



**Provincial Chapter of Ontario  
Since 1920**

**98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre  
551 Windermere Road  
London**

**Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting**  
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The 98<sup>th</sup> IODE Ontario **Provincial Annual Meeting** was a one-day format, held **jointly with IODE Canada**, on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Road, London. President **Renate Schuetz** presided over the meeting. The National Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Both meetings used “**Purpose With Passion**,” as their theme. There were 101 registrations, including 19 members from outside Ontario and 11 first time attendees. The Provincial Executive Committee meeting was held on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting commenced in the Ashers Dining Room. Members sat in a random seating arrangement, which allowed for members from all parts of Ontario and Canada to get to know one another. The meeting began with a procession lead by **Provincial Standard Bearer Sheila DeJaegher, President Renate Schuetz, National President Bonnie Rees, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Gryner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Shirley Ann Elms** and our OPP guests. Once the head table was in place, the members sang *O Canada*, recited the IODE Prayer and the Affirmation. Members remained standing for a moment of silence, out of respect for the members we lost this past year. President Renate Schuetz declared that the 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting was open for the transaction of business.

President Renate Schuetz welcomed everyone and introduced the head table. Guest speaker, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario joined us later in the morning. The **2017-2018 Board of Directors** were introduced, **National President Bonnie Rees, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Carol McCall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Services Officer Jane Cushing, Secretary Chris Bateman, Citizenship Officer Sandra Smith, Constitution Officer Catherine Moore, Education Officer Karen Dalton, and Membership Officer Ruth Ann Butler**. She also recognized **Echoes Editorial Co-Convenor Stephney Flexhaug and Rose Carolyn Smith, Chair for the Labrador Bursary Committee**. Provincial Honorary Vice Presidents who are Past Provincial Presidents were introduced, including Marty Dalton, Ruth Ann Butler, Patricia Fabian, Chris Bateman, Sandra Smith, Bonnie Rees and Karen Barker. Unfortunately, Marie Westlake, Linda Rivard and E. Anne Mason were unable to attend, and a letter of good wishes will be sent from the Provincial Chapter of IODE.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Gryner welcomed and introduced the 10 members who were first time attendees to the Provincial Annual Meeting.

Heather Ball, IODE Maple Leaf, Goderich,  
Britt Bonhomme, IODE City of Lakes, Sudbury,  
Jessica Cerveney, IODE Lord Dufferin, Orangeville,  
Mary Lou Falla, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia,  
Brenda Goldhawk, IODE Confederation, Ridgetown,  
Denise Newhouser, IODE Maple Leaf, Goderich,  
Marion Niessen, IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester,  
Rita Otten, IODE Val Griffith, Dorchester,  
Petra Thomas, IODE Lord Dufferin, Orangeville and  
Pat Traichevich, IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia.

Linda Gryner also introduced the 19 out of province attendees:

Angela Bawtree, IODE Lambly's Landing, and 1<sup>st</sup> VP of IODE British Columbia  
Valerie Braiden, IODE Ethel Cuts, and President of IODE Alberta  
Donna Cole, IODE Katie Hazen Mackay, and President of IODE New Brunswick  
Lorna Cowan, IODE Diamond Jubilee, New Brunswick  
Jane Cushing, IODE Katie Hazen Mackay, New Brunswick  
Nadine Fenton, IODE HMS Victory, Quebec

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Stephney Flexhaug, IODE Bow Fort, Alberta  
Charlene Greenfield, IODE Mary Lawson and President of IODE Nova Scotia  
Beverly Grubb, IODE Garry Oak, British Columbia  
Liz Hancock, IODE Jessie F. Gordon, and President of IODE British Columbia  
Marion Ruth Hopkins, IODE Louisbourg, Ceilidh, Nova Scotia  
Shirley Lamont, IODE Bow Fort, Alberta  
Gail MacLean, IODE Lady Holland, PEI  
Marilyn DesBarres, IODE Cobequid, Nova Scotia  
Carol F. McLennan, IODE Katie Hazen Mackay, New Brunswick  
Winifred Notton, IODE Sir Howard Douglas, New Brunswick  
Linda Reade, IODE Baron Tweedsmuir, Alberta  
Rose Carolyn Smith, IODE Governor Carleton, New Brunswick  
Nancy Wilson, IODE Lambly's Landing, British Columbia

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**Honorary Vice President Karen Barker** wrote the Resolutions of Loyalty and copies of the Resolutions of Loyalty were included in the delegates' registration packages.

***Resolutions 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, assembled in the City of London, Province of Ontario, on the occasion of their 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, extend loyal greetings to you, our beloved Queen and Patron.*

*Warm wishes for good health and happiness are also extended to His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh and all members of the Royal Family as you carry out your responsibilities to the Commonwealth. We commend your commitment to grow the Commonwealth in "scope and stature" for future generations. As your family grows, IODE members congratulate you on the healthy birth of your newest grandson, Prince Louis Arthur Charles, as well as the recent marriage of Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.*

*On behalf of the members in IODE Ontario, we congratulate you on the celebration of your 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip. You have set a remarkable milestone a genuine inspiration to your family.*

*IODE members are indeed fortunate to be one of the 600 charities of which you are Patron or President. Your example of dedicated leadership continues to be an encouragement for us all.*

Read by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Gryner.

**MOVED BY: Moved by Bonnie Rees, Honorary Vice President of IODE Ontario**

**SECONDED BY: Elanor Brodie, IODE Laurentian, Ottawa**

**"THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II be adopted by a standing vote."**

**CARRIED**

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**Resolutions of Loyalty to**  
**Her Excellency, The Right Honourable**  
**Julie Payette, CC, CMM, COM, CQ, CD**  
**Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada**

May It Please Your Excellency:

The Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, assembled at its 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in the City of London, Province of Ontario, wish to affirm our loyalty to you as the 29<sup>th</sup> Governor General of Canada and as the representative in Canada of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, beloved Patron of IODE.

Our best wishes and support are extended to you, as you serve our Sovereign and Canada. We commend your commitment to supporting scientific, educational, sports, cultural and administrative fields and look forward to your future endeavours as you travel Canada.

May you experience an inspiring term of office while serving Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Read by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Shirley Ann Elms.

***MOVED BY: Moved by Chris Bateman, Honorary Vice President of IODE Ontario***

***SECONDED BY: Marnie Van Steen, IODE Walter Baker, Nepean***

***“THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Julie Payette, be adopted by a standing vote.”***

***CARRIED***

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**Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Jean Throop Book Award**

**Mary K. Anderson, the Co-Chair of the Toronto Legacy Committee**

Since 1975, a representative from the Lillian H. Smith Children’s Library, Toronto has been instrumental in helping the Book Award committee make its selection. This year the committee, with the help of Martha Scott of the Toronto Library System received over 80 submissions and developed a short list of six books. Members of the committee consisted of President Renate Schuetz, Linda Dennis, Margo MacKinnon and Mary K. Anderson as Chair. The decision was not an easy one.

The 2017 award-winning book is beautifully illustrated in muted watercolours and coloured pencils by Esme Shapiro. Esme is a resident of Brooklyn New York but as a child spent summers on her grandfather’s farm in Ontario. Her drawings reflect the landscape of rural Ontario.

**Kyo Maclear** is this year’s award-winning author for the delightful and insightful book **Yak and Dove**. Kyo was born in Britain but moved to Canada. She studied fine arts and art history at the University of Toronto and has a Masters in cultural studies from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Kyo lives in Toronto with her two children, a cat, a musician and a house full of books. It is interesting to note that she is also the daughter of well-known journalist and documentary filmmaker Michael Maclear.

Kyo has written a wonderful book about friendship and its challenges. Even as adults our friendships are tested, and we don’t always handle the differences fairly and honestly. The book shows children how to recognize and respect the differences that we all have and how compromising is essential when interacting with each other. The lesson to be learned from this book is an excellent one for children and a good reminder for the adults who read this story to the little ones.

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Kyo was presented with the IODE Jean Throop Book Award, which will help her continue her path as a novelist and author. She gratefully accepted the award and explained how the title was created by combining her name and her husband's name, Dave. Copies of this book were available for purchase and Kyo happily signed copies of the book for IODE members.

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**Treasurer's Annual Report**

Treasurer Karen Barker presented the Annual Treasurer's Report, the Financial Statement and the Auditor's Report for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

***MOVED BY: Karen Barker, Provincial Treasurer***

***SECONDED BY: Jo Brodie, IODE Laurentian, Ottawa***

***"THAT the 2017 Audited Financial Statements of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE for the year ending December 31st, 2017 and the Auditor's Report as found in the Annual Report, be adopted."***

***CARRIED***

***MOVED BY: Karen Barker, Provincial Treasurer***

***SECONDED BY: Sandra Thompson, IODE Catherine McVean, Dresden***

***"THAT the Treasurer's Report as presented in the 2017 Annual Report be adopted."***

***CARRIED***

***MOVED BY: Karen Barker, Provincial Treasurer***

***SECONDED BY: Denise Newhouser, IODE Maple Leaf, Goderich***

***"THAT the firm of DBK Accounting Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018."***

***CARRIED***

The Budget for IODE Ontario for 2019 as prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Provincial Executive Committee, in the Provincial Annual Report is for the information of all members.

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At this point, President Renate Schuetz asked 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Gryner to take the Chair. The President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Shirley Ann Elms left the room to greet The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and escort her into the meeting.

The members stood and applauded to welcome The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. President Renate Schuetz resumed to the Chair. She explained that Her Honour yearly attends hundreds of special events, ceremonies and celebrations across the Province, the planning of the Lieutenant Governor's schedule takes place months and weeks in advance and we are so very pleased that Her Honour is joining us today at our 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting.

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**Greetings to**  
**The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario**  
**The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt**

Your Honour,

Members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, assembled in the City of London on the occasion of our 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, extend our loyal greetings to you. We are privileged to have Your Honour, as our Honorary Patron and as representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Ontario.

Our members congratulate you on your accomplishments as you travel across our great province. We commend you for bringing to all Ontarians stories, as our Storyteller-in-Chief, from your travels. IODE Ontario is concerned over the potential loss of our history and wish to make an effort to secure our heritage for years to come. We have asked our chapters to provide their stories which make them unique. We have included them in this year's Annual Report and hope to continue until all chapters are included.

IODE Ontario is committed to literacy, education and service programs. In 2020 we will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To commemorate this anniversary an announcement of a special project will be made today and a donation will be made to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Sussex to this project.

May you continue to visit communities in Ontario learning of the wonderful accomplishments of Ontarians, which make this Province successful, innovative and prosperous.

As you continue your official duties may you have good health and great happiness as you set a wonderful example to all members of IODE Ontario.

Read by Honorary Vice President Karen Barker

**MOVED BY: Moved by Ruth Ann Butler, Honorary Vice President of IODE Ontario**

**SECONDED BY: Kris Kearney-Richards, IODE Catherine McVean, Dresden**

**“THAT the Greetings to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt be adopted as presented.”**

**CARRIED**

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**Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Police Community Relations Award**

**IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer Caroline Rodgers** introduced the OPP guests.

For many years IODE Ontario, with the co-operation of the Ontario Provincial Police, honour and recognize the dedicated policemen and women who serve us. Our award is given for the community involvement of the OPP officer who volunteers his or her own personal time away from their working life

**Inspector Tracy Lowe** of the OPP Highway Safety Division gave us background on Sergeant Service and sharing the tidbit that they had worked together in the Caledon Detachment.

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**OPP Sergeant Dave Service**  
**of the Highway Safety Divisional Headquarters**

“Sergeant Dave Service began his career with the OPP in 1989 at a Toronto Detachment. For a number of years, he was a member of the Caledon Detachment and was eventually promoted to Detective Sergeant at Queen’s Park. Currently he is at Highway Safety Divisional Headquarters in charge of the Frontline Support Unit.

He was nominated for the IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award for his work as a volunteer instructor and counsellor with the Ontario Pathfinders. Pathfinders is a church-affiliated ministry designed to help guide teenagers to become responsible, mature individuals and to nurture them at each stage of personal development.

Sergeant Service volunteers with the North West Brampton Aggelos Pathfinders that is associated with his local church in Brampton. His work with the 14 to 15 year old young males and females is proving to have lasting benefits for the inner-city youth.

“Service to God and to humanity” is the motto of the Pathfinders. It is within this mandate that Dave focuses his efforts to help teens learn, grow and develop into responsible, selfless individuals.

Sergeant Service is recognized as a strong leader within his church and community. His commitment to public safety as a police officer and as a Pathfinder mentor off-duty, demonstrates his passion in helping improve societal outcomes for years to come. Dave mentors the youth as if they were one of his own children. His two children are also actively involved in Pathfinders.

Sgt. Service’s volunteer work also encompasses other areas of youth development like teaching specific skills and hobbies that will assist them in their daily lives. He encourages physical fitness, adopting good personal habits, as well as camping, drills (marching), healthy cooking, public speaking and debating.”

This award includes a \$750 cash gift to be used for a community project of the recipient’s choice. Sergeant Dave Service asked that the donation be made to the **North West Brampton Aggelos Pathfinders**.

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**IODE Ontario 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project “Fun”**

**President Renate Schuetz** gave the following address.

“When IODE was founded in 1900, many chapters were organized in Ontario. There were already 9 Municipal, 248 Primary and 4 Junior chapters, operating independently for as long as twenty years. A meeting of representatives from Municipal and Primary chapters was held in Hamilton on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1920. The members that were present agreed to apply for a Provincial Charter, which was granted and chartered April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1920.

Fast forward to 2016 - the Provincial Executive Committee formed a smaller committee to oversee IODE Ontario’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Today I am very pleased to announce that **a gift of playground equipment given in the name of Ontario IODE members will be donated to the Good Shepherd - Family Centre in Hamilton.**

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Why playground equipment? Our mission statement is IODE is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

We felt that playground equipment - **One** - suits different groups of children for different stages of learning, teaching them basic skill and vocabulary, to building a child's creativity and imagination. This **is educational**.

**Two** - research suggests that the health benefits of physical activity in children are mainly seen in the improvement for health, prevention of weight gain and mental well-being. Evidence suggests that children who participate in physical activity improve their self-esteem. This **is services**.

**Third** - social skills that children develop on the playground often become lifelong skill sets that are carried forward into their adulthood. Research concludes that playgrounds are among the most important environments for children outside the home. This **is citizenship**.

Why Good Shepherd Family Centre? The Centre offers emergency accommodation to families who are homeless. All services and supports are geared to assist families in achieving sustainable housing and greater stability in the community. The Family Centre staff recognizes that each family has unique needs and strengths. All the services, support families in building on those strengths to achieve their short and longer-term goals. They strive to provide a welcoming, safe environment where families in transition can overcome the barriers they face in finding and sustaining housing.

Why Hamilton? In 1920, IODE members believed that Hamilton was the ideal location for the provincial headquarters. This is where IODE Ontario started. We saw a desperate need and what a better way to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary than to give back to this community.

**IODE Ontario's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Project Fun"** playground equipment will be installed this summer.

How can your chapter participate and support Project Fun? Your chapter can elect to finance a part of the playground equipment (e.g. the slide, the climber, the crawler, etc.) or your chapter can donate a specific dollar amount.

For your support and donation, your chapter's name will be among those listed in a framed scroll to be placed within the Family Shelter. A plaque recognizing IODE Ontario will be attached to the climbing equipment"

A short power point presentation gave the members a detailed overview of this project.

President Renate Schuetz informed the members that at the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Provincial Executive Committee Meeting that the following motion was approved.

**THAT IODE Ontario make a donation of \$1,500 to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Project Fun" to commemorate the May 2018 marriage of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and a letter be sent to inform the Royal Couple of the donation."**

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**Guest Speaker, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Linda Gryner** introduction.

"When you Google "Elizabeth Dowdeswell", Wikipedia will tell you that she is the 29<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, only the 3<sup>rd</sup> woman to hold that title after Pauline McGibbon and Hilary Weston. She was born in Northern Ireland and immigrated to Saskatchewan in 1947. She holds several

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honorary degrees from Canadian and global universities and the first woman to serve as executive director of the United Nations' Environmental Program.

Some search engines have also divulged that Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell designs and sews her own clothes and when she retires them, donates them to Goodwill.

Having met Her Honour personally last month, I am opting to warn you that despite her approachable, charming, warm and friendly demeanor, she likes to talk about others! So much so that she has gone to great efforts to transcribe the stories in a book compiled for Canada's 150. In fact, she is so proud of that engaging trait of hers that she dubbed herself "Storyteller-in-Chief"! Through the generosity of Her Honour's Office, every attendee received a copy in the registration package.

Serving as Patron to over 50 organizations and groups, Her Honour does not miss a chance to thank them and praise them for their work. In her role as the Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, she has chosen to be a creator, promoter, liaison or if you like a "dot connector". From a myriad of issues like environment, sustainability, arts and culture, justice, equality, homelessness, poverty, education, innovation, Her Honour uses her own person and her office to engage Ontarians to learn, act, motivate and achieve goals towards being a better citizen in a better world.

President Renate said 2 minutes, Her Honour said, "keep it short", but tell me how do you abbreviate an introduction to an extraordinary person who was named the 66<sup>th</sup> most powerful woman in the world?

It is with utmost respect and great honour that I introduce Ontario's Vice Regal Representative of Her Majesty the Queen, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt."

**Her Honour's address in entirety:**

IODE members, friends, mes chers amis: Good afternoon! Bonjour! Bozhoo! Shekóli.

As Lieutenant Governor, I receive numerous invitations to make opening remarks of welcome to events. But, this one is a particular pleasure, as it is both special and personal. As an honorary patron of IODE, I know I am among kindred spirits.

It has been so inspiring to come to learn of the ongoing work that IODE and its local chapters undertake to help improve the lives of others.

Whether it is helping children to become kind, compassionate, and capable adults - global citizens, in fact - or sending clothes to many remote areas in the North and recognizing the contributions of veterans and first responders. It is clear that your devotion to your respective communities is a common feature embedded in the DNA of each chapter and its highly committed members.

Thank you for your many displays of leadership and your unwavering dedication to building more just, sustainable, and resilient communities.

For any community to survive and thrive, it must be greater than the sum of its parts. To me, this means that people of differing viewpoints must feel as if they have been heard and feel as though they belong.

Every day, however, we hear negative stories about the world in which we are living: a complex, interconnected, and fast-paced world confronting many challenges and divides, be they economic, sociological, political, or environmental.

As your Lieutenant Governor, I am not able to prescribe solutions, but I can still share with others what I have heard as Ontarians from all regions, backgrounds, education, and economic standings are searching for answers.

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Against these mounting challenges, no doubt, it would be easy to turn inward. In fact, it is greatly tempting to do so. Much like you, I am an incurable optimist and know that we can overcome the dark path of isolationism and fake news. If we are bold enough to make investments in people and in their knowledge and confidence, there is no challenge too great for humanity.

This is why I so strongly support the work of organizations like IODE. Although our province has changed a great deal since the Ontario chapter was formed in 1920, the basic foundational values of compassion, empathy, and kindness maintain a constant and reassuring presence.

Together, you all promote Ontario as a place of opportunity and help take us from where we are to where we need to be. I believe that is a story worth sharing!

In light of today's presentation of this year's Ontario Police Community Relations Award, and the Jean Throop Book Award, might I make two poignant observations?

The first is that today marks a wonderful occasion for us to reinforce the fact that one person can, indeed, make a difference. By putting one's ideals into action, each of us can make a significant impact in our communities, and in our province, in order to build a better future together.

The second is that, in order to meet the needs of tomorrow, bold new ideas will be needed in order to bring about positive change. I strongly believe that when problems seem unsolvable, we must redouble our efforts and look for new ideas from new voices.

Now and where do we find these new voices and perspectives? In my humble experience, the best approach to finding common ground is to listen carefully and to share our own stories.

I often think of myself as Ontario's Storyteller-in-Chief. I have the privilege of hearing Ontarians' stories. I aim to shine a light on the things of which we are proud as well as those that challenge us. In addition, I encourage all Ontarians to learn and share one another's stories, in order to foster the empathy that will help us understand one another, and to build a more cohesive society.

Stories are powerful vehicles for social change, but at the same time, we must be cognizant that many voices of marginalized groups have not been adequately heard. The voices and visions of Indigenous people and Indigenous women in particular have been considered peripheral for too long. Their stories, however, are essential to understanding who we are and who we can be.

May I therefore take this opportunity to acknowledge the land on which this gathering is taking place? Today we are meeting on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples dating back countless generations. Please join me in showing respect for their contributions and in recognizing the role of treaty making in what is currently Ontario: hundreds of years after the first treaties were signed, they are still relevant today.

Last year, I asked 150 Ontarians to write 150 words about what meant to be an Ontarian. As an aside, it is my understanding that the Ontario branch of IODE has undertaken a similar exercise, too, this year called *Your Chapter's Story*. Well done!

I would like to draw your attention to two stories that might have particular significance to today's group. The first came from Bonnie Schmidt, the founder of the education charity Let's Talk Science. Her story speaks to the importance of volunteers as "special people who care enough to get involved". This is important because it speaks to how you all take the time to get to know those who need help and understand what they are going through. You don't sit back and wait for someone else to step in.

The second story is from award-winning biomedical engineer Molly Shoichet. In her story, she says "I grew up wanting it all — career and family. My Ontario gave me the opportunity to achieve that. As I

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have grown from a stubborn young girl to a determined woman, Ontario has given me the freedom and support to allow my curiosity to flourish, leading to inventions, advancements in knowledge, and new ways of exploring the world around us. With a passion to advance science and solve problems in medicine, my research group at the University of Toronto designs new strategies to overcome devastating diseases like blindness, stroke, and cancer. As a mother of two sons, I realize that we must raise our sons and daughters to value professional women in all careers. My Ontario allows us to dream of a better world. My Ontario makes things happen. Together we can shape our future.”

The way I see it, for women in particular, education is a pathway to self-actualization and economic independence.

Education can transform us into responsible, global citizens: It helps us to understand our rights and embrace our civic responsibilities.

Education equips us with knowledge and self-confidence to make a personal commitment to address issues such as inequality, injustice, poverty, and environmental responsibility.

At the same time, however, the barriers to full and effective participation in society are often silent and systemic. Those of us who are in relatively privileged positions might not even notice. With open minds and hearts, we must ensure that all women are offered a seat at the table.

I commend you for your work in providing a forum for women to meet, to network, and to share their stories of their dreams, successes, and failures. That is empowerment. Empowerment is a big word and it takes courage, but IODE is helping build much-needed capacity.

All of today’s participants are invaluable sources of inspiration. Your remarkable achievements have contributed to the very heart and soul of our society. You demonstrate the meaning of responsible citizenship.

Moreover, you clearly show us that life and work have meaning. You have been willing to invest in your communities. You have accepted responsibility with amazing generosity of spirit and without any expectation of public recognition.

I hope that you will continue to do what you are doing. Your deeds will help motivate a new generation of Ontarians to join your ranks and are an inspiration to all who look to follow your example.

I wish you a most productive afternoon, and I look forward to hearing about, and being inspired by, the action agenda that you set, and indeed, by all of the ideas that emerge to celebrate IODE’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020!

Thank you. Merci. Miigwetch. Yawλ’.”

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Shirley Ann Elms** thanked Her Honour. As our Honorary Patron of IODE Ontario, we presented Her Honour with an IODE Badge of Membership. An image of the badge was projected onscreen as Provincial Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms described the badge and the meaning of the design.

President Renate Schuetz announced that in appreciation for Her Honour’s attendance today, a donation to the IODE Ontario’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Fun would be made, in Her Honour’s name.

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National President Bonnie Rees gave the blessing. Her Honour, Inspector Tracy Lowe, Sergeant Service, Cheryl Service and Kyo Maclear joined us for the Awards Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal, as they chatted with friends and guests from all over Canada.

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Honorary Vice President Karen Barker led the toast to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

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After lunch and before the afternoon session, members visited the IODE Marketplace and displays. Kyo Maclear was pleased to autograph copies of *Yak and Dove*.

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The **business portion of the Annual Meeting** took place in the **Ashers Meeting Room**.

**Provincial Life Membership**

A Life membership is the highest honour that IODE awards to its members. President Renate Schuetz was honoured to present a Provincial Life Membership to Jo Brodie. Life Membership Convenor Sheila DeJaegher read Jo's citation and Renate presented her with the Provincial Life Membership bar.

**Citation**

Jo Brodie is a primary chapter member of IODE Laurentian, Ottawa joining in 1982, and has been a member of the Provincial Executive Committee since 1994. She is the current Eastern Area Vice President and past War Memorial Convenor of IODE Ontario, an office that she has held for four years from 2012 to 2015. Jo represented IODE Ontario at the National War Memorial meetings. She was also Assistant Secretary in 2014 and 2015 for IODE Ontario.

As IODE Ottawa Municipal President in 1999 and from 2011-2014, Jo represented her Municipal Chapter regularly at the Provincial Executive Meetings.

Jo Brodie is always helpful in promoting IODE. She is most worthy of receiving this honour in recognition of her efforts and dedication to IODE Ontario."

A Provincial Life Membership is bestowed to a very distinguished group of women who have been recognized for providing a significant period of years of continuous and extraordinary service. The President asked all the Provincial Life Members to stand and be recognized.

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**Provincial Officers and Chairs of Special Committees**

President Renate Schuetz introduced the 2017-2018 team of Officers and Committee Chairs.

**Linda Gryner** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair and Co-Chair of the Provincial Annual Meeting

**Shirley Ann Elms** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Provincial Membership Officer and Co-Chair of the Provincial Annual Meeting

**Eula Evans** South Western Area Vice President

**Sheila DeJaegher** Mid Central Area Vice President, Standard Bearer and Chair of the Provincial Life Membership Committee

**Jean Hof** South Central Area Vice President

**Margo MacKinnon** Toronto Area Vice President

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**Donna O'Reilly** North Central Area Vice President, Chair for the Nominating Committee and the Provincial By-Laws Committee

**Jo Brodie** Eastern Area Vice President

**Dr. Patricia Kresan** Northern Area Vice President

**Kathy Newnes** Provincial Secretary

**Karen Barker** Provincial Treasurer, Co-Chair of the Toronto Legacy Committee and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee

**Caroline Rodgers** Citizenship Officer

**Elanor Brodie** Communications Officer

**Helen Danby** Education Officer and Provincial Archivist

**Norma Chicoine** Assistant Education Officer-Adopted Schools Officer

**Gail McDiarmid** Assistant Membership Officer

**Virginia Reade** Services Officer

**Mary Frost & Sharlyn Roden** Assistant Services Officers

**Mary K. Anderson** Toronto Legacy Committee Co-Chair

**Sandra Smith** IODE War Memorial Ontario selection committee Chair

All the **Provincial Councillors** stood to be recognized and thanked for their willingness to give their time, their resources and talents for the betterment of the Provincial Chapter.

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### **Secretary's Annual Report**

**Provincial Secretary Kathy Newnes** presented the report of the Provincial Executive Committee.

"It has been my privilege to take over as Provincial Secretary this year. It has certainly been a year of firsts. President Renate Schuetz has helped me understand many new concepts and procedures. All the Provincial Executive has been very supportive and what a wonderful group of women, helping me walk through this new journey.

This Annual Report really gave me a sense of pride with all the amazing things going on in Ontario. As you look through the Secretary's Report, you will see several different topics. The longevity of many chapters was highlighted, with having two chapters that celebrating 110 years and 2 celebrating 100 years. That is quite an accomplishment! It with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to so many members and you will see their names listed. Also, congratulations to the many new Life Memberships. You will see some of the special celebrations that President Renate Schuetz attended, along with the Officers and Convenors Annual Retreat, the 97<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting and a Town Hall Meeting last September.

A special thank you to Susan Varga, the Office Assistant. For those who do not know her she is very knowledgeable, always eager to help. When you enter the office, you are always greeted with a big smile and hello. If she doesn't have the immediate answer, she will investigate and get the answer. Please make note of the last paragraph asking to have any changes in information to go to the office as soon as they occur so that the database can be kept up to date. Clearing printing an email address helps so that small things are not missed, like a period."

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**MOVED BY: Kathy Newnes, Provincial Secretary**

**SECONDED BY: Bonnie Rees, The Princes Richard and Michael, Kitchener**

**“THAT the Secretary’s Report as presented in the 2017 Annual Report be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

**Minutes of the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting**

“The Minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting held April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, Windermere Road, London, were uploaded to the Provincial Website. Members were informed in the fall issue of the *IODE Ontario Newsletter*. Copies were sent to those individuals requesting printed copies.”

**MOVED BY: Kathy Newnes, Provincial Secretary**

**SECONDED BY: Chris Bateman, IODE West Gwillimbury, Bradford-West Gwillimbury**

**“That the minutes of the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting be adopted as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

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**Annual Reports of the Departments**

**Citizenship report presented by Caroline Rodgers**

“IODE Ontario celebrated Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by participating with IODE Canada, in giving out *Canada’s 150th Anniversary IODE Good Citizenship Award* to good citizens in our schools. This also gave the chapters a chance to participate in anniversary celebrations in their communities.

This past November, IODE members came together with other Chatham community members to participate in *The C-K Keeping 150 Cenotaph Vigil*. This was a wonderful way to remember and honour our military, past and present by standing vigil at the cenotaph in Chatham for 150 hours leading up to November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Our volunteers dedicate themselves to their chapters and communities, 2017 was no different. IODE Ontario members gave **193,595 hours**. Even though volunteers are unpaid, their contribution provides tangible benefits and services to many Canadians, making it appropriate to estimate the value of these services. By using the average hourly wage in Ontario of \$21.90, our **hours equal \$4,239,730**.

As in years past, chapters took part in Citizenship courts and have carried on this IODE tradition since the inception of Citizenship courts.”

**Communications report presented by Elanor Brodie**

“I have the pleasure of working with the provincial communications team to promote IODE in Ontario to the public through our website, Facebook and marketing materials. Our department also works to assist primary chapters across the province in further promotion of their events, activities and successes.

IODE chapters from across Ontario actively create, participate and engage in a variety of excellent fundraising efforts that we should all be proud of and that are fun to help promote.

The ever-growing embrace of social media and outside the box promotional tools for these events by more and more chapters and by us helps to keep our organization current and relevant to our communities.

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IODE Chapters support a wide variety of terrific causes and worthy organizations, including therapeutic riding programs, mental health initiatives, food banks and women's shelters, in addition to schools at all levels (scholarships, literacy programs, nutritional support, and adopted schools) and hospices. Chapters support the maintenance and repair of monuments and landmarks among many other things. By supporting these causes, it gives chapters and members further opportunities for promotion to the audiences, networks and clients of those we help, through their own networks and social media. This year, there was a lot more emphasis on purposely placing information on civic and municipal sites, tourism webpages which brings awareness about IODE to whole neighbourhoods, towns and cities and on the pages of business event partners and sponsors.

I am happy to report that again we had staggering numbers for the value of our promotions across the province. We are a great organization in getting as much of our advertising for at a low cost or no cost therefore more fundraising monies is used for our good causes.

Our Communications Committee wishes to congratulate all the chapters in the province for their continuous hard work in promoting both their local chapter and IODE as an organization. We work well as a team and by working together we will be here to communicate for many more years to come."

**Education report presented by Helen Danby**

"As your Provincial Education Officer, it is my privilege to present the Education Report, which includes reports from Adopted Schools, Toronto Legacy, Hamilton Legacy, and the War Memorial Doctoral Scholarships Provincial Selection Committee.

Thank you, Chapters, for your most generous support to Education this past year. The total donated was **\$242,709**.

Sixty-three scholarships, bursaries and book donations were the most common means of donations, but not the only ones. In the annual report, I have highlighted various chapters and their creative ways they supported their community schools, libraries, and organizations. Please take the time to read the novel ways IODE Chapters have contributed.

There are several chapters that although disbanded, their contributions continue through legacy programs. The Toronto Municipal Legacy and the Hamilton Municipal Legacy are two prominent ones. Last year the IODE Randolph Churchill in Blenheim created their legacy with the local school board that will report the recipients' names.

The majority of the IODE primary chapters donate funds locally. Out of the total amount of over \$242,700, 89.4 % or \$216,988 is for local projects. This gives 2.6 % to National education funds and 2.16 % to Provincial education funds. Even though a small percentage is given to our Provincial and National funds, it continues to support our National Ballet School Partner, our Ontario College of Arts and Design University Scholarship, as well as bursaries from the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education.

For **Adopted Schools**, we have 34 adopted classes assisting 679 students. Chapters spent over \$13,626 or 5.61% of the total education funds on this endeavour. This past year, Provincial Services Officer Virginia Reade and Assistant Education Officer Norma Chicoine were able to form a partnership with the OPP and Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS). These officers form a relay route by bring supplies from our office to some of the Northern Ontario schools. We realize that the shipping costs are a major drawback.

In 2017, our (past) **Canada's National Ballet School** partner, Alexandra Hall, graduated and started her professional career. As of September 2017, we have a new student partner, **Avery Grierson** who is from Etobicoke. We look forward to watching her achieve her goals in ballet as our past partner did.

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The student from **Ontario College of Art & Design University** who received a \$1,000 scholarship was **Samantha Hazard**. Samantha was able to attend one of our Provincial Councillor meetings and showed slides of her work. A sample of her work is on our IODE Ontario website.

The **Nipissing University Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Bursary in Sociology** for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year student was **Alexandra MacDougall**. The money for this award is income from an interest-based award from funds donated and matched by the government in 1997.

As we are all aware the **IODE Jean Throop Book Award** valued at \$2,000, was awarded to **Chris Hadfield** who teamed up with Author **Kate Fillion** and the illustration team of **Terry and Eric Fan** for the book "**The Darkest Dark**".

IODE Ontario War Memorial selection committee reviewed 65 applications and forwarded nine submissions to the National War Memorial Selection Committee for consideration. **Jane Weber**, who is in Biomedicine was the **IODE Canada War Memorial Doctoral Scholarships** recipient from Ontario.

Once again thank you to every chapter that has supported IODE Education in their area and provincially. This is an excellent way to let communities know that IODE is still active and helping students."

#### **Membership report presented by Shirley Ann Elms**

"I would like to take a few moments to speak to the annual membership report for 2017 on behalf of the Membership Committee.

Membership does not have a show and tell (as some of our other officers) have because you are our show and tell. Every day you show your compassion and I know I am in good company when I say that you tell everyone who will listen about IODE ... our purpose and our passion.

Membership is an ongoing challenge. IODE Ontario recognizes and applauds the efforts of all chapters to recruit new members and encourages healthy chapters to continue the good works of IODE.

Every report has the ups and downs of an organization and we are no different. First the downs and then the ups.

It is always sad to say good-bye to chapters and members who have concluded to retire their charter, and this decision is not taken lightly. We unfortunately lost six chapters in Ontario in 2017 for various reasons. Members tried very hard to keep their chapter active, but due to age, illness, caring for family members and a decreasing ability to fulfil the many responsibilities, they relinquished the formal relationship with IODE. I know these ladies will continue to support various initiatives in their communities.

Forty-eight new members were installed in chapters throughout 2017. Equally, important primary chapters spent the year ensuring the health of the chapter. This was accomplished by welcoming new members and adjusting events to suit our ever-changing times.

On behalf of the Provincial Membership Committee, we take this opportunity to say thank-you to all members of IODE. As it is only through your dedication and good works that, we continue to make a difference in the lives of so many. Our purpose is stronger with our individual and collective passion!"

#### **Services report presented by Virginia Reade**

"2017 has been another busy year for IODE Services in Ontario. Chapters have supported shelters, food programs, camps, purchased equipment, bedding and clothing for programs within their home communities.

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At the Provincial office, we have received donations for the **Provincial Services Fund**, the **Shipping Fund**, the **Toys for the North Fund** and the **Footwear Fund** valued at **\$7,394**.

Chapters have supported the National Service Fund, the Disaster Relief Fund and the ever-popular Snack Pack Program with donations of \$12,450.

The provincial packing room has been busy with six regular packing days, *Toys for the North* in November, two parcel pick-ups by the OPP and one by a NAPS Officer from Thunder Bay.

Congratulations and thank you to the Ontario chapters and individuals that have helped make this a successful year for Services.”

**Standard Bearer report presented by Sheila DeJaegher**

“It was an honour to place the IODE Ontario, Canadian Flag at the opening ceremony of the 97<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual meeting held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the Ivy Spencer Leadership Centre London Ontario, where the flag remained in place throughout the meeting.

Members across Ontario paraded with pride their Chapter flag at all kinds of functions.

Flags were displayed at Cenotaphs and Church services commemorating the end of WW1.

The Canadian Flag and the IODE Corporate Logo Flag were displayed at fall fairs, antique shows, house tours, Victorian Tea parties and Regimental Church services. Chapter Standard Bearers reported that they had taken the flag to the funeral homes for deceased chapter members on request of the family.

Standard Bearers are proud to carry their Chapter flag whenever possible to show their pride in being a member of IODE.”

**National President Bonnie Rees seconded the Annual Report:**

“It is my honour to second the 2017 Annual Report of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE.

This report is a compendium of the information contained in the reports of the primary and municipal chapters across their great province. It is a testament to the high regard the members have for the Mission of IODE. Their collective accomplishments in the past year are impressive and are a fitting tribute to the great legacy of IODE in Ontario for these past 98 years.

In addition, I commend the province for including the innovative section *Chapter’s Story*, which allows each chapter to “*tell its story*” for posterity.

IODE Ontario is truly living the theme of this joint meeting *Purpose With Passion*. I congratulate IODE Ontario.

As a member of IODE Ontario, it gives me great pride to second the adoption of the 2017 Annual report of IODE Ontario.”

**MOVED BY: The Citizenship Officer, the Communications Officer, the Education Officer, the Membership Officer and the Standard Bearer.**

**SECONDED BY: Bonnie Rees, National President**

**“THAT the 2017 Annual Report on behalf of the Officers and Convenors be accepted as read.”**

**CARRIED**

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**Chapter Stories**

Presented by President Renate Schuetz

"Last fall we asked each chapter to write what makes their chapter special. This gave the chapter the chance to brag. And many did!

We know that each chapter is special because of the members. We wanted to know who these women are and about the programs or projects that the chapter supports.

They described past and present programs. They explained how they did their fundraising. They wrote about the special women who make our organization the best. They wrote about how the members supported each other through bad times and celebrated the best of times. No matter the size of the membership in the chapter, the women have built strong bonds that maintain their friendships even outside of their chapter meetings.

Provincial is worried over the possible loss of our history. Knowing and sharing our history is important. Our History tells our story. IODE members have the wealth of knowledge and skills that are transmitted from one generation to the next.

By recording stories, we make an effort in securing our heritage for years to come.

We have included the chapters who had submitted their Chapter Story in this year's Annual Report and hope to continue until all chapters are included."

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**By- Law Change**

From time to time the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), made up of your elected Councillors, review the IODE Ontario's By-Laws. The following By-Law amendment had been approved by the PEC for the membership to consider and if thought appropriate, approve by a show of hands.

**MOVED BY: Louise Visneskie, IODE City of Lakes, Sudbury**

**SECONDED BY: Jo Brodie, IODE Laurentian, Ottawa**

**"THAT the actions of the Provincial Executive Committee in changing Provincial By-Law #7**

**FROM**

**Each Primary Chapter shall name only one nominee for Councillor of the Provincial Chapter.**

**TO**

**Each Primary Chapter shall name up to five (5) nominees for Councillor of the Provincial Chapter, be ratified."**

**CARRIED**

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**Recommendations**

**Secretary Kathy Newnes** read the following recommendations that had been approved by the Provincial Executive Committee at the Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting.

"THAT Elanor Brodie, Linda Gryner and Caroline Rodgers be appointed to the Press Committee for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE in Session at its 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting."

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"THAT Karen Barker (Chair), Dr. Patricia Kresan and Donna O'Reilly be appointed to the Resolutions and Credentials Committee for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE in Session at its 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting."

"THAT the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario be held on or around Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at a location to be determined, and with a format to be determined by the Provincial Executive Committee."

"THAT Jo Brodie be named to the National Resolutions Committee at the 118<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting in London Ontario on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, if requested."

"THAT Karen Barker and Caroline Rodgers be named to the National Credentials Committee for the 118<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting in London Ontario on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, if requested."

"THAT Renate Schuetz and Sandra Smith be appointed to the National War Memorial Committee for the year 2018-2019 and that the National Chapter be informed."

"THAT Renate Schuetz be the Official Delegate of the Provincial Chapter to the 118<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting to be held in London, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 as allowed in the 2018 Provincial Budget."

"THAT Linda Gryner be the Official Representative of the Provincial Chapter to the 118<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting to be held in London, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 as allowed in the 2018 Provincial Budget."

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### **Membership Awards**

**Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms** and **Assistant Membership Gail McDiarmid** presented the Membership awards along with President Renate Schuetz. Shirley Ann Elms explained how the chapters managed to receive this award.

'It is important to recognize the accomplishments of chapter members. So, continue to acknowledge milestone anniversaries with pins for 10, 25, 50 and 60 years of service. We encourage all primary chapters to acknowledge special acts by presenting certificates of appreciation and recognition.

Our rack cards and brochures are appearing in hotels and supermarkets around the province. Please visit the Membership Display as we have a healthy supply of both rack cards and brochures available.

Our "**Grow with IODE**" membership drive started in 2017 and will continue through 2018. It has proven to be popular with a number of chapters. This is a great way to promote IODE and your chapter throughout the year, at chapter or community sponsored events.

I hope you had an opportunity to drop by the Membership Display to pick up rack cards to take to your chapter. Do not forget you can order more during 2018 by calling or emailing the IODE Ontario office.

I am pleased to say chapters throughout Ontario have been busy recruiting members. The provincial membership committee applauds the effort of all Chapters who recruited new members during 2017.

The Provincial Membership Awards acknowledges chapters having installed the greatest number of new paid up members for 2017. To qualify for the Provincial Membership Award, fees must be received at the IODE Ontario office and processed prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, to be included for 2017.

The names of winning chapters will be inscribed on the IODE Ontario Membership Award Plaque.

The Membership Committee wish to thank all members of IODE as it is only through your dedication and good works that we continue to make a difference in the lives of so many. *Our **purpose** is stronger **with** our individual and collective **passion!***

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**Third Place: with four new members**

- **IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Sudbury**

**Second Place: with five new members**

- **IODE Maple Leaf, Goderich**

**First Place: three chapters installed six new members**

- **IODE City of Lakes, Sudbury**
- **IODE Laurentian, Ottawa**
- **IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester**

Congratulations to all!

**Strategic Planning**

**Committee chair Karen Barker** gave the audience an update on the continued growth of the IODE Ontario Strategic Plan.

“Three issues are always at the forefront of planning, 1 - how to increase membership, 2 - how to best decrease spending and 3 - how to increase revenue?”

Karen Barker explained how and why the committee started, general meeting information and the findings so far. She discussed how the Citizenship, Communications, Education, Services and the Membership Committees have fit in to the process and issues to address within each of these committees. Office procedures and succession planning are also part of the discussions in the Strategic Planning meetings.

New members are encouraged to join these meetings and become part of the process. There was a very enthusiastic question period during this presentation, demonstrating interest with some good suggestions.

The group received a hand out that was the copy of the power point presentation.

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**Clothing for Northern Communities**

IODE Ontario sends many cartons of clothing and footwear to ten Labrador and five Nunavut locations year-round, including special Christmas deliveries. Postage is reimbursed by the National Services Fund.

This year the Services Committee held a “Clothes for Northern Communities” drive. It included articles of winter clothing, tracksuits, hoodies, socks and underwear for all ages. In general, warm clothes for school age children.

As this was a joint meeting with the National Chapter, members from across Canada donated \$700 to purchase necessities and contributed over \$12,000 worth of clothing.

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**Voting results National and Provincial Councillors**

**Provincial Treasurer Karen Barker** gave the Scrutineers' Report for the Election of the Provincial and National Councillors.

The following are elected as the **2018-2019 Provincial Councillors**.

**South Western Area** - Areas of Chatham-Kent, Sarnia-Lambton and Windsor Essex (former Provincial Areas of Chatham, Comber, Leamington, Ridgetown, Windsor, Municipal Chapter of Sarnia-Lambton)

<b>Button, Debbie</b> - Ridgetown	<b>Danby, Helen</b> - Petrolia
<b>DeJaegher, Sheila</b> - Chatham	<b>Evans, Eula</b> - Petrolia
<b>Gryner, Linda</b> - Plympton-Wyoming	<b>Kearney Richards, Kris</b> - Dresden
<b>Saunders, Gloria</b> - Petrolia	<b>Smith, Sandra</b> - Pain Court
<b>Weston, Kathryn</b> - Sarnia	<b>Weston, Wendy</b> - Dresden

**Mid-Central Area** - Areas of London Central and Mid Western (former Provincial Areas of London, St. Thomas, Strathroy, Goderich and Stratford)

<b>Boyd, Jeanette</b> - St. Thomas	<b>Chicoine Norma</b> - London
<b>Garfat, Tory</b> - London	<b>Jasper, Mary Ellen</b> - Goderich
<b>MacLeod, Hazel</b> - London	<b>Newnes, Kathy</b> - London
	<b>Reid, Aileen</b> - Ingersoll

**South Central Area** - Areas of Provincial Headquarters (former Provincial Areas of Hamilton, Oakville and Simcoe)

<b>Bentley, Eleanor</b> - Hamilton	<b>Davis, Susan</b> - Hamilton
<b>Hof, Jean</b> - Hamilton	<b>McDiarmid, Gail</b> - Oakville
<b>Rivard, Lynda</b> - Simcoe	<b>Schuetz, Renate</b> - Owen Sound

**Toronto Area** - Area of Toronto (former Provincial Areas of Markham, Pickering and Toronto)

<b>Anderson, Mary. K</b> - Pickering	<b>Barker, Karen</b> - Toronto
<b>Boyden, Kathryn</b> - Toronto	<b>Elms, Shirley Ann</b> - Dundas
<b>MacKinnon, Margo</b> - Pickering	<b>McCall, Carol</b> - Toronto
<b>Moore, Catherine</b> - Toronto	

**North Central** - Areas of Conestoga and Huronia/Grey-Bruce (former Provincial Areas of Cambridge, Freelon, Guelph, Kitchener, Milton, Bradford- West Gwillimbury, Holland Landing, Newmarket, Orangeville and Warton)

<b>Bateman, Chris</b> - Queensville	<b>Fabian, Patricia</b> - Waterloo
<b>Frost, Mary</b> - Dundas	<b>Mason, E. Anne</b> - Oro-Medonte
<b>O'Reilly, Donna</b> - Freelon	<b>Reade, Virginia</b> - Hamilton
<b>Rees, Bonnie</b> - Waterloo	<b>Roden, Sharlyn</b> - Burlington

**Eastern/Northern Area** - Areas of Kawartha-Trent, Ottawa-Rideau and Northern North/Western (former Provincial Areas of Campbellford, Lindsay, Norwood, Oshawa, Uxbridge, Municipal Chapter of Ottawa, Carleton Place, North Bay and Sudbury)

<b>Brodie, Elanor</b> - Ottawa	<b>Brodie, Jo</b> - Ottawa
<b>Gallipeau, Peggy</b> - Carleton Place	<b>Gibson, Libby</b> - North Bay
<b>Harkin, Gwyneth</b> - Nepean	<b>Kresan, Patricia</b> - Sudbury
<b>Rodgers, Caroline</b> - Richmond	<b>Thompson, Betsy</b> - Campbellford
<b>Visneskie, Louise</b> - Sudbury	

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**South Western Area** - Chatham-Kent, Sarnia-Lambton and Windsor-Essex  
**DeJaegher, Sheila** - Chatham

**Mid-Central Area** - London Central and Mid Western  
**MacLeod, Hazel** - London

**South Central Area** - Provincial Headquarters  
**Schuetz, Renate** - Owen Sound

**Toronto Area** - Toronto  
**Elms, Shirley Ann** - Dundas

**North Central Area** - Conestoga and Huronia/Grey-Bruce  
**O'Reilly, Donna** - Freelon

**Eastern/Northern Area** - Kawartha-Trent, Ottawa-Rideau and Northern North/Western  
**Westlake, Marie** - Bemersyde

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### **Nominating Committee Report**

The Provincial Nominating Committee comprised of **Gloria Saunders, Kathryn Weston** and **Donna O'Reilly, Chair** were elected at the November 2017 meeting of the Provincial Executive Committee. The committee was charged with the responsibility of preparing a proposed Slate of Provincial Officers for 2018-2019.

"No further nominees eligible for election as Provincial Officers were submitted in writing up to and not later than 14 days, (extended to May 23 this year), before the Annual Meeting by persons entitled to a PEC vote. Nominations were closed at that time and a complete list of eligible nominees was prepared and presented to the May 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee meeting held immediately prior to the Annual Meeting for final approval.

President	<b>Renate Schuetz</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	<b>Linda Gryner</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	<b>Caroline Rodgers</b>
South Western Area Vice President	<b>Kris Kearney-Richards</b>
Mid Central Area Vice President	<b>Aileen Reid</b>
South Central Area Vice President	<b>Gail McDiarmid</b>
Toronto Area Vice President	<b>Margo MacKinnon</b>
North Central Area Vice President	<b>Donna O'Reilly</b>
Eastern Area Vice President	<b>Jo Brodie</b>
Northern Area Vice President	<b>Dr. Patricia Kresan</b>
Secretary	<b>Kathy Newnes</b>
Treasurer	<b>Karen Barker</b>
Citizenship	<b>Caroline Rodgers</b>
Communications	<b>Elanor Brodie</b>
Education	<b>Helen Danby</b>
Assistant Education	<b>Norma Chicoine</b>
Membership	<b>Shirley Ann Elms</b>
Assistant Membership	<b>Gail McDiarmid</b>

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Services  
Assistant Services  
Standard Bearer

**Virginia Reade**  
**Sharlyn Roden and Mary Frost**  
**Sheila De Jaegher**

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**Installation of the 2018-2019 Provincial Officers**

National President Bonnie Rees kindly installed the 2018-2019 Provincial Officers.

“To you Renate Schuetz as President and to the Officers of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE is entrusted the honour and responsibility of guiding the primary chapter members in your province and encouraging them in their projects throughout the year. As I induct you into office, I encourage you to continue the good works that benefit this province and Canada. May the members you inspire continue to build on knowledge that assists them in the delivery of IODE programs. May this provincial chapter continue to build reciprocal communication strategies with its chapters and to grow in membership during your term of office.

May you as President and may each officer have the wisdom, strength and courage to be equal to this task. I now present you with the gavel, symbol of the office you now hold. Renate, use it wisely in your meetings and deliberations. I congratulate you and your officers and wish you every success.”

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There being no further business, the 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting was declared closed.

Adjournment time 4:30 p.m. - Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia.

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President

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Secretary