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IODE Ontario

Since 1920 IODE ... women dedicated to a better Canada

From the desk of ... President Renate Schuetz

Spring 2018

Recently I received a copy of 150 stories from the Office of the Ontario Lieutenant Governor. The book is filled with a collection of stories and images about what it means to be Canadian in Ontario. The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt wrote the foreword "What a better time to record and reflect upon who we are?"

Your Chapter's Story will be part of the 2017 Provincial Annual Report. We know that your chapter is special because of your members, we want to know who these women are, we want to hear about the programs or projects the chapter supports. The first week of December we sent all chapter secretaries and presidents a "Your Chapter's Story" form to brag about what makes your chapter special! Most chapters have returned bragging accounts. If your chapter didn't submit one, you have until Thursday March 29th

Caroline Rodger, Provincial Citizenship Officer and her committee have launched an interesting endeavour titled A Gathering of Our IODE Heroes. More details can be found in her article on page 5. Please help us record these women, so we honour them and their story.

Today really is tomorrow's history. That is why it is so important to record what we are doing now, for future members.

We, on the Provincial Executive Committee, hope that you will be able to attend the Provincial Annual Meeting this year that will be held jointly with the National Annual Meeting.

98th Provincial Annual Meeting Friday June 1st, 2018 118th National Annual Meeting Saturday June 2nd, 2018 At the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, London

The following business will be presented at the 98th Provincial Annual Meeting for approval;

- 1. to accept the minutes from the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting
- to accept the Provincial Secretary's Report
- 3. to receive the audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2017
- 4. to receive the Budget for the Provincial Chapter for the year 2018
- to appoint the Auditors for the ensuing year
- 6. vote on the Notice of Motion (below)
- 7. to transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting

The 2018 annual meetings registration form and the provisional agenda can be downloaded from our website www.iodeontario.ca Minutes from the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting can be found on the 2017 annual meeting website page or contact our office for a copy.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming meeting or about the provincial chapter please feel free to email me at the address below. Hope to see you in London!

Notice of Motion

"MOTION: Be It Recommended To the Provincial Annual Meeting in Session, THAT Ontario By-Law #7 be changed

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."



Meet our new Student Partner in Canada's National Ballet School

June 2017, Alexandra Hall, our Student partner at Canada's National Ballet School for the past few years graduated and we said goodbye and best wishes to her in our Fall Newsletter.

Recently the Provincial Chapter was introduced to our new student partner, Avery Grierson. We are excited to follow Amy's growth and development during her time with NBS!

CANADA'S NATIONAL BAJIET SCHOOL Presented to The IODE Ontario 2017-2018

Avery Grierson

Hometown: Etobicoke, Ontario Grade: 9 Years at NBS: 4

The past year at NBS was full of exciting opportunities. I feel prepared to take my training to the next level in grade 9!

I started dancing when I was three years old and have loved it ever since. I love dancing because of the way it makes me feel when I'm on stage in front of an audience, and how hard I have to work all the time to improve. I love the adrenaline I get before I go on stage. It is such a rush! I also love being able to make an audience, and even myself, believe I am a different character. When I perform I feel excited and nervous at the same time. It is the best feeling in the whole world.

I love being at NBS because it feels like I am learning in a truly professional environment. I also like how I am able to study ballet every day in addition to my academic classes.

Last year I was chosen to dance the lead role of Marie in the National Ballet of Canada's production of *The Nutcracker*. It was such a privilege to be chosen for that role, and I loved doing it. Later in the year, I performed at NBS' Assemblée Internationale 2017, Sharing Dance Day 2017, and I was even able to choreograph a piece in the Stephen Godfrey Choreographic Workshop. The piece was called *Currents*, and was a pas de trois with two girls and one boy. It was an interesting experience since I wasn't the one doing the dancing!



My favourite ballet is *La Sylphide*. I love its romantic style and beautiful music. I also love the ballet because when I was in grade 7 I had the opportunity to be in the ballet with the National Ballet of Canada. It was the best time of my life so far.

In my spare time, I love to sing and play piano. I also really love to read and draw. When I was younger I wanted to be a horseback rider or be in musical theatre. But my dream has always been to be a dancer.

I look forward to meeting you soon! I am interested in learning more about what inspired you to be a donor at the School and what draws you to ballet. Thank you so much for all your support!



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The Services Department gives "Thanks"!

The Services Department has experienced a busy fall. We are tipping our hats as an "**IODE THANK YOU**" to all of the members and chapters who have knitted or sewn, shopped, delivered, sorted and helped pack at the Provincial packing room. These parcels benefit the children and families in the remote North. The Christmas cartons were sent to 30 locations in November.

This past December, we received a call for help from a Birthing Centre Midwife in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut requesting assistance for 2 families who had lost their homes in Coral Harbour to a fire. With funds from IODE Canada and donations from chapters close to the provincial office, we were able to send 3 boxes of warm clothing, footwear and some household items to each family of 4 and one soon to arrive infant. Several family members were in a Winnipeg hospital due to injuries from the fire. Provincial Services Officer Virginia Reade was able to speak with the Mom (awaiting the arrival of her baby) and received a warm thank you. She told us how pleased her children (4 & 7 years) were with the new clothes and toys they had received from us.



The father of the second family was recently released from the hospital. He contact our office to express the family's appreciation for the support gotten from IODE.

OPP Sergeant Mike Bussieres (pictured above with Provincial Services Officer, Virginia Reade) has been a great help to Provincial Services. He has been personally picking up cartons at our office and transporting them to Thunder Bay. Cartons are then transferred to NAPS officers (Nishnawbe-Aski) who then deliver them to fly-in locations. The money that we save on postage is used to purchase more items for our northern children.

The Services Committee has planned a *Clothes for Northern Communities* drive for the Provincial and National Annual Meetings. The communities are asking for waterproof mitts, lined hats, tracksuits, hoodies, socks, baby sleepers and underwear for all ages. In general warm clothing for school age children.

The Adopted Schools Program



From L to R: Constable Sylvia Wapoose (NAPS), Autumn Debassige (Grade 9 student) and Luka Brkjacic (Vice-Principal, John C. Yesno Education Centre)

Since 1923, the IODE Adopted Schools/Classroom Program has continued to improve literacy of children in remote northern communities.

From the beginning, the core principle of the program was to provide materials to supplement classroom educational supplies while adding diversity to their resources. Shipping these items in a timely manner often proved challenging and costly. Recently, IODE Ontario and a few chapters were delighted to form a partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) in Thunder Bay. When possible, OPP officers pick-up donated items from the Provincial Office free-of-charge and transport them to Northern Ontario. The OPP then coordinate their efforts with officers from NAPS who then deliver the boxes to our adopted schools.

The success of an adoption can be attributed to the building of a relationship between the teacher and the chapter. In fact, many chapters have maintained the **same** adoption class for years with great outcomes! Today, we also have individual IODE members with adopted classes of their own. Our list of available classes for adoption is updated yearly. Perhaps we have a classroom that is right for you!



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An Update from IODE Ontario's Student Partner: Samantha Hazard

Annually we present a monetary award to a student in their second year at the Ontario College of Arts and Design University in Toronto, from the IODE Ontario Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education. Our 2017/2018 recipient is Samantha Hazard, a third-year student. Samantha took time to visit our office and speak at our October 12th, 2017 Provincial Executive Committee meeting.

Samantha interest lays in any of the medias with the focus being the human and found many courses at the school to support her interest. Samantha's computer presentation highlighted her portfolio of work, using a variety of mediums such as charcoal, acrylic paint, water colour, digital art and many other techniques. It seems that everything is in her favour to ensure a bright future.

Samantha thanked us and stated that she is honoured to receive this scholarship. She is in her third year of Drawing and Painting at OCAD University. She grew up in the rural area of Mount Hope, just outside of Hamilton. She describes herself as follows:

"I have always been a creative and imaginative person and luckily once I entered high school, I met a teacher who allowed those qualities of mine to flourish. With the careful encouragement of this teacher, I began to pursue a post-secondary education in the fine arts. I am grateful to have this opportunity to study and further my artistic practice in their Drawing and Painting program. Your gracious award will support me as I continue to discover my artistic potential and further my knowledge and education. With this scholarship, my financial burdens will be lessened, allowing me greater time to explore my practice. Thank you for your contribution towards my future, as well as the future of other aspiring artists."



Pictured L to R: Renate Schuetz; IODE Ontario President, Samantha Hazard with Tonya Wray; OCAD University Annual Giving Officer, Helen Danby; IODE Ontario Education Officer.



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A Gathering of Our IODE Heroes

In 1900 IODE was formed to support the troops. Many women not only supported the boys overseas, they served and enlisted.

Over the years, we have met extraordinary IODE women. Each one has lead a remarkable life. We are building a record of women who are or have been IODE members in Ontario and we wish to document the stories of extraordinary IODE women. IODE Ontario aspires to celebrate our members who have served or are still active in our Military or serve as First Responders.

Their biographies will be included in IODE publications, a chance to capture history to be kept for future generations. This will be an ongoing project for the IODE Ontario Citizenship committee as part of the IODE Ontario 100th Anniversary.



Are you or do you know a past IODE member who was:

- with the Armed Forces
- with Police services
- with Fire services
- an Emergency Medical Technician
- a frontline professional in a hospital setting

We want your story and the stories of women who came before us. Tell us:

- why decided to join the service
- when and where you served
- a highlight of your service

Don't forget to include:

- your name
- chapter or chapters names you have belonged to
- the date you joined IODE
- any relevant photos

Please forward your extraordinary story to the attention to Caroline Rodgers, IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer at <u>iodeontario@gmail.com</u> by June 30th, 2018.

All information collected will be property of IODE Ontario and will be archived, included in IODE publications and may be used in future promotion purposes.



Are you missing out?

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

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

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



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What's Happening in Membership Services?

How healthy is your Chapter?



In these changing times, people are finding themselves pulled in many different directions. We often care for aging parents, while raising our families and working outside the home. We all adjust our priorities as situations arise. Primary Chapters in this century also feel the pull as members try to juggle their many obligations. To remain healthy, chapters may want to consider changing the way they do business. Meeting times and frequency can be changed to suit members. Chapters may feel burdened by supporting every program they have in the past. Maybe consider rotating your support to every other year. Members make a list of their top priorities and choose one, two or three, that can comfortably be achieved in a given year. The list may change annually to suit the members.

Growing our Membership

The "*Help Us Grow IODE*" Membership Drive launched at the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting is ongoing through 2019. Primary Chapters use rack cards with small packages of sunflower seeds attached when recruiting members in their community. Chapters can grow like sunflower fields. Packages and instruction sheets for distribution are available through IODE Ontario. Please contact the office to order yours.





The Video Project Gail McDiarmid, IODE Ontario Assistant Membership Officer

The membership video project is still under construction and your chapter photos are needed. Gail McDiarmid and her team are working on gathering photos and videos. Please send your photos to iodeontario@gmail.ca Attention: Video Project



Remember to recognize your members...

There are many ways to thank members for their contributions. One way is to nominate chapter members for a provincial service award.

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

This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization. Adults are recognized by the length of time they've volunteered with one organization, ranging from five to 65 years of continuous service.

For additional information and the application form can be found on <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-volunteering#section-1</u>



The 4 Cs for Effective Communication



When getting ready to communicate always keep in mind of the 4 Cs. They will help to improve your writing and bring broader appeal of your message to your intended audience.

With so many ways to reach people, effective communication has never been more important. You need to have your message not only received but understood.

To make sure you get your point across, communicate clearly. Always use simple words and phrases. Do not get bogged down in big words or a jargon heavy style. Do your best to keep your messaging short and concise.

If you're communicating electronically, keep in mind that getting things like emotions across can sometimes be challenging. Choose your words carefully and consider if what you're sending could be confused by the people receiving it.

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Communicate consistently, whether it's in your timing or your message. If you typically provide a high level of media activity, continue that. When you don't communicate consistently, you send confusing messages about what's actually happening, if anything, with your organization. People get used to seeing you all the time, buy into your messaging and are invested to constantly return to learn more. If they don't see that, you may lose them as an audience.

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Communication is not just gathering your thoughts and sending them out randomly to your audience. You need to be always thinking about how your audience prefers to be communicated with and let this help you decide which channels to use.

Not every person you interact with is comfortable with all forms of media, especially social media. Make sure to put your message over multiple medium platforms, in the style suitable to each medium, so you can reach as many people as possible in ways easy to them.

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Compelling communication fulfills a need, spurs people to action and resonates with your audience. Using colorful language, interesting images and telling stories as you communicate will help to get your point across and make it more memorable. Your message should be energetic, relevant, and talk-able which are great ways to compel your audience to share your messaging.

People are consuming more content than ever before in more ways than ever before - it's vital to create context for your story, take on the right tone and be empathetic to your audience to effectively reach them.

These **4 Cs** are skills that are not all done the first time you communicate. Over time they become second nature. Always keep them in mind to help you shape the way you communicate with your audience.



118th IODE CANADA & 98th ONTARIO ANNUAL MEETINGS



31 May - 02 June 2018

Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Road, London, ON

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

IODE members and guests registered for a given day may attend all sessions unless indicated

IODE Ontario 98th & IODE Canada 118th Annual Meetings

Thursday, 31 May 2018

9:00 a.m.	Foyer	Registration				
9:30 a.m.	Amphitheatre A	Provincial Executive Committee				
12:00 p.m.	Ashers	Buffet Luncheon				
1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre A North Wing Coffee	National Advisory Committee Meeting Nourishment Hub				
3:15 p.m.	Amphitheatre A	National War Memorial Committee				
4:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre A	IODE Canada Board of Directors – Directors Only				
5:15 p.m.	Ivey Hotel Lobby	Windermere Manor Dinner				
Friday, 01 June 2018		IODE Ontario 98 th Provincial Annual Meeting				
7:00 a.m.	Ashers	Provincial Presidents Breakfast Meeting				
9:00 a.m.	Foyer	Registration				
	Cherry Room	Marketplace and Displays Donations Accepted for Share A Story Bring A Book (ages 0-6) and Clothes for Northern Communities				
10:00 a.m.	Amphitheatre A	IODE Ontario Awards Presentations IODE Jean Throop Book Award OPP Community Relations Award Announcement of the Provincial 100th Anniversary Project Guest Speaker				
Noon	Ashers	Buffet Luncheon				
1:30 p.m.	Cherry Room	Marketplace and Displays				
2:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre A	IODE Ontario Business Meeting Clothes for Northern Communities Report				
3:00 p.m.	North Wing Coffee	Nourishment Hub				
3:15 p.m.	Amphitheatre A	Membership Awards				
		Installation of 2018-2019 Provincial Officers				
4:00 p.m.	Cherry Room	IODE Jean Throop Book Signing & Sales				
5:15 p.m.	Ivey Hotel Lobby	Interactive Dinner at Fanshawe College				



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Saturday, 02 June 2018		IODE Canada 118th National Annual Meeting				
8:00 a.m.		Ashers Buffet Breakfast for First Time Attendees Primary Chapter Presidents Chapters Under National Jurisdiction				
9:00 a.m.	Foyer	Registration				
	Cherry Room	Marketplace and Displays				
	and	Accepting donations for <i>Clothing for Northern Communities</i> "Share a StoryBring a Book"				
10:00 a.m.	Amphitheatre A	IODE Canada Annual Business Meeting				
11:30 a.m.	Amphitheatre A	Speaker – Kelly Ziegner				
		CEO, Elgin Middlesex United Way What does Poverty Look Like?				
12:00 p.m.	Ashers	Buffet Luncheon				
1:30 p.m.	Cherry Room	Marketplace and Displays				
2:00 p.m.	Amphitheatre A	IODE Canada Awards Presentation IODE War Memorial Scholarship				
		RCMP Community Service Award IODE Violet Downey Book Award				
3:00 p.m.	North Wing Coffee	Nourishment Hub				
	Cherry Room	IODE Violet Downey Book Sales & Author Signing				
3:20 p.m.	Breakout Room	IODE Canada Board of Directors Meeting – Directors only				
3:30 p.m.	Amphitheatre A	Maria Kulcher – IODE New Brunswick				
		Membership Awards and Plenary				
		Share A Story Bring A Book				
4:30 p.m.	Amphitheatre A	Installation of National Officers				
5:00 p.m.	Spencer	Receiving Line Reception – Cash Bar				
6:00 p.m.	McGinnis Landing	Casual Dinner				





118th IODE CANADA & 98th Ontario Annual Meetings

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Northern Communities & Share a Story Be	ring a Book)									
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Friday Interactive Dinner • Fanshawe College (Cash Bar) + Bus No: x \$55 pp.						Total \$_				
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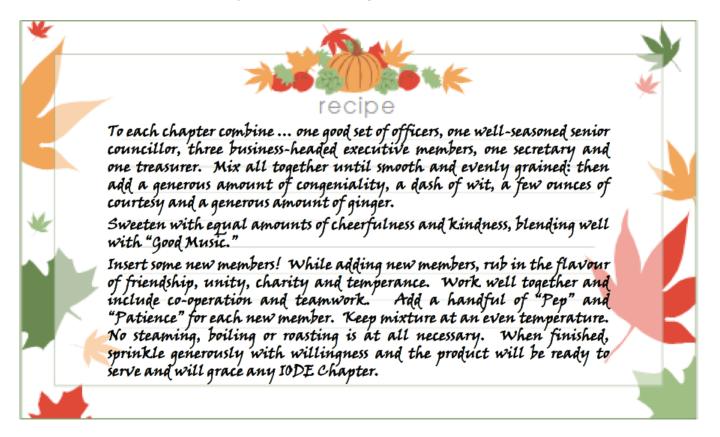
Reserve Rooms directly with Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Rd., London, ON, **BEFORE 30 APRIL** to get special rates: Standard Room & Breakfast (1 Queen size bed only) \$122.50 + HST for 1; \$133.00 + HST for 2. Book online @ https://aws.passkey.com/go/IODECanada2018 or call: 1-888-678-6926 and mention "IODE Canada" Wyndham Rewards accepted. For complete meeting details see www.IODE.ca & www.iodeontario.ca

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..Going through some old papers we found this Recipe for a Good IODE Chapter in the files of the (disbanded) Brantford IODE Alexander Graham Bell Chapter.

A recipe is something that is likely to lead to a particular outcome. Recipes are by nature derivative and meant to be shared - that is how they improve, are changed, how new ideas are formed.



Communications and Confidentiality



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

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

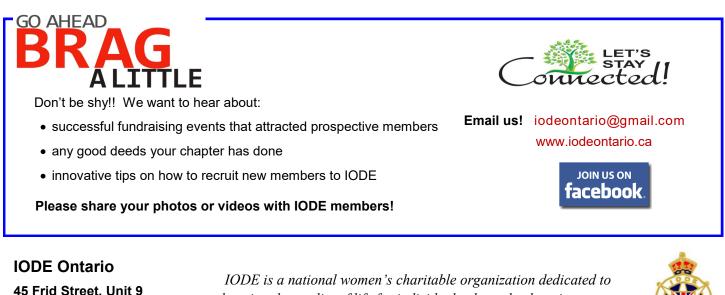




- 1. Some of the first Girl Guide Troops were sponsored by IODE in 1926. By 1923, the National Executive Committee recommended "That there should be formed IODE Girl Guide Companies, officered by members of the Order, in close co-operation with the Dominion Girl Guides." There were 54 IODE Girl Guide Chapters from 1926 to 1946. Mrs. Edith Bowlby was the first Girl Guide Convenor at the Provincial level.
- 2. That there were at many city hospitals started by the local IODE chapters.

A few of them were:

- In 1904, Gravenhurst Sanatorium was maintained by the Fessenden Chapter and Hamilton Municipalmainly St. Elizabeth Chapter.
- Lord Dufferin Hospital became a reality on October 12, 1912 in Orangeville.
- The Border Chapter IODE started the Windsor Western Hospital as the Essex County Sanatorium in 1909.
- The IODE Memorial Hospital (1910) became Windsor Western Hospital Centre, then the Western Campus of Windsor Regional Hospital.
- In 1912, the Toronto Preventorium was developed by the chapter with the same name. This later became the IODE Children's Centre at North York General Hospital. IODE's connection with them lasted 100 years.
- On September 17, 1919, the London Municipal Chapter passed a resolution to build a Children's Hospital as a War Memorial and the hospital was finished in 1922. London had a representative on the board until most recently.
- 3. In 1927, a Pullman car was equipped with the necessary materials for treating children in the isolated areas of Northern Ontario along the railroad. The dentist and his wife in the car had their living quarters in the car.
- 4. The first IODE Calendar was sold in 1925 to support IODE Education.
- 5. The IODE Charlotte Livingston Chapter in Brantford operated the first "Meals on Wheels" in Canada. The members made and delivered the meals on a daily basis in their first year (1963) and continued to help until they disbanded in 2012.



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