April 12th to 18th, is National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize, celebrate and thank Canada's volunteers. On the Volunteer Canada website, it is reported that Canadians volunteer two billion hours each year. You are some of those volunteers. On behalf of IODE Canada, I thank you for the volunteer hours you give in dedication to the ideals of IODE. I wish you every success and much joy as you begin another year of upholding the principles, values and traditions of IODE, while introducing new ways of making an impact on your communities and country. Be the Change!

Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly for IODE at all levels. Chapters have the opportunity to recognize these volunteers in several ways. Thank you, IODE Ontario, for inviting me to this conference. I'm so glad I could be here to celebrate this milestone with you. I know the officers have worked hard to create an informative, fun event for us. Enjoy your weekend everyone."

E. Anne Mason read the citation and presented a National Life Membership to **Mary Douglas**, with the assistance of **Ruth Ann Butler**, chair of the National Life Membership Committee. Mary was very surprised and expressed her appreciation for this honour.

Anne thanked **President Karen Barker** for being so patient while she made this special presentation to a very dedicated volunteer.

President Karen Barker thanked **E. Anne Mason** for bringing greetings from the National Chapter and extended our best wishes to IODE Canada for a most successful 115th National Annual Meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland, May 29th and 30th, 2015.

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President Karen Barker introduced **IODE Ottawa President Gwyneth Harkin** who presented Greetings from IODE Ottawa.

"As President of IODE Ottawa, I would like to welcome you to the great city of Ottawa for the 95th Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario. The chapters in Ottawa are so pleased that our city was finally chosen as host city for the provincial meeting and we hope that those of you who were able to attend last night's fun night – *Days Gone Bytown* – had a good time because we sure did! On behalf of the 92 IODE members here in Ottawa, I would like to wish you all the best for a wonderful annual meeting and much success in the coming year."

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**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
KAREN BARKER**

"Madam National President, Honorary Vice- Presidents, Honoured Guests and fellow IODE members:

Good Morning!

I would first like to thank all members of IODE for the honour of serving as your President over the past three years. It was a fabulous adventure.

I began my adventure with excitement, hope and ideas. Ideas that you feel are necessary to accomplish your mission. This excitement changes rapidly as you listen to your officers concerns and suggestions and it appears maybe your ideas are not all doable.

IODE is an organization, like all others, that requires input from everyone. We made the suggestion that we should go out to the primary chapters in their communities to listen to their concerns and give them an overview of the working of the departments at the provincial chapter similar to the previous area conference but with a different slant. We massaged the original idea and then the Town Hall meeting process was implemented. I am thrilled at the number of members who took advantage of this venue and the information and comments that we received from them were excellent. To date we have gone to six communities with many of the suggestions already implemented at the provincial level.

IODE Ontario has welcomed over 200 new members in the past three years. This is due in part to the membership officer and her committee but mainly to the work of YOU, the primary chapters. YOU have worked hard at installing these new members. YOU have made your chapters stronger and sustainable, hopefully for years to come.

We have held two retreats for officers and convenors. These events were held at Mount Mary Christian Retreat Centre in Ancaster. It is a picturesque property that is peaceful and tranquil with wonderful meals. With wonderful attendance and 100% participation from the attendees, these events were a way for officers to bond with each other and an opportunity to speak out in a friendly setting. It was a way to change the direction of the chapter to streamline operations and engage the membership. Many of the events of this provincial annual meeting were discussed and conceived at the retreat.

I have attended annual meetings of the municipal chapters over the past three years. This year especially, I felt overwhelming pride in the work of the members of Ontario. As President, to hear of the accomplishments in person makes a huge difference in understanding the wonderful work that IODE does in the community.

A project that was brought to my attention at the Chatham Kent annual meeting, is a memory quilt. One member and her sister sews quilts for veterans suffering with dementia. The squares on the quilt all have different themes (e.g. trees, animals, houses, food). The different themes give the family or the therapist the opportunity to engage the veteran in remembering events of the past. It is a wonderful idea and a great opportunity to give back to the community in the name of IODE. Now this particular project was mentioned on the annual report, but did not do it justice as to the actual project or the reason for the design of the quilt.

Following the Municipal Annual Meetings, as I was reading the chapter's annual reports this year (and I read every one) I started to realize that the projects our chapters produce do not get the recognition that they deserve. The project is a one line description on a report. How can we highlight these wonderful gifts to your communities? I am going to suggest that any chapter who feels they have has an incredible project that is unique, please write a report and submit to the office for publishing on the website. This is a way for members to see the great works of your chapter. It is a shame that the time and energy that goes into the implementation of these

projects is not highlighted and is lost on a one line in the description in the report.

Your volunteer hours should include the planning and implementation of these wonderful projects. As you will hear later on in the program we had an incredible 221,000 volunteer hours logged.

At the Sarnia Lambton municipal annual meeting, the Community Relations Award was presented. After the presentation the recipient spoke of his work in the community with the sea cadets and his connection to the police force. Gavin Armstrong, the winner, then told the group that he knew of the IODE. He was approached by two ladies of the IODE to have his home as part of the house tour. He and his wife agreed. At that point he did not know that this meant he was going to remodel the kitchen, bathroom and paint the complete house. What a way to get your house renovated!

Thank you to all who volunteer. You do make a difference in the lives of individuals in your communities.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. – Helen Keller”

The membership responded to the President’s remarks with a standing ovation.

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INTRODUCTIONS

The President made the following introductions.

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS

President	Karen Barker , Toronto
First Vice-President	Renate Schuetz , Shelburne
Vice-Presidents for the Areas of:	
South Western Ontario	Eula Evans , Petrolia
Mid Central Ontario	Nancy Hughes , Goderich
South Central Ontario	Jean Hof , Hamilton
Toronto	Margo MacKinnon , Pickering
North Central Ontario	Virginia Reade , Paris
Eastern Ontario	Caroline Rodgers , Richmond
Northern Ontario	Victoria Creighton , Sudbury
Secretary	Marion Wallace , Guelph
Assistant Secretary	Jo Brodie , Ottawa
Treasurer	Donna O’Reilly , Freelon
Assistant to the Treasurer	Rose Stewart , St. Thomas
Citizenship Officer & Standard Bearer	Sheila DeJaegher , Chatham
Assistant Citizenship Officer	Caroline Rodgers , Ottawa
Communications Officer	Linda Gryner , Wyoming-Plympton
Assistant Communications Officer	Elanor Brodie , Ottawa
Education Officer	Helen Danby , Petrolia
Assistant Education Officer - Adopted Schools	Norma Lyttle Chicoine , London
Membership Officer	Renate Schuetz , Shelburne
Assistant Membership Officer	Shirley Ann Elms , Dundas

Services Officer **Eleanor Bentley**, Hamilton
 Assistant Services Officer **Sandra Easby**, Crystal Beach
 War Memorial Convenor **Jo Brodie**, Ottawa
 Own A Book Share A Book Convenor **Mary K. Anderson**, Pickering

HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS

The President introduced the Honorary Vice-Presidents present. They are all Past Provincial Presidents.

Marie Locke Campbellford
Ruth Ann Butler London
Sandra Smith Pain Court
E. Anne Mason Newmarket

MOTION: THAT a Letter of Greeting be sent from this body to Past Provincial Presidents, Marty Dalton, Noreen Salari, Patricia Fabian, Lynda Rivard, Chris Bateman and Bonnie Rees who were unable to attend this Annual Meeting, with our good wishes. **CARRIED**

Moved by: **Ruth Ann Butler, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London**
 Seconded by: **Sandra Smith, IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham**

The President acknowledged the service given to the Provincial Chapter by the members of the Provincial Executive Committee and asked the Provincial Councillors to stand and be recognized. The following Executive members and Officers were introduced:

MUNICIPAL PRESIDENTS

Helen Danby IODE Sarnia-Lambton
Gwyneth Harkin IODE Ottawa
Sandra Thompson IODE Chatham-Kent (unable to attend)
Ietje Kerkoff IODE London (unable to attend)

Two Municipal Presidents stepped down in March.

Sheila DeJaegher IODE Chatham-Kent
Jo Brodie IODE Ottawa
Mary K. Anderson IODE Toronto (stepped down when Toronto disbanded in November)

NATIONAL OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS

E. Anne Mason National President
Ann Dyer Past National President
Karen Barker First Vice-President
Sandra Smith Education Officer
Hazel MacLeod War Memorial Officer
Marion Wallace Constitution Officer
Renate Schuetz Director

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Members attending the Provincial Annual Meeting for the first time were welcomed and asked to stand and be recognized.

Beth Crook	IODE 48 th Highlanders Chapter
Karen Brunton	IODE Captain Hooper Chapter
Dianne Saunders	IODE Captain Hooper Chapter
Pat Moulson	IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter
Jose Hamilton	IODE Laurentian Chapter
Janet Kiff-Macaluso	IODE Laurentian Chapter
Marilyn Patrick	IODE Laurentian Chapter
Janet Stratton	IODE Laurentian Chapter
Rosemary Webster	IODE Laurentian Chapter
Grace Purdy	IODE Lorraine Chapter
Barbara Rafter	IODE Lorraine Chapter
Deborah Rogers	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Sandra Allan	IODE Walter Baker Chapter
Marcia Buchanan	IODE Walter Baker Chapter
Dolores Dufresne	IODE Walter Baker Chapter
Charlotte Parry	IODE Walter Baker Chapter
Marianne van der Jagt	IODE Walter Baker Chapter
Nancy Wiles	IODE Walter Baker Chapter

Provincial Life Members were asked to stand and be recognized.

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The Minutes of the 94th Provincial Annual Meeting had been sent to the chapters for their consideration last September.

MOTION: THAT the Minutes of the 2014 Provincial Annual Meeting be adopted as circulated. *CARRIED*

Moved by: Norma Lyttle Chicoine, William Melville Spencer Chapter, London

Seconded by: Marnie Van Steen, Walter Baker, Ottawa

PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Provincial Secretary Marion Wallace presented the report of the Provincial Executive Committee.

The Provincial Executive Committee, composed of the Provincial Officers and Councillors, conducted eight regular meetings during 2014. The Provincial Officers and Convenors met on seven occasions. Activities of the President and Officers during 2014 can be found in detail on pages 8-9 of your Annual Report.

ANNIVERSARIES

The following Chapters celebrated Anniversaries during the year.

113 th Anniversary	IODE Maple Leaf	Goderich
108 th Anniversary	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
107 th Anniversary	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Toronto
105 th Anniversary	IODE Victoria Guelph	Guelph
103 rd Anniversary	IODE John Milton	Milton
101 st Anniversary	IODE 40 th Northumberland Regiment	Norwood
100 th Anniversary	IODE Catherine McVean	Dresden
	IODE Kent	Chatham
95 th Anniversary	IODE Lorraine	Ottawa
	IODE Preston	Preston
80 th Anniversary	IODE Susie Sorabji	Uxbridge
75 th Anniversary	IODE Lieutenant Patrick Wilson	Tilbury
70 th Anniversary	IODE Colonel William M. Gartshore	London
65 th Anniversary	IODE Golden Jubilee	Oshawa
	IODE Margaret Stokes	Petrolia
	IODE West Gwillimbury	Bradford
60 th Anniversary	IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning	Sudbury
	IODE Glen Stewart	Toronto
	IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron	Sarnia
	IODE The Right Honourable Sir Winston Churchill	Leamington
55 th Anniversary	IODE Manitou	North Bay
	IODE Sybil Bennett	Oakville
35 th Anniversary	IODE Errol Egremont	Sarnia
30 th Anniversary	IODE Rouge Valley	Toronto
20 th Anniversary	IODE Margaret Brand	Ottawa

Please take the time to review the remainder of the Secretary's Report in its entirety, which also includes Messages, a report of the 94th Provincial Annual Meeting, visits, fundraising and membership ideas.

APPRECIATION

The office staff is an integral part of our team. **Office Secretary Staci Ridley-Strong** has enthusiastically tackled all work that was given to her. She has done her best to ensure that the needs of the officers, councillors and members from across the province were met. Staci has decided to leave IODE for a full time position. We wish her well in her future endeavours. **Allana Bergsma** joined the office staff in November. **Judie Galvin, Office Bookkeeper** has been working with our Treasurer for the past year. Judie also assisted when the Secretarial role was empty. We appreciate the teamwork that Judie has shown. Thank you to these ladies for their service.

President Karen Barker has travelled to many locations in Ontario. She led the Town Hall meeting discussions and has represented IODE Ontario at many chapter and other events. The Provincial Executive Committee thanks the President for her enthusiasm, good humour and dedicated leadership in performing her duties. We will miss you when you retire!

MOTION: THAT the 2014 Annual Report of the Provincial Secretary as found on pages 7 - 11 of the Provincial Annual Report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Mary Ellen Jasper, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich

Treasurer **Donna O'Reilly** presented the Annual Treasurer's Report, the Financial Statement and the Auditor's Report for the year ending December 31st, 2014.

MOTION: THAT the Financial Statement on page 15 to 21 for the year ending December 31st, 2014 and the Auditors Report as found on page 14 in the Annual Report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Donna O'Reilly, Provincial Treasurer

Seconded by: Jeannette Boyd, IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas

MOTION: THAT The Treasurer's Report as found on pages 12 and 13 in the 2014 Provincial Annual Report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Donna O'Reilly, Provincial Treasurer

Seconded by: Libby Gibson, IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay

MOTION: THAT the firm of Lepore and Company Chartered Accountants be appointed Auditors for the year ending December 31st, 2015. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Donna O'Reilly, Provincial Treasurer

Seconded by: Jo Brodie, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa

The **Budget** for the IODE Ontario for 2015 as prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Provincial Executive Committee, is found on page 22 of the Provincial Annual Report for the information of all members.

ANNUAL REPORTS of the DEPARTMENTS

First Vice-President Renate Schuetz then presented an overview of the Citizenship, Communications, Education, Membership, Services and Standard Bearer Annual Reports for 2014 as found on pages 25 through 41 of the Provincial Annual Report. Her presentation follows.

"I am privileged to present an overview of the work done by IODE members in Ontario during 2014. The provincial officers read each report that you send in. Without you, we cannot complete the provincial annual report. This is how we tell the whole story.

Let's start with Citizenship. You have reported **221,551** volunteer hours. Did you know that the top Canadian volunteers contribute 161 hours per year? IODE members average 167 hours per year, making us above average. I always knew we were special. We contributed **\$38,336** promoting everything from Citizenship Courts, presenting special awards, including supporting IODE Citizenship Funds at all levels and remembering our Peace Keepers and war veterans.

Communications officers reported investing in more written materials to promote their coming events and by placing more paid advertisements in their local community papers. A number of chapters have embraced the use of social media. Having chapter websites and chapter

facebook pages is a simple and convenient form of communicating with the public and our membership. We recorded spending over \$23,368 in the value of promoting IODE, an increase of 32% from 2013.

Supporting students has always been one of our primary missions. We encourage children to read more, we award students for their achievements, we change 'cannot' to 'can' for those in financial need. Chapters and individual members who have adopted classes in our northern communities enjoy their partnership. Books, books and more books. When it comes to reading, chapters sponsor the "Own a Book – Share a Book" program, chapters give books to students as awards or purchase books for their local libraries. In total, we recorded **\$211,628**, an increase of 14% from 2013.

We are saddened that 8 primary chapters disbanded. This year membership decline was 30% less than reported in 2013. President Karen Barker wrote letters to 84 new women, welcoming them to IODE. Today we report that we have **70** primary chapters and **1,330** members in Ontario.

Fewer cartons were shipped from the provincial packing room due to the increase of postage. Chapters and members provide financial aid and items for those in need. In total, Services reported **\$749,932**. This is almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars. This includes funds donated to the different Services funds at primary, municipal, provincial and national levels.

As I said earlier – I am privileged to present this overview. You did all of the hard work, I get to report it. Please share this report with your chapter members. Remember this annual report is a permanent record of our accomplishments for 2014. Celebrate your achievements. Our meeting theme says it all - ***95 years and still making a difference.***

If you need additional copies, please call the office or speak with your provincial councillor to arrange for a 2014 Annual Report."

Honorary Vice-President Ruth Ann Butler seconded the annual reports motion.

"As always the Ontario chapters have gone above and beyond in their efforts to improve the lives of Canadians. You are very impressive! It is my pleasure to second the adoption of the annual reports of IODE Ontario for the year 2014 as printed on pages 25 to 41 in the Annual Report."

MOTION: THAT the Citizenship, Communications, Education, Membership, Services and Standard Bearer reports, as found in the 2014 Provincial Annual Report on pages 25 through 41 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Renate Schuetz, Provincial First Vice-President

Seconded by: Ruth Ann Butler, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

CORRESPONDENCE

Best wishes for a successful Annual Meeting have been received from:

The National Chapter of Canada
Presidents of the Provincial Chapters from across Canada
National Officers

Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter
Provincial Life Members
Provincial Officers and Councillors

Sincere regrets have been offered by IODE members who are unable to be in attendance.

RATIFICATION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT the actions of the Provincial Executive Committee in appointing Jeannette Boyd, Jo Brodie and Peggy Gallipeau to the Resolutions Committee for the 95th Provincial Annual Meeting be ratified. CARRIED

Moved by: Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia

Seconded by: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

RATIFICATION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT the actions of the Provincial Executive Committee in appointing Eula Evans and Donna O'Reilly to the Credentials Committee for the 95th Provincial Annual Meeting be ratified. CARRIED

Moved by: Mary Douglas, IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto

Seconded by: Ann Evans, IODE Golden Jubilee Chapter, Oshawa

RATIFICATION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT the actions of the Provincial Executive Committee in appointing Linda Gryner to the Press Committee for the 95th Provincial Annual Meeting be ratified. CARRIED

Moved by: Mary K. Anderson, IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto

Seconded by: Gail McDiarmid, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville

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WE GO TO THE BEST SCHOOL CONTEST

Helen Danby, Education Officer, presented a video by Col. Chris Hadfield OC, OOnt., MSC, CD (first Canadian Astronaut to walk in space) announcing the winner of the "We go to the Best School Contest" – St. Paul's School Norwood, ON.

"IODE Ontario and its primary chapters have dedicated their efforts to enhancing the lives of individuals through its education, community service and citizenship programs for more than 95 years. Last year Primary chapters, throughout the province, contributed over \$210,000 to their local schools through bursaries, awards, books and other educational projects.

As IODE Ontario celebrates its 95th Anniversary this year, a special project called "We Go to the Best School" contest has come to an end. Two years ago, at our Provincial annual meeting the Best School contest was announced with a prize of \$5,000. We would like to thank the Edith and Gordon Benson Foundation for its donation to make this prize possible.

Elementary schools in Ontario were asked to demonstrate how they implemented the following ideas:

- Programs to promote "anti-bullying"
- Participation in Student volunteer programs in their community whereby they help others through the "Pay-it-Forward" system

- Ways that students demonstrate school spirit
- Activities that promote a “Green Community” within the school using the 3 R’s
- Initiatives showing good citizenship

Last year information about the contest was disbursed to the schools in the following manner.

- Each IODE Chapter received a poster and letter outlining the contest, asking the education officer or delegate to bring them to the local schools. Thank you for doing this.
- The Provincial Education Officer contacted each school board in Ontario, both public and separate, to ask the Directors of Education to send copies of the poster and contest rules to each elementary school in their jurisdiction.
- The information was posted on the IODE Ontario website and a few chapters posted this information on their website also.

Entries were in the format of a DVD or YouTube video, no longer than 3 minutes depicting snippets of their programs, and accompanied by a typewritten description of less than 1,000 words. Students appearing in the video submitted release forms for publication along with a principal’s permission form. All entries were received by September 30, 2014, with a limit of one entry per school.

Contest submissions were evaluated in February 2015. Every participating school received an IODE certificate of participation, a letter of thanks, and an IODE pamphlet. The top five schools were informed of their standing and the winning school was announced at the IODE Provincial Annual Meeting held in Ottawa on April 18th, 2015.

There were many excellent entries showing that great things are happening in our schools today. The essays were well written and the videos were informative and entertaining. It is clear from all the submissions that students feel their school is the best and that is the most important part.

The final five schools received a letter of congratulations on their accomplishment. They are:

- The Good Shepherd School, York Catholic District School Board,
- John T. Tuck School, Burlington,
- Strathroy Christian School, (Independent Board),
- St. Paul’s School, Norwood, and
- Elgin Street School, Cambridge.

At IODE, we understand the importance of education and strive to encourage excellence through our awards, bursaries and scholarships. This is possible, only through positive experiences at school, extracurricular involvement and support from the community.

Thank you to all the teachers for going the extra mile and for their role in the production of the contest entries. Teachers, you are appreciated.

We asked Col. Chris Hadfield if he would announce the winning school in person. He, however, was out of the country at that time, but graciously provided a video and extended his best wishes. A copy of the video was given to the school so it could be shown to all the students.

A sincere thank you goes to Col. Hadfield for taking the time to make the video and surprising our winning school.

We chose the winning school because each criterion was addressed and it illustrated the

children being involved. It showed the classes literally living the contest parameters, and not just for the video, but yearlong.”

Karen Barker, IODE Ontario President presented our winner, St. Paul's School from Norwood with the grand prize of \$5,000. Lisa Cossar, a teacher at that school and an IODE member, accepted the cheque on behalf of the students of the school. In addition, three students and a parent attended the presentation.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF ONTARIO IODE
POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD

Citizenship Officer **Sheila DeJaegher** introduced our OPP guests and presented the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Police Community Relations award. This annual award recognizes a member of the OPP who has performed outstanding volunteer service outside of his or her professional duties. This will be our 38th presentation to an OPP officer.

This award comes with a \$750 cash award to be used for a community project of the recipient's choice. **OPP Deputy Commissioner Couture and Staff Sergeant Kaizer** attended with the recipient **Constable Dave Sparrock**.

OPP Constable Dave Sparrock
Highway Safety Division Hwy 407 Detachment

“In 2008 PC Sparrock requested 407 OPP Detachment members to assist with food and clothing donations at Christmas. That year he received \$750 in food and clothing donations for the Good Shepherd Centre from members. These donations were matched by a local food store. This was the beginning.

In subsequent years, PC Sparrock canvassed local grocery stores and also asked for toy donations. By 2011, the food and toy drive included 32 food stores. Costco and Zellers were asked specifically for toy donations. A total of \$35,000 in food donations and \$3000 in toy donations were received. A team of 407 and OPP personnel and other volunteers were involved in this effort.

In 2014 the toy drive was conducted at the Samco Warehouse location on the last week of November. PC Sparrock again set up a team of volunteers from OPP, CHCH TV, and The Good Shepherd Centre. The food drive was expanded to included 40 local grocery stores with food bins set up in 29 stores. A total of 65,000 pounds of food was collected on the two weekends from the Fortino's stores. In total \$55,000 in toy donations and \$90,000 in food donations were received. Media was organized to help promote the food and toy drive. In December CHCH TV aired an interview with Dave on the morning show to advertise the food and toy drive and to thank Fortino's and Samco as well as all the volunteers and donors. Dave has volunteered over 1200 hours to this project over the past seven years all in support of the Good Shepherd Centre.

It is remarkable to think that \$1,500 of giving in 2008 has grown to almost \$150,000 in 2014. Think of all of the children who have benefitted from these gifts! We honour PC Dave Sparrock today for his leadership and volunteer efforts.

We are honoured to present **OPP Constable Dave Sparrock** with the IODE Police Community Relations Award.”

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The IODE Jean Throop Book Award

The **IODE Jean Throop Book Award** has now been retained as part of the IODE Ontario presentations. This award originally named the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE Book Award was changed following the death of Past Municipal President of Toronto, Jean Throop, to honour her commitment to this award at the IODE Toronto level. As Jean was also a Past Provincial President of Ontario it was only fitting that the award continue and be presented at the Provincial Annual Meeting.

Mary K. Anderson introduced this year’s winning book with the following words.

“Forty years ago the children’s classic, “Alligator Pie” by Dennis Lee was the first recipient of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award. Like Dennis Lee, the IODE Jean Throop Book Award has become a respected contribution to children’s literature. Forty years ago when the award was initiated there were very few if any awards recognizing children’s quality picture books. As the genre has developed selecting one book has become increasingly more difficult.

This year the book award selection committee was comprised of **Mary K. Anderson, Linda Dennis, Barbara Johnston, Margo MacKinnon, and Heather Price**. Eighty-five books were submitted to **Martha Scott** of the **Lillian H. Smith Library** for consideration. Of those, 10 books were short listed for the committee’s consideration. From that list we narrowed it down to two books. All the books submitted were excellent examples of children’s literature but the final two best reflected the criteria of the award and the interests of young readers.

The 2014 recipient of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award is “**Nancy Knows**” by **Cybele Young**. Cybele Young is an award winning children’s author and illustrator. She is best known, internationally, for her intricate paper sculptures. In 2011 Cybele received the prestigious Governor General’s Award for illustration for her book “Ten Birds”. Cybele lives with her husband and family in Toronto.

Cybele’s book, “Nancy Knows”, is a delightful story of a young elephant who remembers lots of things except that one important something. Each page is filled with many interesting “thoughts” and you will be amazed to know that each one is actually a tiny, detailed, whimsical paper sculpture.

Unfortunately Cybele could not be here due to family commitments but upon learning she was receiving the award she said she was delighted and honoured and asked me to convey her thanks.”

Dwight Throop, husband of Jean Throop, was unable to attend the annual meeting however his niece Deborah presented the award on behalf of the family.

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The morning session adjourned at noon. The piper led the procession of IODE Officers and OPP guests out of the room.

Honorary Vice-President Marie Locke offered the blessing before lunch. The OPP guests joined us for the All Members Luncheon. Our luncheon speaker, **Laureen Harper**, wife of the Prime Minister honoured us with her attendance.

Assistant Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms introduced **Laureen Harper**.

Mrs. Harper talked about the value of volunteering and about one of her favorite topics, the value of animals in assisting people with challenges of many types. Service animals have helped the sight and hearing impaired for many years but more recently we have learned how they can assist people suffering from post-traumatic stress, autism and other challenges.

After her speech, Mrs. Harper told us she preferred to answer people's questions so the members participated in a lively question and answer period. When asked where it was best to put their support, Laureen advised to look in our own back yards and to support the many people needing assistance in our communities.

The members expressed their appreciation for Laureen Harper's presence and words of wisdom.

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Communications Officer Linda Gryner introduced **Alison Danby, Naturopathic Doctor**. Alison is the daughter of our education officer.

Alison shared information about the value of nutrition, stress reduction, sleep and gentle exercise in helping to slow down the aging process. She gave easy to follow dietary and supplement suggestions that would assist in making us feel better, look better and be healthier!

Alison is the owner of The Root of Health in Oakville and produces a newsletter that is available to all. Her website www.AlisonDanby.com can be accessed for information on various topics of interest. We thank her for the positive and easy to understand ideas.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 2015 – AFTERNOON SESSION

IODE ONTARIO 5 YEAR PROJECT

President Karen Barker announced that IODE Ontario's project for the next 5 years, 2015 to 2020 will be 'Celebrating Service Animals'. Those chapters already supporting service animals in their communities are encouraged to continue and others are encouraged to explore possibilities in their area. Chapters are asked to provide us information about your support of Service Animals so we can report back to you about how much support we are providing to this worthwhile cause. Karen reported on some projects which have been or are currently being embraced by Ontario chapters.

CARD (Community Association for Riding for the Disabled)

IODE Toronto has supported CARD for over 40 years. Chapters have purchased about twelve horses and provided feed for the horses annually. Using the horse as therapy, CARD changes the lives of children and adults with disabilities every day!

The horseback riding program helps improve balance, coordination, strength and muscle tone, while gently mobilizing the joints. Therapeutic riding also improves sensory processing, focus and concentration, the ability to learn concepts, and communication skills. There are other riding programs across Ontario with similar goals and successes.

Wounded Warrior: Courageous Companions

Through this program, PTSD Elite Service Dogs have been trained and placed with over 100 serving or retired CAF members in need from across the country. The dogs are trained to operate with veterans suffering with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and have made an incredible impact in the lives of our service men and women in their struggles with mental health.

Certified Service Dogs

Service Dogs are trained to assist individuals suffering from long-term Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). There are many reports that Service Dogs speed recovery from PTSD and help reduce reliance on medication. There is also a program training Certified Service Dogs to assist children with autism. Families have reported that their children blossom into calmer, more communicative kids around highly trained service animals. Of course we have been aware for several years of the success of Dogs for the Blind and Dogs for the Deaf programs.

Companion Dogs

The National Service Dog's Companion Dog Program places dogs with children, adults and seniors with various disabilities. The dogs do not have public access or any specific skills training aside from basic obedience. The therapeutic value of pets is well documented and many people have experienced decreased stress and anxiety, increased psychological wellbeing, increased opportunities for exercise and increased opportunities for social interaction.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Routine motions recommended by the Provincial Executive Committee were presented by **Provincial Secretary Marion Wallace**.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT the following Past Provincial Presidents be appointed Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario for 2015-2016:

**Marty Dalton
Marie Locke
Patricia Fabian
Lynda Rivard
E. Anne Mason**

**Noreen Salari
Ruth Ann Butler
Chris Bateman
Sandra Smith
Bonnie Rees**

CARRIED

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Eleanor Bentley, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton

The Provincial Executive Committee wished to receive feedback from the members present at this Annual Meeting before determining the style of the Annual Meeting to be planned for 2016.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT the 96th Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE be held on or around Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 at a location to be determined, and, with a format to be determined by the Provincial Executive Committee. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary
Seconded by: Virginia Reade, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT Renate Schuetz, or her representative be the Official Delegate of the Provincial Chapter to the 115th National Annual Meeting to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador, on May 29th – 30th, 2015. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary
Seconded by: Lisa Cossar, IODE 40th Northumberland Regiment Chapter, Norwood

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT Linda Gryner be the Official Representative of the Provincial Chapter to the 115th National Annual Meeting to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador, on May 29th – 30th, 2015. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary
Seconded by: Sheila DeJaegher, IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT Linda Gryner represent the Provincial Chapter on the Resolutions Committee of the 115th National Annual Meeting to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador, on May 29th – 30th, 2015. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary
Seconded by: Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Ottawa

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT Linda Gryner represent the Provincial Chapter on the Credentials Committee of the 115th National Annual Meeting to be held in St. John's, Newfoundland/Labrador, on May 29th – 30th, 2015. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary
Seconded by: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO IODE ONTARIO IN SESSION AT ITS 95th ANNUAL MEETING THAT Karen Barker and Jo Brodie be the two members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario appointed to the National War Memorial Committee. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary
Seconded by: Betty Brohman, IODE Preston Chapter, Preston

RESULTS OF VOTING – PROVINCIAL and NATIONAL COUNCILLORS

Provincial First Vice-President & Voting Convenor Renate Schuetz presented the Scrutineers' Report for the election of Provincial Councillors which was conducted by mail-in ballot by all primary chapter members in good standing. The results take effect at the installation of the Provincial Officers at the end of this meeting.

PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS ELECTED BY BALLOT 2015 - 2016

Provincial Headquarters

Eleanor Bentley, Hamilton
Susan Davis, Hamilton
Jean Hof, Hamilton
Gail McDiarmid, Mississauga
Lynda Rivard, Simcoe

Toronto

Mary K. Anderson, Pickering
Karen Barker, Toronto
Shirley Ann Elms, Dundas
Catherine Moore, Toronto

Sarnia-Lambton

Helen Danby, Petrolia
Eula Evans, Petrolia
Linda Gryner, Plympton-Wyoming

Chatham-Kent/Windsor-Essex

Sheila DeJaegher, Chatham
Sandra Smith, Pain Court
Ruth Stokes, Eriean

London-Central

Jeannette Boyd, St. Thomas
Ruth Ann Butler, London
Hazel MacLeod, London

Conestoga

Patricia Fabian, Waterloo
Donna O'Reilly, Freelon
Virginia Reade, Paris
Marion Wallace, Guelph

Mid-Western

Huron/Grey-Bruce

Chris Bateman, Queensville
Renate Schuetz, Owen Sound

Kawartha-Trent

Ann Evans, Oshawa
Marie Locke, Campbellford

Northern/North-Western

Victoria Creighton, Sudbury
Libby Gibson, North Bay

Ottawa-Rideau

Jo Brodie, Ottawa
Peggy Gallipeau, Carleton Place
Gwyneth Harkin, Nepean

As allowed by Provincial By-law #20 (b), the Provincial Executive Committee elected the following additional councillors at their meeting on April 17th, 2015. Twelve Councillors were nominated and acclaimed. The additional Provincial Councillors Elected are:

	<u>Area</u>	
Elanor Brodie	Ottawa	Ottawa-Rideau
Joan Drummond	Chelsea, QC	Ottawa-Rideau
Tory Garfat	London	London-Central
Nancy Hughes	Goderich	Mid-Western
Kris Kearney-Richards	Dresden	Chatham-Kent/Windsor-Essex
Norma Lyttle Chicoine	London	London-Central
Margo MacKinnon	Pickering	Toronto
E. Anne Mason	Newmarket	Huron/Grey-Bruce
Sharlynn Roden	Burlington	Conestoga
Caroline Rodgers	Richmond	Ottawa-Rideau
Rose Stewart	St. Thomas	London Central
Wendy Weston	Dresden	Chatham-Kent/Windsor-Essex

As a result of the voting, there remain vacancies for three Provincial Councillors from the District of Mid-Western, two Provincial Councillors from the District of Kawartha-Trent, four Provincial

Councillors from the district of Provincial Headquarters, and one Provincial Councillor from the District of Northern/North Western.

MOTION: THAT the Nomination and Election of three Provincial Councillors from the District of Mid-Western, two Provincial Councillors from the District of Kawartha-Trent, four Provincial councillors from the District of Provincial Headquarters and one Provincial Councillor from the District of Northern/North Western take place at a subsequent meeting of the Provincial Executive Committee. **CARRIED**

Moved by: Marion Wallace, Provincial Secretary

Seconded by: Jeannette Boyd, IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas

NATIONAL COUNCILLORS ELECTED BY BALLOT 2015 – 2016

South Western Ontario

Districts of Chatham-Kent, Sarnia-Lambton and Windsor-Essex

Sheila DeJaegher Chatham

Mid Central Ontario

Districts of London-Central and Mid-Western

Rose Stewart St. Thomas

South Central Ontario

District of Provincial Headquarters

(no nominations)

Toronto

District of Toronto.

Karen Barker Toronto

North Central Ontario

Districts of Conestoga and Huronia/Grey-Bruce

Renate Schuetz Owen Sound

Eastern/Northern Ontario

Districts of Kawartha-Trent, Ottawa-Rideau & Northern/North Western

Marie Locke Campbellford

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Provincial Membership Awards acknowledge those that were able to attract the most new members to join their chapters. Congratulations to all chapters who welcomed new members.

The primary chapter winners for 2014 are:

1 st with 10 new members	48th Highlanders Chapter	Toronto
2 nd with 9 new members	Confederation Chapter	Ridgetown
3 rd with 7 new members	Maple Leaf Chapter	Goderich

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION

First Vice-President Renate Schuetz was honoured to present a Provincial Life Membership to **President Karen Barker**. Karen expressed her appreciation for receiving this honour.

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP CITATION

KAREN BARKER

“**Karen Barker** has been a member of **IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto**, since 1989 and became a Provincial Councillor in 2002. Since that time, she has worked on all committees, been the Provincial Annual Meeting Convenor and registrar numerous times, the IODE Ontario Membership Officer and the Provincial Voting Convenor.

Karen revamped the Area Conference concept to a new Town Hall Meeting format which has been very well received. Karen has been on the Internal Management Committee for two years while being the Provincial First Vice-President and also during her three-year term as President. Karen has been a very committed Councillor, Officer and President. She has travelled many miles visiting primary and municipal chapters. As an ambassador for IODE Ontario, Karen represented the Provincial Chapter at the National level.

It is with great pleasure that a Provincial Life Membership is awarded to **Karen Barker** in recognition of her valuable and continuing service to IODE Ontario.”

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OWN A BOOK - SHARE A BOOK

Mary K. Anderson reported that the Own a Book Share a Book program is being embraced in communities across Ontario. Chapters work with a school to choose a classroom and then, often with the assistance of the teacher, books are chosen for each child. Two copies are purchased of each book, one for the child and one for the library. The children are thrilled to receive a book. In some instances this has been the first book they have ever owned.

Some chapters have modified the approach to better suit the needs of their schools and students. This is a successful and positive program.

EDUCATION

Helen Danby, Education Officer, presented information about the many awards and other provincial projects under the Education umbrella. She was also able to show us photos of many of the recipients.

The awards include the Lucy Morrison bursaries of up to \$1,000 for students in financial need to complete their post-secondary education. There are also special awards in Music Performance and Ecology and Environmental Studies every second year. Students at the Ontario College of Art & Design University, Nipissing University and Canada's National Ballet School also receive awards. The Gladys Raiter Bursary which was endowed by the Raiter family in memory of an IODE member from the Kitchener area is given every few years. Ontario also participates in the

search for recipients of IODE Canada's War Memorial scholarship winners.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Officer Linda Gryner's unveiled IODE Ontario's newest public relations tools. They are the banner pen, vertical banner and information brochure. Studies have shown that brochures are still the preferred publishing medium, hence the birth of the IODE Ontario information brochure, which contains salient facts about IODE Ontario. Members are encouraged to freely distribute the brochure wherever and whenever applicable. Every IODE member is a Public Relations officer and the promotion of IODE is an ongoing process. Brag about IODE!

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 2015 – EVENING PRESIDENT'S GALA

President Karen Barker welcomed attendees to the President's Gala Dinner, and introduced **Gwyneth Harkin, President IODE Ottawa** who asked the Blessing.

President Karen Barker gave the **Toast to the Queen**.
First Vice-President Renate Schuetz made a Toast to IODE.

After dinner, the President recognized the work of the Officers and members that assisted with the annual meeting.

"It takes a number of people to organize an event such as this, from preparing the annual report to the organizing of this meeting. I must take the time to thank Renate for the amazing job she has done overseeing this annual meeting. There are a million issues that need to be finalized and she did it flawlessly. From the hotel negotiations to the preparing for the meetings, setting up the room, looking after the details that no one sees and I can go on and on. Thank You. A special thanks to **Libby Gibson, Renate Schuetz** and **Marion Wallace** for editing the annual report. I think it is very impressive.

Thank you to all the officers for the fabulous job in planning the plenaries.

Before I step down as your President I would like to say a few words, it has been an honour for me to serve as your President. I have met many people over the years whose love and commitment of IODE is infectious. As we celebrate our 95th anniversary the members of IODE Ontario should be proud of all you have accomplished.

We have some officers that are also stepping down this year:

Eleanor Bentley, Services Officer. Thank you on behalf of all IODE Ontario members for your many years of volunteering to the provincial chapter. Your support of IODE at the provincial and municipal level is to be commended. Ron, thank you for your assistance in the packing room and your many hours of moving boxes and other contributions. We will miss seeing you on a regular basis.

Donna O'Reilly is leaving the position of Treasurer but has graciously agreed to continue to serve as Assistant Services Officer as well as North Central Area Vice President. Thank you

Donna for your dedication to IODE. By ensuring that the funds of IODE Ontario were intact over the past few years, you have allowed the chapter to be fiscally healthy. Rose will have big shoes to fill!

Thank you to Marion for your support and guidance over the past three years. Your dedication to completing the minutes in a timely fashion allowed the officers and PEC to receive information that assisted them in doing their roles.

This particular annual meeting took a lot of planning and follow up. **Linda Gryner** and **Helen Danby** did an exceptional job in arranging speakers and the video of **Chris Hadfield**. **Shirley Ann Elms** thank you and **Geordie** for opening the door at **Mrs. Harper's** office.

There is no magic in being President, but there is a key to success. You must always trust your officers, assistant officers and convenors for guidance and direction. You must always have faith in yourself and the team. I was fortunate to have a great group of officers whom I trusted and admired. The skills that they brought to the table were incredible. We can hold our head up high and be proud of our accomplishments.

Now comes the difficult part. That is, saying thank you to my travelling friend. Renate, it has been a phenomenal experience working with you. I feel very confident in turning the reins over to you. The chapter is strong and your knowledge and wisdom will take it to the next level. You have shown to myself and the officers that you are ready and able to lead this chapter. Don't ever doubt your instinct. Your experience at the provincial level has earned you the honour of becoming its president. Ron, I am now tearing up our joint custody agreement. Renate is now your full responsibility. I will now end but before I do, thank you to the members for your support and understanding. You have made the difference and still are making a difference.

Thank you to all the members who have attended this annual meeting. Annual meetings are a way of hearing the accomplishments of Ontario members and to share your own chapter's successes.

I hope each member will take back to their chapters a rejuvenated love of IODE and tools to inspire, and re-energize your chapter members. Let's increase our membership one member at a time!"

Toronto members led by **Beth Crook**, IODE 48th Highlanders chapter presented retiring **President Karen Barker** with flowers and a verbal thank you.

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PROVINCIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Provincial Nominating Committee (**Bonnie Rees, Chair, Ann Evans, Peggy Gallipeau, Jean Hof and Bev Shepley**) was elected at the November 13th, 2014 meeting of the Provincial Executive Committee and charged with the responsibility of preparing a proposed Slate of Provincial Officers for 2015 – 2016.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2015 – 2016

President	Renate Schuetz
First-Vice President	<i>vacant</i>
Second Vice-President	Linda Gryner
South Western Area Vice-President.....	Eula Evans
Mid Central Area Vice-President.....	Nancy Hughes
South Central Area Vice-President	Jean Hof
North Central Area Vice-President.....	Donna O'Reilly
Toronto Area Vice-President.....	Margo MacKinnon
Eastern Area Vice-President.....	Caroline Rodgers
Northern Area Vice-President	Victoria Creighton
Secretary	Marion Wallace
Assistant Secretary.....	Jo Brodie
Treasurer.....	Rose Stewart
Citizenship	Sheila DeJaegher
Assistant Citizenship.....	Caroline Rodgers
Communications	Elanor Brodie
Assistant Communications.....	Caroline Rodgers
Education.....	Helen Danby
Assistant Education	Norma Lyttle Chicoine
Membership	Shirley Ann Elms
Assistant Membership.....	Gail McDiarmid
Services.....	Virginia Reade
Assistant Services	Donna O'Reilly
Standard Bearer	Sheila DeJaegher

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015 - 2016

E. Anne Mason, President of IODE Canada, installed the Officers of the Provincial Chapter for 2015 – 2016.

"I wish to thank all the outgoing officers for their dedication during the past year and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours. The work completed in 2014 and the continuing support by IODE members in Ontario of the many programs initiated at all levels needs to be celebrated.

Karen, your team of provincial officers has worked hard throughout your term of office, culminating in this amazing celebration this weekend. Well done, everyone. 95 years and still making a difference. Here's too many more!

I was in British Columbia last weekend for their Provincial Annual Meeting and they chose a great theme: TEAM - Together Everyone Achieves More. We are ALL a part of a National team and we must always remember that together, with our respect and support of each other we CAN achieve our goals.

Renate, this has been a remarkable journey that you have been on and I am proud to have been a part of that journey with you. From the early days when we were rookie councillors together on the Provincial Executive Committee, to the travelling to Provincial Annual Meetings, stuffing a small hotel room with a closet WAY too small for four women, boxes of handouts,

giveaways, decorations and ... refreshments... the fun times we have had at Officer Retreats. We have learned so much from some amazing Provincial Presidents – women like Noreen Salari, who taught us the proper way to word a motion, how to prepare a report and how to sing Land of Hope and Glory while marching down the halls of the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton.

You have grown more confident through each provincial office you have held and I know that those experiences will guide you as you take on this next incredible challenge. You are ready. Let's make it official."

President Renate Schuetz was presented with the gavel as a symbol of the office of the President. After accepting the gavel, Renate spoke to the members.

"Thank you for this honor and placing faith in me.

I look forward to the challenges ahead.

This job is not a one person job. I need help and I am not afraid to ask for it.

I know that I have the support of the Provincial Executive Committee, the Provincial Officers and my family.

I want us to continue in working together.

I am challenging the officers to work together with their assistant officers, their committees and with their counterparts at all levels.

I am challenging the Provincial Executive Committee to continue supporting our Officers by contributing at meetings.

We want to ensure the provincial chapter of Ontario for another 95 years. After hearing the reports today, we know that we provide an important service in our communities. After hearing about the new programs and projects, the provincial chapter has planned to go forward, we need a strong team of women to lead. We have that team.

Karen, I am going to miss you. You and I have had lots of time together. Mostly laughs, sometimes discussions. We may not have always agreed on issues. But, we did learn to agree to disagree. There was one thing we never had an issue with, as long as it's Pinot Grigio.

I am pleased that most of my family is here this evening to share this event.

My mother was to be here until she received a phone call last week saying that there was a cancellation appointment if she would like it. She is the Brampton hospital tonight recovering from a successful knee replacement.

My son and daughter-in-law are not able to be here tonight, because of baby Carson. Michael and Stacey's son was born on the April 1st, five weeks early. Carson is home and doing great.

I am happy that my twin granddaughters Payton and Payge are here. They brought along their team, Mom and Dad, my daughter and son-in-law. Michelle and Craig are adding to our family. Our 4th grandchild will be born the end of June and no sooner, I hope.

And, the most important person in my life, my husband. When I was asked to be the Provincial President a few years ago, I had different plans. It was Ron, who encouraged me to take on this job. Ron, you have no idea what we are in for and no one in this room dare tell him. Preparing for tonight you have a chance to reflect and to think about the what if's. I came across a quote from Karl Marx

'Surround yourself with people who make you happy. People who make you laugh, who help you when you're in need. People who genuinely care. They are the ones worth keeping in your life. Everyone else is just passing through.'

I know that I have found them."

MOTION: THAT retiring President Karen Barker be appointed Honorary Vice-President of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario for 2015-2016. CARRIED

Moved by: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

Seconded by: Beth Crook, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

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The 95th Provincial Annual Meeting was declared closed at 10:00 p.m. The Standard Bearer retrieved the flag. **Eula Evans** led the singing of God Save the Queen. The President invited the members to join her, Past President **Karen Barker**, National President **E. Anne Mason**, Provincial Second Vice-President **Linda Gryner** and Ottawa Municipal President **Gwyneth Harkin** in the receiving line as they exit the banquet hall.

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