



**IODE Ontario**  
**Since 1920**

**2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Holiday Inn Kingston Waterfront  
2 Princess Street, Kingston**

**Minutes of the 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting  
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The 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting was a one-and-a-half-day format, commencing on the afternoon of Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> and all-day Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Waterfront, 2 Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario. President Renate Schuetz presided. The theme of the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was *The Power of Women*. Fifty-eight members registered for this meeting with three first time attendees. The Provincial Executive Committee meeting was held on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

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**Kingston's Town Crier, Chris Whyman**, surprised the attendees when he arrived to officially welcome all IODE members from across the province to the great community of Kingston. His declaration to have a successful meeting with guest speakers, plenaries and some social events was very much appreciated.

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*"My Lords Ladies and Gentlemen all ye here assembled for this 99th Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire Ontario Annual Meeting, Pray heed the following proclamation of official welcome.*

*It is recognized that we welcome all ye IODE members from across the province to our fair city to partake in this event. Through the use of carefully planned plenary sessions hosted by a variety of expert guest speakers, as well a rich and vibrant social schedule it is hoped all will gain greater knowledge insight and a strategic look ahead as well all will enjoy this forum for networking, education and this chance to re-energize and reconnect with fellow members. Furthermore, it is hoped that all may find time during your busy schedule to explore and experience the wealth of beauty and history that is Kingston ... Canada's First Capital and a World Heritage Destination.*

*Remember these words:*

*The limestone gem with all its charms,*

*Will welcome all with open arms*

*But in case you think of misbehaving, remember we've Collins Bay Kingston Pen and Millhaven*

*Yes we're also famous for prisons ---in Kingston once nine Giving a whole new meaning to, come spend time*

*On behalf of his worship Mayor Bryan Paterson, council and fellow citizens, I welcome all ye extending best wishes for a successful and rewarding Annual meeting."*

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The afternoon session began in the Bellevue Room. Members sat in a random arrangement which allowed old friendships to be renewed and new attendees were welcomed. Two plenaries were presented in the afternoon, **Fundraising** and **Membership**.

### **Fundraising**

The first plenary was presented by President Renate Schuetz, involving fundraising.

When it comes to raising money to support programs, we are always looking for new and inventive fundraising ideas. Sometimes you need to run a quick and easy project to fund an immediate need. Other times, you must organize a creative fundraiser to bring in a lot of money over a longer period. The following are some topics for consideration.

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- keep expenses below 50%, below 30% is best
- find opportunities that are mutually beneficial [yoga teacher donating time-potential new clients]
- you will be told no 3 times out of 4- do not be discouraged
- always have an outlet for a donation in case people cannot attend the event
- spend money to make money (e.g. advertising)
- budget- How will you finance to keep budget below the 30%?
- insurance- IODE Canada does carry insurance for our use
- target audience- who are you selling to..., develop a database, collect business cards
- committee set up- How to advance the event, may have connections?
- build your event of an existing network

\*See complete details on the IODE Ontario website.

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### **Membership**

Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms and Assistant Membership Officer Gail McDiarmid welcomed the attendees to a *Reach for the Top Game*. Eleanor Bentley - IODE Claremont, Hamilton, Kathryn Weston - IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia and Elanor Brodie - IODE Laurentian, Ottawa were the three volunteer contestants. Questions were posed to these contestants from queries received at the IODE office throughout the year. Dr. Patricia Kresan created sashes for each contestant, which were decorated with items depicting to their primary chapter and bells were used to ring in the answer.

Gail McDiarmid was the moderator and presented the questions to the contestants.

Topics included:

### **Increasing Membership**

#### **1. Who is a charter member?**

*Answer - A charter member is one who signs the application for charter in addition to chapter members who attend the bestowal of charter ceremony.*

#### **2. What is the process for reaching out to prospective members?**

*Answer - There is no one correct way to reach out to prospective members. Sometimes the best potential member is a friend or family member who enjoys the same kinds of activities that you do. Even bringing one person to a meeting can make the difference.*

#### **3. How can a chapter advertise their meetings and events**

*Answer - Calling members to remind them of upcoming meetings or events.*

*Use social media ... Facebook, Instagram, Tweeting.*

*Local media, community TV stations.*

#### **4. What tools would you use to recruit new members?**

*Answer - Personal contact...word of mouth invitations.*

*Discussion with prospective members about the benefits of being a member of IODE.*

*Advertising in local newspapers.*

*Social media like Facebook to advertise events..." Like us on Facebook"!!!*

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*Sidewalk advertising - one chapter places a sandwich board on the lawn outside their meeting venue inviting the interested and curious to walk in.*

*Provide members with business cards stating the name of the chapter and meeting details.*

**5. Does social media work to attract potential new members? And how does it work?**

*Answer - Yes, it does. When posting remember to use hashtags that describe exactly what you are selling – in this case membership. When people who are specifically searching for something on social media like #volunteer #serviceclub #giveback they can find you directly and see your posts about Membership.*

*Also using the @ symbol will link your different social media platforms. Always include @IODEOntario.*

*Directly ask on social media with postings to LIKE and to FOLLOW. Looking to give back to your community and make a difference? Enjoy volunteering? Then come join IODE Chapter X.*

**6. What special events could you use to increase membership?**

*Answer – invite potential members to your chapter luncheons, events, guest speaker, special interest meetings, exhibits at community events or malls.*

**Retaining Members**

**7. How do you keep members interested in IODE?**

*Answer - Partner new members with more experienced members.*

*Give members a job to do.*

*Ask for input from members.*

*Engage new members by offering a job or task, ask members to chair subcommittees or become assistants to an officer (this will give them an opportunity to see and understand the officer's job).*

*Encourage participation in committees. Listen to your members ... everyone likes to share their ideas for projects and fundraisers.*

*Annual Potluck where members can show off their signature dish or a lunch out for the ladies.*

*Themed meetings with a guest speaker or perhaps a baby shower for a local shelter. The list is limitless.*

*Keep the business portion of meetings to a minimum. Ensure there is a social aspect to each meeting - lunch, desserts, etc.*

**Recognizing Members**

**8. In what ways can you recognize membership milestones?**

*Answer - Use social media with photos of the recognition (Facebook, Instagram)*

*Certificates of Appreciation*

*Service year pins*

*Life Memberships*

## Life Membership

### 9. What is the process to award a primary life membership?

Answer - *The application may be downloaded from the IODE Canada site. Application for IODE Life Membership may be made at the Primary, Municipal and Provincial levels on this form.*

*Each chapter making application retains one copy of the application and forwards through the proper channels with a copy for each level. The National Chapter issues the Life Membership.*

*NOTE: Application and cheques, must be received at Head Office at least 6 weeks prior to presentation*

### 10. What is the cost of a primary chapter life membership?

Answer - *Primary Life Membership is \$60*

### 11. When should a life membership be granted?

Answer - *Life Memberships should be granted only for outstanding service to IODE over a number of years. The application should reflect the record and years of service given by the member **only** at the level for which application for Life Membership is made.*

*Further information is available on the IODE Canada website:  
[www.iodecanada@bellnet.ca](mailto:www.iodecanada@bellnet.ca)*

## Annual Fees

### 12. What do our annual fees pay for?

Answer - *The annual fee each member is obligated to pay, covers the cost of the administration of IODE. As we are a not for profit organization, we must maintain a national or head office.*

### 13. Does a Primary Life Member pay fees?

Answer - *Yes, the primary chapter fees may be waived, but provincial (\$25) and national (\$45) fees are mandatory.*

### 14. Must members pay fees every year or can there be a lifetime fee paid?

Answer – *To be a member in good standing, one must pay their fees annually.*

### 15. A portion of annual fees is allocated to insurance. What does this cover?

Answer - *The insurance portion of annual fees is used to purchase third party liability insurance to cover accident injury at sanctioned chapter events; defending claims and paying damages against IODE. The property held at our national office is covered as is the liability coverage for errors and omissions by Directors and Officers. Insurance will cover. The National General Liability Insurance is taken from chapter funds.*

### 16. When would we require an insurance certificate?

Answer - *Insurance certificates should be requested from the National Office for the following types of activities:*

<i>Monthly Meetings</i>	<i>Fundraisers</i>	<i>Mall displays</i>	<i>Garage Sales</i>
<i>House Tours</i>	<i>Bus Tours</i>	<i>Bake Sales</i>	<i>Flowers Sales</i>

*Any event the public is attending. (Find the insurance application form under the Treasurer tab on the IODE Canada site. Under Insurance Coverage).*

**17. Moving- I like the chapter in my old neighbourhood but want to stay involved at my new location. Can I belong to more than one primary chapter?**

Answer - Yes, a member must pay annual fees for each chapter she joins.

**18. What can a member in good standing do to stay in touch with IODE when moving to a new neighbourhood?**

Answer - A member in good standing may transfer to a chapter at their new location.

*The member in good standing may contact IODE Canada regarding the Alumni Chapter.*

*No chapter in your new neighbourhood - start a new chapter. Host an event inviting the ladies to listen to a short presentation about your experiences with IODE and how much fun we have while we raise funds to enhance the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs. Suggestions are "coffee and cake", "wine and cheese".*

The afternoon concluded with refreshments in the Islandview Room. Mix & Mingle

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**Fundraiser Dinner, Silent Auction and Fashion Show**

The purchaser received a charitable tax receipt, as \$20 (from each ticket) went directed to Dawn House Services and Housing for Women. From the ticket sales and auction proceeds, we presented Dawn House with \$2,000.

As we were joined by non IODE members, the evening start off with a Meet n' Greet, allowing time to introduce IODE to Kingston.

First Vice-President Linda Gryner asked all to take their seat for dinner and said grace. The themed fashion show followed. During the evening attendees perused the silent auction items, with a friendly bidding competition.

**Stephen Finnagan**, the Associate Dean of School of Skilled Trades and Tourism, St. Lawrence College, joined us. IODE Ontario wanted to involve the community as much as possible and Stephen provided assistance with hair and make-up for the fashion show by volunteering six students and two program leads. Three young women (from the school) modelling period costumes, were particularly entertaining and a preview to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IODE Ontario. Everyone looked lovely!

**Kim Edgington**, owner of Ozy Belle Fashions provided the models and clothes. In fact, First Vice-President Linda was a special guest model. Kim emceed and explained that Ozy Belle is a mobile boutique with an assortment of Canadian made, and international brands of quality women's fashions at reasonable prices.

At the conclusion of the show, the winners of the silent auction were announced, and the Mobile Boutique would be open in the Martello room just across the hall. Many purchased the items seen in the show. This Mobile Boutique also was open Saturday morning and it gave many the opportunity to have a second look.

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President Renate Schuetz spoke briefly about **Dawn House Services and Housing for Women**. This women's shelter, was founded in 1986 in response to a housing crisis in the City of Kingston. A diverse group of community individuals and organizations contributed to the setup and establishment as a non-profit, charitable organization that would provide a 24-hour crisis line and emergency shelter, support and resources for women over the age of 16, with or without children. The president thanked everyone for purchasing a ticket and introduced **Maggie McLaren, Executive Director** of the shelter.

Maggie expanded on what Dawn House Services offer. She explained that the faces of homelessness have changed over the years. Problems are similar but we have seen an increase in the number of families and the number of women over the age of 60. The low vacancy rates in Kingston, combined with high market rents, make it difficult for many women. There has also been a reduction to health and social service programs and high unemployment rates in a sluggish economy, thus the need for emergency shelter increases. In addition, there has been an increase in the number of women who are receiving Ontario Disability Support Program funds (ODSP), Canada Pension Plan, and Old Age Security benefits. Many of the women have significant health challenges and the need for shelter grows. Dawn House not only provides housing but also wellness-based services and specialty programs for the women. Maggie thanked IODE Ontario for their support.

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**Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>** began in the Islandview Room with a first time attendees' breakfast hosted by Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms and Assistant Membership Officer Gail McDiarmid. President Renate Schuetz meet with the Area Vice Presidents over breakfast to discuss concerns for their designated areas.

The meeting, held in the Bellevue Room, began with a procession lead by **President Renate Schuetz** and **National First Vice-President Carol McCall**, followed by **First Vice-President Linda Gryner**, **Second Vice-President Caroline Rodgers**, **Secretary Kathy Newnes** 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.

*We're missing you a little more  
Each time we hear your name  
We've cried so many tears  
Yet our heart's broken just the same  
We miss our times together  
Things in common we could share  
But nothing fills the emptiness  
Now you're no longer there  
We've so many precious memories  
To last our whole life through  
Each one of the reminders  
Of how much we're missing you*

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President Renate Schuetz declared the 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting open for the transaction of business. She welcomed everyone to this meeting and began by introducing special guests.

The National Officers and Committee Chairs who were in attendance were introduced:

Carol McCall	First Vice-President and Treasurer,
Chris Bateman	Secretary and Honorary National President
Catherine Moore	Constitution Officer
Karen Dalton	Education Officer
E. Anne Mason	Membership Officer
Hazel MacLeod	War Memorial Officer
Marty Dalton	Honorary National President

She also recognized the Honorary Provincial Vice-Presidents;

Marty Dalton	IODE Eldon House, London
Ruth Ann Butler	IODE Eldon House, London
Chris Bateman	IODE West Gwillimbury, Bradford West Gwillimbury
Sandra Smith	IODE Captain Garnet Brackin, Chatham
E. Anne Mason	IODE Holland Landing, Holland Landing

The Provincial Officers and Convenors for 2018/2019 were then introduced and stood to be recognized.

Renate Schuetz	President
Linda Gryner	First Vice-President, 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair & Annual Meeting Co-Convenor
Caroline Rodgers	Second Vice-President, Citizenship Officer & Annual Meeting Co-Convenor

Vice-Presidents for the Areas of:

Aileen Reid	Mid Central Ontario
Kris Kearney-Richards	South Western Ontario (unable to attend)
Gail McDiarmid	South Central Ontario
Margo Mackinnon	Toronto
Donna O'Reilly	North Central Ontario
Jo Brodie	Eastern Ontario
Dr. Patricia Kresan	Northern Ontario
Kathy Newnes	Secretary
Karen Barker	Treasurer, Strategic Planning Committee Chair & Toronto Legacy Co-Convenor (unable to attend)
Elanor Brodie	Communications Officer
Helen Danby	Education Officer & Provincial Archivist
Norma Chicoine	Assistant Education Officer/Adopted Schools (unable to attend)
Shirley Ann Elms	Membership Officer
Gail McDiarmid	Assistant Membership Officer
Virginia Reade	Services Officer
Sheila DeJaegher	Standard Bearer
Donna O'Reilly	By-Laws Convenor
Mary K. Anderson	Toronto Legacy Co-Convenor (unable to attend)
Sandra Smith	War Memorial Convenor for Ontario (unable to attend)



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Valerie Blais                      Ottawa Municipal President  
Helen Danby                      Sarnia Lambton Municipal President

Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms introduced three members who were first time attendees.

Pat Scallan            IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto  
Barbara Rae            IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa  
Barbara Howard    IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville

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**Resolutions of Loyalty** are prepared annually by each province and forwarded by IODE Canada on our behalf, as a sign of respect for The Queen and the Governor General. Greetings to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario are sent by IODE Ontario in appreciation of her role as our Honorary Patron.

This year the traditional Resolutions of Loyalty and Greetings were prepared by Honorary Vice-President **Patricia Fabian** and approved by the Provincial Executive Committee.

After the reading Resolutions of Loyalty and Greetings, attendees were asked for their adoption by a standing vote.

First Vice-President Linda Gryner took the chair.

***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 Kingston, Province of Ontario, on the occasion of their 99th Annual Meeting, extend loyal and heartfelt greetings to you, our beloved Queen and Patron.*

*Warmest wishes for good health and happiness are extended to, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh and all members of the Royal Family as they carry out their 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 are looking forward to the healthy birth of the newest Prince or Princess to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.*

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

*Read by President Renate Schuetz*

**MOVED BY: Shirley Ann Elms, 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto**

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

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

**CARRIED**

President Renate Schuetz resumed the chair.

**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, on the occasion of its 99th Provincial Annual Meeting, in the City of Kingston, Province of Ontario, wish to affirm our loyalty to the Crown and to you, the Governor General of Canada.*

*We commend your commitment to supporting scientific, cultural, educational, athletic and administrative fields, as they parallel our IODE Mission Statement, which speaks to education, social services and citizenship programmes.*

*As the official representative of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada and the beloved Patron of IODE, may Her Excellency be blessed as she fulfills her pledge to serve our Sovereign and Canada.*

*Read by First Vice-President, Linda Gryner*

**MOVED BY: Mary Ellen Jasper, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich**

**SECONDED BY: Petra Thompson, IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville**

**“THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Julie Payette, CC, CMM, COM. CQ, CD Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, be adopted by a standing vote.”**

**CARRIED**

**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 Kingston, Province of Ontario, on the occasion of our 99th Annual Meeting, extend our loyal and heartfelt greetings to you. We are both privileged and pleased to have Your Honour, as our Honorary Patron and as a representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in Ontario.*

*Our members congratulate you on your tremendous accomplishments as you continue your travels throughout our great province, and to bring Ontarians stories, as our Storyteller-in-Chief, from your interesting travels.*

*As a leading women's organization in Ontario, our members are committed to enhancing the quality of life through education, social service and citizenship programs. In the year 2020 IODE Ontario will be delighted to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.*

*In the pursuit of your official duties may you be blessed with good health and happiness as you set an admirable example to all members of IODE Ontario.*

*Read by Second Vice-President Caroline Rodgers.*

**MOVED BY: Jan Casbourn, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia**

**SECONDED BY: Eleanor Bentley, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton**

**“THAT the Greetings to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC OOnt be adopted by a standing vote.”**

**CARRIED**

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**Provincial Life Membership**

President Renate Schuetz was honoured to present a Provincial Life Membership to IODE Ontario Services Officer **Virginia Reade, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton**. Donna O'Reilly pinned Virginia with her Provincial Life Membership bar as President Renate read the citation.

**CITATION**

*“Virginia has been a member of IODE Freelton Chapter since 1988 and has been proactive in her chapter.*

*In 2009, Virginia was elected as a councillor to the Provincial Executive Committee. Since that time, she has worked and contributed to many committees. She accepted the role of North Central Area Vice-President in 2014 and was able to establish a good rapport with the chapters in her area and made lasting friendships.*

*Virginia assumed the role of Provincial Services Officer in 2015. She gives of her time freely and with much enthusiasm, she leads by example, never expecting more of others than she is willing to give. Virginia also has a strong sense of service to those who are in need. On packing days, there is always soup and muffins for the willing helpers who come from other chapters and her committee members.*

*Virginia is constantly looking for bargains. She seems to know the best location to find them and doesn't miss the opportunity to use coupons to purchase more. Virginia told us that she was never a shopper. Shopping is a new calling that she has acquired because of IODE.*

*Virginia spends countless hours in the office sorting donations and doing paperwork, keeping ahead of the next shipment. Virginia organizes, preps for packing days and all the while keeping an eye open for postal savings.*

*Virginia has many creative ideas and was behind the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Fun, playground equipment, for a centre that offers support for families experiencing homelessness. She continues to serve on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.*

*Virginia is well respected at all levels of IODE for her strong sense of commitment and her dependability. As the daughter of Mary Shonbeck, she is a second-generation IODE member.*

*Virginia continues to exemplify the IODE Mission Statement by dedicating herself to enhancing the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs.*

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

A Provincial Life Membership is bestowed to a very significant group of women who have been recognized for providing a significant period of years of continuous and extraordinary service. All Provincial Life Members, including Virginia Reade were asked to stand and be recognized. These women have given the Provincial Chapter of Ontario their vision, wisdom and support.

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## **Annual Reports of the Departments**

**Second Vice-President Caroline Rodgers presented the 2018 Annual Report on behalf of the Officers and Convenors.**

The Reports of IODE Ontario Officers were an interesting read and can be found in the Annual Report included in the registration package.

Citizenship, Communications, Education and Services are supported by chapters and in turn chapters support their communities in their own unique ways. IODE enriches the lives of women, youth and those in need.

203,644 Volunteer hours were recorded by members, giving bursaries and scholarships to students at the secondary, college and university levels. Book awards were presented throughout the year. The total of monies raised and spent on Education was \$255,266 with our adopted schools being the recipient of \$10,425 in requested items from their classes, including all those wonderful knitted items of hats, mitts and slippers.

This year we were saddened by the of passing of 20 members reported, who will be remembered for the time and energy they gave to IODE projects and activities.

The good news was that Chapters welcomed 56 new members. Our chapters met in halls, kitchen of member homes and restaurants, with one mission in mind: to improve the lives of those in their communities.

Members increasingly are using social media platforms to raise awareness of the good works of IODE

Communication through social networks such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter allow members to stay informed in real time and raise awareness of IODE activities.

Articles were placed in online forums, print media and radio as well with a promotional value of \$78,152 which includes cash and in-kind donations.

The Provincial Packing Room continues to be a force to behold sending, knitting, crocheting and sewing items plus purchased clothing to our 30 Northern Communities. Items for the holidays were also included and made these times a little nicer because of YOU, the *Power of Women*.

Nursing Stations and Clinics appreciated the colouring and sticker books, which were placed in the waiting rooms along with reading books and soft knit items. Some of these were used when children were in for shots and treatments to give them something to cuddle during stressful times.

During all IODE events and meetings, you will see the Canadian Flag proudly displayed.

A new report this year is from our Archivist who has collated over 700 chapters' executive list for each year and membership lists as well, some are complete and others still requiring information. History is important and should be preserved.

IODE is the POWER of Women and the POWER of Women is IODE.

**Honorary Vice-President of IODE Ontario, E. Anne Mason seconded the Annual Report.**

"The recording of our good works in Annual Reports is an important part of our history. Some members are more enthusiastic than others about Annual Report time. It means a little bit of organizing your department files, making sure you have recorded all the details of your donations throughout the year under the Education, Services, Communications and Citizenship banners; remembering to record the number of volunteer hours you contributed while attending functions, preparing for events and making dozens of apple pies or butter tarts for sale to very happy customers. A little bit of paperwork and organizing is worthwhile when the reward is

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creating a permanent annual record of what IODE members have done to improve the quality of life in their communities and across Canada.

To the members in Ontario, I say thank you for being so proud and enthusiastic about the good works accomplished that your efforts are now recorded in the 2018 Annual Report. As a past Education Officer and War Memorial Convenor, I am always impressed by the scope of the projects created and accomplished in the Education Department. This does not diminish my interest in reading reports from the other officers, too; about how the use of social media platforms is increasing within chapters; reading about the chapter who supported a project telling the history of their community one barn quilt at a time; discovering the new ways chapters are getting together for fun meetings, like paint parties; knowing that there are still knitters and sewers, and great shoppers, gathering items for communities across Ontario and in remote northern towns. Members continue to proudly parade our Canadian flag at community events and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

New ways and traditional ways...ways in which the Power of Women, IODE women, have made a significant impact on the lives of so many individuals throughout the province. Congratulations on your outstanding efforts!

It is always so rewarding to read about the many ways in which IODE is making a difference in the lives of fellow Canadians and it is with great pleasure that I second the 2018 Annual Report for IODE Ontario."

**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY: Caroline Rodgers, Second Vice-President, IODE Ontario**

**SECONDED BY: E. Anne Mason, Honorary Vice-President**

**"THAT the adoption of the remaining sections of the 2018 Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Annual Report, as found on pages 38 through 59 be accepted."**

**CARRIED**

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**Treasurer's Annual Report**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Past Provincial Treasurer **Donna O'Reilly**

**Financial Statements**

The report of the Auditor DBK Accounting Professional Association beginning on page 22 and shows that the Provincial Chapter of Ontario has received a clear audit for 2018.

In the Annual Report, on pages 26 to 34 are the Audited Financial Statements of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE for year 2018 with comparative figures for 2017 as follows:

On page 26 is the Statement of Financial Position as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

The total assets, being the net worth of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario are \$686,555.

On page 26 is the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the year 2018. There is an increase of \$5,953 in the balance from the previous year.

Page 28 shows the Provincial Fund Balances of \$659,288 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Starting on page 33 are Notes to the Financial Statements. Note #7 on page 29 includes the balances for Provincial Funds, Administered Funds and other Accounts.

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**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY: Donna O'Reilly, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton**

**SECONDED BY: Pat Scallan, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto**

**“THAT the 2018 Financial Statements of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and the Auditor's Report as found in the Annual Report, be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

**Appointment of Auditors**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY: Donna O'Reilly, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton**

**SECONDED BY: Joyce Erickson, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton**

**“THAT that the firm of DBK Accounting Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.”**

**CARRIED**

**Treasurer's Report**

“The Treasurer's Report found on page 19 contains a summary of Primary and Municipal Chapters' audited financial statements.

Total revenue for Ontario chapters was \$901,115 and total expenditures were \$886,261. Chapters are to be congratulated for their success. This is an increase of almost \$115,000 in revenue over 2017.

Chapter treasurers are commended for their reports in a timely manner.

The assistance from Susan Varga, the Office Assistant and guidance of the Investment Committee, the Finance Committee and bookkeeper Nichole Kries, CPA, CA were invaluable.”

**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY: Donna O'Reilly, IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton**

**SECONDED BY: Carol McCall, IODE National First Vice-President**

**“THAT the Treasurer's Report as found on page 19 in the 2018 Provincial Annual Report, be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

The 2019 budget for IODE Ontario is located on page 31– for your information.

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**Secretary's Report**

Presented by Kathy Newnes, Provincial Secretary

“As you read through the Annual Report, you will see *The Power of Women in Ontario*.

Just imagine the significant contributions the following ladies have given over the years. Starting on page 3 of the Annual Report, you will see the list of Provincial Life Members. On the following pages, are listed the Officers and Convenors who have served over this past year.

Our Founder Margaret Polson Murray had a vision to create IODE, not just to answer the current needs but for it to be a lasting organization of women to address on-going issues of Canadians across the country and locally, with projects that would be up to date with current trends and needs.

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As I read through the secretary's reports that have come in, one can easily see how the primary chapters fundraise and support their own initiatives as well as Provincial and National projects.

The vision has remained intact. To support Education, bursaries and scholarships, book donations to schools and libraries, a variety of awards given at the elementary and secondary levels and supporting science fairs are just a few. Many chapters demonstrated a positive public spirit as they volunteered throughout their communities. Chapters have donated a memorial bench or money to maintain the local cenotaph, assisted Kiwanis Festival, attended Founder's Day celebrations and Citizenship Courts, awards given for good citizenship in the local schools, aided veterans and military families in many ways. The support given in the community has such depth it is impossible to name all the amazing projects that are going on at each primary chapter. But it is there starting on page 52 for you to explore and possibly get some new ideas for your chapter. The primary chapters in Ontario made monetary donations, donated knitting and other necessities to shelters, nursing homes, food banks, soup kitchens, fresh start programs and hospitals.

The methods of fundraising to contribute to these projects are as diverse as the chapters themselves. We heard many good ideas yesterday in the Fundraising Plenary. Chapters sell plants/ flowers, have card parties, fashion shows, house tours, organize book and garages sales. Pancake breakfasts, baking pies and tarts and even the unique Luncheons such as the Victorian Porch Luncheon and the Trench Luncheon enable the chapters to fundraise. Each chapter is different. Their individuality does not go unnoticed, but it is obvious that each group of women works together to accomplish a goal, locally, provincially and nationally.

Specific details can be found in the individual Officer reports. Enjoy reading the Annual Report and we can all be proud of our contributions."

**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY: Kathy Newnes, IODE Ontario, Secretary/ IODE Eldon House, London**

**SECONDED BY: Dr. Patricia Kresan, IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury**

**"THAT the Secretary's report for the 2018 Provincial Annual Report be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

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The Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting held on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, London, were uploaded to the IODE Ontario website. In the winter 2017 issue of the IODE Ontario Newsletter, we acknowledged that the Annual Meeting minutes were available on our website. Copies were sent to those individuals who requested the minutes in printed form.

**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY: Kathy Newnes, IODE Ontario, Secretary/ IODE Eldon House, London**

**SECONDED BY: Kathryn Weston, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia**

**"THAT the minutes of the 2018 Provincial Annual Meeting be adopted as circulated."**

**CARRIED"**

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**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 attend.

**Recommendations**

The following recommendations were approved by the Provincial Executive Committee at the Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting to be presented at the Provincial Annual Meeting for information.

“THAT Donna O’Reilly, Helen Danby and Dr. Patricia Kresan be appointed to the Provincial Resolutions & Credentials Committee for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in Session at its 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting.”

“THAT Elanor Brodie and Linda Gryner be appointed to the Press Committee for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in Session at its 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting.”

“THAT Linda Gryner or her representative be the Official Delegate of the Provincial Chapter to the 119<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting in St John, New Brunswick from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 as allowed in the 2019 Provincial Budget.”

“THAT Linda Gryner represent the Provincial Chapter of Ontario on the National Resolutions Committee of the 119<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting in St John, New Brunswick from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.”

“THAT Linda Gryner and Sandra Smith be appointed to the National War Memorial Committee for the year 2019/2020.

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**National President’s Address**

**National President Bonnie Rees** was unable to be at the 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual meeting and we were pleased that **First Vice-President Carol McCall** was able to be with us for the entire meeting and present the address on behalf of Bonnie Rees, President IODE Canada.

“It is my honour to extend greetings to the members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario during their 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on behalf of all IODE members across our great country. I thank our National First Vice-President Carol McCall for delivering these Greetings on my behalf.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to attend your meeting as I always enjoy reading your Annual Report, listening to your Officers and guests as they make their presentations and the opportunity to meet and mingle with your members. I do hope that you have a successful meeting and that members return home with renewed enthusiasm for our work to fulfil the Mission of IODE.

I congratulate your members for their efforts in the last year. Working together, we accomplish so much more than we could alone.



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I encourage each chapter to consider ways to make meetings interesting and inspiring. Look for ideas to liven up and streamline meetings. Focus on the work you do and the projects you wish to accomplish but do not underestimate the social aspects of IODE membership. Make time to enjoy each other's company.

I hope that you will join us in Saint John on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May to the 1<sup>st</sup> of June for our 119<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting, being held this year in conjunction with IODE New Brunswick. Our theme is *Together For Tomorrow* and speaks to looking ahead and the efforts we should take to ensure the future of IODE. There is still time to register. Check your *Echoes* for the information you need.

As I step down as your National President, I must say that one of the most enjoyable aspects of this position has been the opportunity to meet so many IODE members across our great land. It touches my heart. What fine women you are! I look forward to many times, when I may visit you again.

During your Annual Meeting, make the most of this opportunity to join together, strengthen relationships, learn from each other and rejuvenate your enthusiasm - and passion - for your commitment to IODE."

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**Provincial President's Address - President Renate Schuetz**

"For quite a few years now, the officers and convenors do a working retreat. We arrive for lunch on day one work for the afternoon, day two after breakfast more brainstorming and leave after lunch on day three. We review our programs and projects. We discuss the future direction that we feel the provincial chapter ought to go. In addition, we start the planning process for the provincial annual meeting. Our aim is to make a business meeting as interesting and educational as possible for the members attending. As you can see, it takes a team to achieve the best possible goal or should I say through the power of women to accomplish the best possible goal.

Yes, the power of women started this organization and has shaped it into what we have today. We know the account of how Margaret Polson Murray's vision to form an organization ready for quick and combined action. She was passionate in the support of the British Empire and recognition that there was urgent need for comforts for the soldiers and to give support for their dependants. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1900, she sent telegrams to the mayors of major Canadian cities asking, (quote) "Will the women of your city unite with the women of Montreal in organizing as Daughters of the Empire." (unquote) Two days later, she outlined her ideas in a press release and gave interviews to Montreal newspapers. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1900, Mrs. Murray received word that the first chapter had been formed on January 15th in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Then on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 1900, she organized a chapter in Montreal with twenty-five women.

Because of the power of women, we have IODE chapters and members in Ontario.

In 1920, we had 16,000 members 252 primary chapters and 9 municipals.

IODE Fessenden Chapter (Charter no. 2) Founded in 1900 was named in honour of the chapter's founding member Clementina Trenholme Fessenden. Why would a chapter name themselves after one of their founding members? In 1896, it was Clementine's vision to organize support for a Flag Day. Then in 1897, she mounted a vigorous public campaign to combine imperialism, patriotism and education through the establishment of an Empire Day in Canada's schools. The 1<sup>st</sup> Empire Day was observed in 1898 at a Dundas school, on the last school day before the 24th of May (Queen Victoria's birthday).

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Starting in 1902, after the death of Queen Victoria in January 1901, her May 24<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated as *Empire Day* and was not officially recognized as an annual event until 1916.

Because of the efforts from one woman Mrs. Fessenden, today Empire Day is now known as Victoria Day.

As IODE's rapid growth in the Hamilton area warranted the need for a mid-level jurisdictional chapter, two years later the chapter was renamed IODE Hamilton Municipal Chapter.

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter in Godrich - Charter no. 5 was founded in 1901 and is still active today. IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa - Charter no. 103 was founded in 1906 and is still active today.

IODE Kingston Municipal Chapter, no. 94 was chartered in 1906 and disbanded in 1974. This Municipal had 16 primary chapters under its jurisdiction. The IODE Wilhelmina Gordon Chapter was the last Kingston chapter to disband in 1996.

The provincial chapter received its charter April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

In 1920, the Provincial Executive Committee consisted of the President, First-Vice President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Fourth Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Organizing Secretary (which we know as the Membership Officer today), an Educational Secretary (Education Officer), *Echoes* Secretary, Standard Bearer and 25 Provincial Councillors. There were a number of convenors added to oversee the programs of that time.

From the 1920 minutes of the Provincial Executive Committee dated March 2<sup>nd</sup> - President Mrs. Margaret Burkholder chaired the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario. It was held in the office of the Provincial Chapter, YWCA Building, Hamilton at 10:30 a.m. Not all meetings were held in this office. They would receive invitations to host the PEC meetings from chapters across Ontario, Ottawa, Sudbury, Kingston and Brantford to name a few.

From the March 1922 Provincial Executive Committee minutes the Membership Officer reported, "That Ontario will have to work hard if they are to reach the 300 Chapters mark by the coming Annual Meeting".

During the first few years, Ontario chapters sponsored 54 IODE Girl Guide Companies.

From the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1926 minutes The Navy League reported that donations from Ontario chapters received in the amount of \$615 which equals \$8,930.87 in today's (2019) money. The report goes on to say "A most successful "Tag Day" was held in Toronto with a sum of \$2,011.38 collected (this equals \$29,208.74)." These funds would go towards the pensions for the widows and orphans of merchant seamen and relief of ex-sailors.

January 1927 we lost our founder, Margaret Polson Murray. Then, in October 1927 after a very lengthy illness, Provincial President Margaret Gage Burkholder died in office. It was motioned that the Provincial Executive Committee request all members of the Order in Ontario to wear a purple ribbon under their badges for four weeks in memory of their beloved president, Mrs. H.F. Burkholder.

Later in 1927, IODE Rosedale Chapter in Toronto with the assistance from CP Rail financed the renovation of a Pullman car, complete with living quarters for a dentist and his wife. The car was used in northern Ontario. The chapter gave all of the dental equipment, including chair and instruments as well as furniture, linen, dishes and kitchen utensils. Notices were sent to schools, that the dental work was done free of charge under the Ontario Health Department. The chapter continued supporting the IODE Dental Rail Car project for a number of years.

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In 1937, the provincial chapter established a Coronation Bursary. In 1940, this education fund was renamed the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education. The reason for this name change was that Mrs. William Morrison Provincial President from 1932 to 1940 died in office. Today the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education continues because of your chapter's generous contributions. College and university students apply regularly for bursaries we are able to oblige most of them from the Lucy Fund. Also from this fund, we are able to assist a student attending the National Ballet of Canada School and yearly award a student at Ontario Collage of Art and Design University.

During World War II, National Convenors coordinated with the Toronto Municipal Chapter and the Hamilton Municipal Chapter that sent parcels and books for camp libraries.

As you have heard through the Power of IODE Women in Ontario, the membership supported many ventures. We have been able to discover these endeavours because of the minutes from the provincial chapter. This is the reason chapter minutes are important. The minutes are a historical documentation for the future.

If you are curious to learn more, we have a couple of publications in the process to document the women and the chapters in Ontario.

National Archivist Gwyneth Harkin assembled a list of over 930 Ontario chapter names. The document titled *IODE Ontario - A Historical Look at Chapter Names* is a detailed record of historical significies of the reason each chapter chose their name. This document will be available to download from our website April 2020.

We asked for submissions from you telling us about women who are or had been members – they will be included in the *A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women* book. A woman like Dorothy Baldwin is in the book. Nursing Sister Baldwin was one of approximately 40 nurses who were members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). Dorothy was an IODE member and was kill in action (b 1891 – d 1918) at No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Doullens, France, bombed May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1918. We hope that you sent us inform of memorable IODE women whom you know. These Ontario women are the Power of Women – they gave of themselves as members of IODE to their communities.

The book *A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women* and the document of *A Historical Look at Ontario Chapter Names* will be available after the April 2020 Provincial Annual Meeting.

In closing, I reflect on the objective that IODE was founded on. And now how diverse we have become. Today we promote citizenship by welcoming new citizens to our community; we continue supporting our military and recognize first responders. We invest in education by encouraging reading by giving books, awarding students with bursaries and scholarships. We give a helping hand through our community services programs from buying cleaning supplies to providing toys at Christmas or knitting preemie hats.

We have been bestowed such a wonderful legacy. We are walking in the footsteps of incredible women ... now is our opportunity to continue building the IODE legacy for the future women. You have chosen to be part of a great organization with a long rich history and you have the power to participate in today's IODE history.”

*Honorary Vice-President E. Anne Mason thanked Renate for our look down memory lane and recommended that this address be sent to all members of IODE Ontario.*

**MOVED BY: Provincial Honorary Vice-President E. Anne Mason, IODE Holland Landing  
SECONDED BY: Provincial Honorary Vice-Presidents Chris Bateman, Ruth Ann Butler,  
Marie Westlake and Marty Dalton.**

**“THAT the address of the Provincial President of IODE Ontario at the 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting be sent out to all chapter members in Ontario.”**

**CARRIED**

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### **IODE Jean Throop Book Award**

“This award was presented by committee member **Margo MacKinnon on behalf of Mary K Anderson, Co-Convenor of the IODE Toronto Legacy Committee** which oversees the IODE Ontario Jean Throop Book Award. The award committee comprised of Mary K. Anderson, Linda Dennis (Chair), Brenda Kinnear, Margo MacKinnon, Kerry Strathdee and President Renate Schuetz, reviewing over 80 submissions. The books were of excellent quality making the committee’s task challenging. The books not chosen were sent to a variety of shelters and local schools and libraries.

The 2018 IODE Ontario Jean Throop Award is presented to “Sun Dog”, author Deborah Kerbel and illustrator Suzanne Del Rizzo. Sun Dog is a beautiful story told from the point of view of a young pup in training to be a sled dog. As is the custom, the pups sleep with their owner so they can bond and become a team. The story takes place in the far North and as the sun never sets Sun Dog finds it difficult to sleep. Being young and a little foolish, he decided to leave and explore. While outside he sees a hungry polar bear sniffing around the open door. I will stop there and let you read for yourself what happens next. Needless to say, this is a beautiful story of courage and devotion.

The illustrations are spectacular in the vividness of colour and delicate detail. The ruggedness, beauty and colours of the far North are beautifully captured.

**Author, Deborah Kerbel** lives in Thornhill with her young family. Her love for books started as young child and influenced her writing. Deborah’s books have been short listed for the Governor General’s Literary Award, Canadian Library YA Award and the Manitoba Young Readers’ Choice Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature. Sun Dog is Deborah’s debut children’s’ picture book. Sun Dog is also nominated for the 2019 Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award.

**Illustrator, Suzanne Del Rizzo** is mother of four and lives in Oakville. Suzanne traded a career in scientific research for a career in writing and illustrating children’s literature. Her illustrations were recognized in the award-winning book, ‘Skink on the Brink’. Suzanne’s book, ‘My Beautiful Birds’ was recognized by the New York Times Notable Children’s Books. She also won the Malka Penn Award for Human Rights in Children’s Literature. Suzanne says she likes to get messy when she creates. Using polymer clay, acrylic paint and other materials and a dash of messy, Suzanne creates such vibrant illustrations that bring Sun Dog to life.

Sun Dog is a wonderful story to acquaint young people with the courage and devotions one has for friends. The theme is someone small can make a big impact. The life and beauty of the North comes alive through the amazing illustrations. It is a wonderful book to include in the packages you send to the adopted classes and it is a great gift to local schools, shelters and libraries.”

*Deborah and Suzanne were available to sign the books following the lunch break.*

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**IODE Ontario Provincial Police Award**

Since 1979, the provincial chapter has recognized the dedicated OPP officers who serve us. Today with the co-operation of the OPP, we present the IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award to another outstanding police officer from North Bay.

This award is for the police officer's involvement to public service to their community, outside of their official duties. The office of the OPP Commissioner's office approves the recipient.

**President Renate Schuetz and Provincial Citizenship Officer Caroline Rodgers presented the award.**

**Acting Sergeant Shona Camirand** was invited to the front to receive a plaque to be placed in the Detachment Office, a certificate and a cheque for \$750 to be used for a community project of her choice.

Citizenship Officer Caroline Rodgers explained Acting Sergeant Camirand role as a Community Safety Officers. These officers are frontline officers who are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with their communities. They often are the face of the OPP in their communities, building relationships, working collaboratively with local community partners and connecting partners to support social development and increase community safety.

Before Sgt. Camirand explained her project Let's Remember Adam Campaign, Superintendent Mike Pilon gave us some insight into Sergeant Camirand as the Community Safety Officer for the North Bay OPP Detachment.

Acting Sergeant Shona Camirand spoke passionately of her mission, because of Adam Ranger. "A five-year-old boy in Mattawa Ontario, who was killed by a truck who failed to stop for his school bus. The child's death is ever present in the community and the Let's Remember Adam Campaign was launched to make drivers think twice about passing a stopped school bus. In 2018, Sergeant Camirand identified that school bus safety remains a traffic Safety Concern after reports of many vehicles failing to stop for the school buses, even when the arm was extended, and lights activated. Those working on this campaign are looking into having technology on school buses, like stop arm cameras recording those who do not stop. They are also considering a new school bus design with 4 lights on the front. The message of bus safety is posted on multiple billboards across northeastern Ontario, as well as educating students on proper entering and exiting techniques."

She requested that the monetary donation be made to the **Let's Remember Adam Campaign**.

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**Services Guest Speaker**

**Sandra Chapman had lived and worked in remote Northern Ontario communities was introduced by Services Officer and friend Virginia Reade.**

"Sandra trained as a nurse in Liverpool, England, continued her education at a maternity hospital in Lancashire and after coming to Canada with her husband and sons, attended Centennial College in Toronto to graduate with her Canadian certificate.

Following a 32-year career at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener, in the areas of Labour, Delivery and the Emergency Departments, while also teaching Obstetrics at Conestoga College School of Nursing, Sandra retired.

After one brief year, Sandra joined Health Canada to work for 14 more years in remote Northern Ontario locations. One is particular was 'Big Trout Lake'.

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During her time in the north, Sandra developed healthy Lifestyle Programs and coordinated the Prenatal Program. She was nominated by her peers for an Award of Excellence in Nursing. She received this award while enjoying the quick humour and honesty of the First Nation's people that she made contact with through her work and those living nearby.

Sandra is taking some time from her hobbies of knitting, reading, walking and travelling often to curling events, as she has recently retired."

Sandra shared some photos, mementos, and stories of life in Northern Ontario. She explained that the northern communities loved getting the boxes from IODE. In some photos, we saw the knitting and toys being used by members of the community. The winters are long and harsh. Pictures of the ice roads and the small nursing station was a good visual for the audience. Sandra lived in Big Trout Lake for 12 years. In the nursing station, they did everything, seeing up to 40 people a day. She used her training in prenatal and obstetrics to help young mothers. Sandra explained the need for warm clothing. As she talked it became very clear of the needs of the inhabitants and gave us a perspective on the importance of supporting the IODE Ontario Services initiatives.

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### **Membership Award Presentation**

Yearly during the Provincial Annual Meeting, chapters are recognized for the Provincial Membership Award. **Membership Officer Shirley Ann Elms, with the assistance from the Town Crier, Chris Whyman** presented the awards for the Primary Chapters with the largest membership growth.

Third Place with **three** new members  
**IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto**

Second place with **four** new members  
**IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place**  
**IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa**  
**IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia**

First place with **21** new members  
**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich**

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### **New Education Initiative - IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM**

**IODE Ontario Education Officer Helen Danby** gave an exciting announcement, that we feel will be an IODE investment for young women to further their education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

"One of IODE Ontario's main mandates is the promotion for further education. Over the years, we have had different awards and bursaries. The main one that we are familiar with is bursaries from the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education that started in 1949. This fund began as a way to honour a Past Provincial President.

Today we have the privilege to recognize another Past Provincial President, Lois Laughren (02/06/1933 - 20/11/2010). Lois Laughren was President of IODE Ontario from 2001 to 2003. In 1985, she moved to Burlington and transferred her membership to the IODE Wellington Square Chapter. As Lois and Ken had no children of their own, she gave generously to IODE. This donation allowed IODE Ontario to establish a *STEM* Award for women at Ryerson University.

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Before I tell you about this promising award, I would like to read a part of the book, ‘*Ara, the Star Engineer.*’ It starts in the preface by the author, Komal Singh stating, ‘Research shows that girls start doubting their STEM intelligence (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) by the time they are six years old. Most girls aren’t provided the opportunity to be interested in STEM in the first place. Yet some of the very first pioneers in computers have been women prior to the 1980’s when PC’s were marketed as toys for boys and men.’

The book explains that the number one with 100 zeroes behind it is called a googal and was named by a 9-year-old child. The tech company Google was named after the number googal in 1998. Also, an algorithm is a set of steps that tells a computer owned by a human how to do something. Finally, a code is programming language developed as a way to talk to a computer.

It sounds so simple, that yes even women have the power to tackle and achieve in these programs. We are making this possible with Ryerson University who share our commitment to making a difference in the lives of students.

The IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM will be donating \$25,000 that will be matched through Ryerson University’s PACE (President’s Awards to Champion Excellence) Fund, giving a total of \$50,000. The award will be offered to five women at \$2,000 each (\$10,000 annually) for a period of five years. The first STEM awards will be presented in September 2019 with recipients chosen by the University selection team. This award is given to women who have completed one year of university and are pursuing an education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

Tonya Wray the Associate Director of Development, Annual and Leadership Giving at Ryerson, who is our liaison and advisor throughout this whole process could not attend as she is patiently awaiting the arrival of her first child and unable to travel.

Today April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Provincial Annual Meeting in Kingston Ontario, it gives me great pleasure to ask President Renate Schuetz to accept this cheque, a lump sum of \$25,000 presented to Ryerson University for **IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM.**”

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### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation**

**First Vice-President Linda Gryner** made a Power Point Presentation, accompanied by the song called, “*The Power of Women*” by Karen Drucker.

“To commemorate IODE Ontario’s centennial in 2020, a special initiative called, ‘Project Fun’ was launched at the 2018 Provincial Annual Meeting in London. Recognizing the value of play in physical, mental and social development of children, IODE Ontario’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special project was to provide playground equipment for children in a women’s shelter or school within Ontario.

As the provincial chapter was founded in Hamilton, the committee felt that much-needed playground equipment for the Good Shepherd Family Centre on Hamilton would be appropriate.

The Good Shepherd Family Centre located on Wentworth Street, is a 24-hour temporary emergency shelter for abused and homeless women and children.

Thanks to the generosity of your chapters and individual donations, we were able to begin construction. It started late spring and by mid-September, the playground equipment was completed.

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On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, a number of Provincial Councillors attended the official ribbon cutting ceremony. You should have seen the eagerness and joy on the faces of the children and their parents, when the playground first opened for their use. You can all feel proud that you made this happen for the children at the Good Shepherd Family Centre.

As you have seen in the power point presentation of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there were pictures of the playground's metamorphosis and the names of primary chapters who so far have generously supported, 'Project Fun.'

Are we done yet? Of course not!

Can your chapter still help? Definitely!

There are 364 days to our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary's Provincial Annual Meeting. In anticipation of the continuing support from individuals and primary chapters, we wish to announce **Phase 2 of 'Project Fun'**, which is being identified as **'Play It Forward'**.

Today's kids have electronic equipment or at least have access to them; however, they still need to move. Sports and on-going physical activities can provide many positive benefits for children and adolescents. Research has shown that physical exercise is good for the mind, body and spirit, and can play an important role in a young person's life.

Communities in remote Northern Ontario need play and sports equipment, such as ball hockey, soccer, basketball gear and other playground amenities.

Children are the future stewards of their land. 'Play It Forward' will equip children with the tools and resources needed to enjoy their youth, be active, and develop a further sense of community through sports.

With your support, we can provide kids with PLAY! Please help us keep children fit and healthy by encouraging good old-fashioned fun.

Included in each registration package is a 'Project Fun' updates flyer and on the bottom, you will find a remittance form for Phase 2 - 'Play It Forward.'

IODE Ontario thanks you sincerely for supporting 'Project Fun'. You have positively exemplified *Women of Power*. Our Phase Two challenge now is to help **'Pay It Forward'** by supporting **'Play It Forward'** for our Northern Ontario children."

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### **National Councillor Voting Results**

**The following women have been elected as 2019/2020 National Councillors.**

DeJaegher, Sheila – Chatham  
Dalton, Karen – London  
Schuetz, Renate- Owen Sound  
Elms, Shirley Ann – Dundas  
Bateman, Chris - Queensville  
Gallipeau, Peggy – Carleton Place  
Rodgers, Caroline - Richmond  
Mayne, Laurel – Ajax



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**Provincial Councillor Voting Results**

**The following women were elected as 2019/2020 Provincial Councillors.**

Mary K. Anderson - Pickering	Mary Ellen Jasper - Goderich
Karen Barker - Toronto	Kris Kearney Richards - Dresden
Chris Bateman - Queensville	Barbara Kenny - Freelon
Eleanor Bentley - Hamilton	Dr. Patricia Kresan - Barrie
Ashley Bonnell - Toronto	Jayne Little - Sarnia
Jeanette Boyd - St. Thomas	E. Anne Mason - Oro-Medonte
Kathryn Boyden - Toronto	Margo MacKinnon - Pickering
Elanor Brodie - Ottawa	Hazel MacLeod - London
Jo Brodie - Ottawa	Carol McCall - Toronto
Ruth Ann Butler - London	Gail McDiarmid - Oakville
Debbie Button - Ridgetown	Catherine Moore - Toronto
Jan Casbourn - Sarnia	Kathy Newnes - London
Norma Chicoine - London	Aileen Reid - Dorchester
Helen Danby - Petrolia	Donna O'Reilly - Hamilton
Susan Davis - Hamilton	Virginia Reade - Hamilton
Sheila DeJaegher - Chatham	Bonnie Rees - Waterloo
Shirley Ann Elms - Dundas	Lynda Rivard - Simcoe
Joyce Erickson - Hamilton	Caroline Rodgers - Richmond
Eula Evans - Petrolia	Gloria Saunders - Petrolia
Patricia Fabian - Waterloo	Renate Schuetz - Owen Sound
Peggy Gallipeau - Carleton Place	Beverley Shepley - Carleton Place
Libby Gibson - North Bay	Sandra Smith - Pain Court
Linda Gryner - Plympton-Wyoming	Betsy Thompson - Campbellford
Jean Hof - Hamilton	Kathryn Weston - Sarnia

**Nominating Committee Results**

**The Provincial Nominating Committee comprised of Kathryn Weston, Gloria Saunders, Jean Hof, Donna O'Reilly, Debbie Button are pleased to present the 2019/2020 Slate of Officers.**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Linda Gryner</b>
<b>First Vice-President:</b>	<b>Caroline Rodgers</b>
<b>Second Vice-President:</b>	<b>Helen Danby</b>
<b>Area Vice-Presidents:</b>	<b>South Western Area      Kris Kearney-Richards</b>
	<b>Mid Central Area      Aileen Reid</b>
	<b>South Central Area      Gail McDiarmid</b>
	<b>Toronto Area      Margo MacKinnon</b>
	<b>North Central Area      Donna O'Reilly</b>
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<b>Provincial Officers:</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Kathy Newnes</b>
	<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	<b>Dr. Patricia Kresan</b>
	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Renate Schuetz</b>
	<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Shirley Ann Elms</b>
	<b>Communications</b>	<b>Elanor Brodie</b>
	<b>Education</b>	<b>Helen Danby</b>
	<b>Assistant Education</b>	<b>Aileen Reid</b>
	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Caroline Rodgers</b>
	<b>Assistant Membership</b>	<b>Gail McDiarmid</b>
	<b>Services</b>	<b>Gloria Saunders</b>
	<b>Assistant Services</b>	<b>Virginia Reade</b>
	<b>Standard Bearer</b>	<b>Kathryn Weston</b>

No further nominees eligible for election as Provincial Officers were submitted in writing up to and not later than 14 days (April 12<sup>th</sup>) before the Annual Meeting by persons entitled to a Provincial Executive Committee vote. As no further nominations were received the afore are acclaimed and were installed during the evening program.

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Following the afternoon meetings, there was a Meet and Greet in the Islandview Room. A group picture of the new Provincial Officers was done during cocktail hour.

### **Inauguration Dinner**

Dinner was assigned seating with Honorary Vice-President Chris Bateman saying Grace.

President Renate Schuetz, IODE Canada First Vice-President Carol McCall, First Vice President Linda Gryner, Northern Area Vice President Dr. Patricia Kresan, North Central Area Vice President Donna O'Reilly, Toronto Area Vice President Margo MacKinnon, and South Central Area Vice President Gail McDiarmid paraded to the head-table to the song called, "*The Power of Women*" by Karen Drucker. President Renate Schuetz introduced those seated on the stage.

### **After dinner, guest entertainer- Emm Gryner performed.**

First Vice-President Linda Gryner introduced the attendees to Emm Gryner, a talented Canadian singer-songwriter. Emm invited her two brothers (Tony and Frank) who were in attendance, to join her on the keyboard and guitar. It was a family affair and Linda was a proud mother indeed.

Donna O'Reilly thanked Emm and brothers Tony & Frank as her backup musicians, for entertaining us.

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**Outgoing President's Speech - Renate Schuetz**

“Good evening. I want to share something with you - growing up on the East/West Luther Township Line, I never in my wildest dreams planned to be the President of IODE Ontario. I didn't even know about IODE. It wasn't that IODE hadn't been in my life - it was!

In 1957, my parents and I became Canadian citizens and one of the three Brampton chapters presented my parents with certificates and served us food. I don't have any memory of this - just the tales my parents told us. Part of the story was, 'We couldn't speak English but the ladies made an effort and fed us.' Those IODE certificates meant so much, they were kept with our Canadian citizenship papers, which we still have today.

Growing up in the Orangeville area, everyone knew about the IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter. They started the Orangeville Hospital in 1907, ran the Opportunity Store and had dinner dances with live orchestras.

Then in 1984, I got a phone call from my friend Debbie Pearce. Debbie and Shelley Black were starting a new chapter in Orangeville. Shelley's mother was Dianne Clarke, Provincial Membership Officer and Debbie's mother-in-law was Norma Pearce, Assistant Membership Officer.

I felt honoured to be asked to join such a group. By the spring of 1985, we received our charter for IODE Yellow Briar. Our first fundraiser was for the May 31<sup>st</sup> Grand Valley Tornado.

I don't know how I got to this point; I must have been in the right place at the wrong time. Recently, I read an interesting line, 'Behind every successful woman is a tribe of other successful women who have her back.' This stuck with me! Having a support group of people with the same values as you and building relationships within that group is important for many reasons. Not only can you end up making some of the best of friends, you also will find that the relationships you build end up being with the people who become your biggest motivators.

I am speaking of the Provincial Officers and Convenors, over the past four years. I recognize that we have had highs and lows, but in the end, we agreed with the best solution possible.

Linda, I know that you and I have some of the best friends in the room tonight and I know these friends will give you the same support and motivation that I have received.

I want to share some items that come with the position of a provincial president.

The gavel is used to get attention or to bring order to the meeting. I know I used this quite often probably more than needed, but I just want you to know that this solid block has dents that were there before I became president. Tonight, we will not be using this gavel. We will be using this black ebony gavel that was presented to Mrs. Burkholder as the symbol of the Provincial President. We know it was her gavel as her name is engraved on it.

The President's badge that I have had the privilege to wear is a 14K yellow gold and platinum badge, with 32 single cut diamonds, 15 sapphires and 22 rubies. Early records mention that a collection was done to purchase a jewelled badge for Mrs. Harry Burkholder, first President of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario. The badge went missing for a couple of decades. In the early 1940's, it was located and presented to the Provincial Chapter by Mrs. Ryland H. New. Miss Jeanne Knapman was the first Provincial President to wear it from 1952 to 1959 and each Provincial President has had the honour to wear it since. Something I am proud of - I was not the president who lost the badge. However, I won't tell you how many times the hunt for the badge happened in my house.

To my family - as you see tonight, I am surrounded by my family; my grandchildren, my children, their spouses and my husband. Thank you all for coming tonight and thank you for supporting me these past four years.

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Ron ... well what are we going to do now? Thank you. I am grateful for the encouragement and support that you have given to me.

Thank You.”

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### **Installation of Officers**

**IODE Canada First Vice-President Carol McCall** installed the 2019/2020 Slate of Officers. As names of the Officer’s Group were announced they step forward.

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### **Installation**

#### **IODE Canada First Vice-President Carol McCall**

“The purpose of an annual meeting is to give members a report on the chapter’s activities and finances of the previous year, to allow time for members to ask questions and to elect members of your governing body for the coming year.

Today we have come together to carry out one vital activity of our organization – installation of new officers. We are excited about your chapter’s potential for further growth and development under these leaders.

At the same time, this is the occasion for us to recognize those who have served as officers and heads of committees, during the past year. Under their leadership, your chapter has achieved and accomplished much. They leave your chapter in excellent shape and ready to achieve new heights in years to ahead.

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Every president must devote a tremendous amount of time and energy to the duties and responsibilities of the office. It seems that with every passing year, these responsibilities grow. It takes talented and committed women to balance her IODE responsibilities, her personal life and her other commitments. Your officers and convenors have done a remarkable job of doing that.

Let's show them our appreciation for the many hours they have spent working on Provincial's behalf.

No other ceremony is as important as that of installing the elected officers for IODE Ontario. For those being installed, it is a visible demonstration of their commitment and dedication to our organization.

Those of us witness this event and play an important role in this ceremony because we, too, demonstrate our commitment to support and encourage our provincial officers during the coming year.

Based on the nominating report, I will announce each office and ask the nominee to stand.

Linda, you have been chosen by your peers as president of the Provincial Chapter. The office of president is the highest recognition in the chapter, but it comes with significant responsibility. Before you, lie many challenges as well as many opportunities. Through our witness of your installation, all of us pledge to support you with our time, energy and enthusiasm.

To the incoming Officers - may each of you have the strength, wisdom and courage to be equal to your responsibilities. As leaders of this chapter, I ask you to capture the imagination and enthusiasm of the members with clear defined goals.

Will you Linda, as President, accept this challenge and perform the duties to the best of your ability?

**President Linda Gryner**

As President and on behalf of the officers of IODE Ontario, I pledge that, in accepting these offices, we will endeavour to uphold the Constitution of IODE. We will strive to provide leadership that will inspire the members to enhance the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

**IODE Canada First Vice-President Carol McCall**

I now present you, Linda, with the gavel, a symbol of the office you now hold. The gavel is a symbol of the power and authority given to you by the membership of this Chapter. Use it wisely and with restraint. You are a leader and a member of your team. A team is more than a collection of people. It's a force rooted in the feelings, thoughts, and actions of all members with the common goal of achievement, sharing, and mutual support. Work with your team members to create a healthy, dynamic chapter - a chapter of which everyone will be proud.

Congratulations. Best wishes for the coming year!

Emm Gryner assisted Eula Evans (long-time friend of Linda) in pinning the President's badge.

President Linda Gryner announced that a donation will be made to the Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education in Carol McCall's name as our appreciation her attendance at the 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting.

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**President Linda Gryner** was presented with the gavel as a symbol of the office of the President. After accepting the gavel, Linda spoke to the members. (Her edited transcript of her inspiring speech follows)

“Madam National First Vice-President Carol; my friend, mentor and predecessor Renate; our families; special guests and my sisters in IODE.

When I first joined IODE in 2002, I never dreamt that one day, I would be entrusted with the awesome responsibility of the presidency of the Provincial Chapter. One would wonder why they would want someone of my stature, as now internal management will need to buy me a step stool or borrow a booster seat from one of Renate’s grandchildren just so I can preside at a meeting.

This reminded me of an incident at Renate’s home in Owen Sound when we edited the annual reports last month. The room I chose had a very high bed. I cannot for the life of me, figure out why beds have to be that high.

When it was time for bed, I stood there wondering from where in the room I could get a head start so all of my weight would land where it should be. So, I pondered for a while and said to myself - what if I miss and a loud thud results in the other ladies rushing to see if Linda is OK!

That was one time I did not use my favourite catch line “If not Now-When?” which is an adage that I have used in much of my decision-making ever since I came across this inspirational mirth of Hillel’s wisdom. When my friend Pat asked me to join IODE, I thought “If not now when?” When I was nominated for a position, with no idea of what it is all about, I said “If not now when?” When my husband of 50 years this November asked me to marry him, you guessed it! He said “If not now when?”

It is at this point that if I don’t say my litany of thanks, I may run out of time. All kidding aside, I heartily accept the presidency knowing that I will be working with an amazing group of ladies equipped with the “*Power of Women*”, so that together, we can continue to make the Provincial Chapter relevant for all of you. My fellow members without you, there will be NO provincial nor national chapter.

I am blessed and thankful for my husband, our two sons and daughter who have been very supportive and proactive with my IODE involvement. I say proactive because each of them gets involved in my IODE activities whether they like it or not! Helen Danby’s daughter Erin coined the word “voluntold” which applies to my family.

I am proud to be a member of a wonderful organization with a three-pronged, single focus ... and that is love of fellow human beings and country. One prong designating educational support and two prongs are community service and citizenship. It was that same single focus when Margaret Polson Murray founded IODE in 1900, it is still that today, and it will be that hopefully for our granddaughters and their daughters.

Yes, there is a sisterhood in IODE not found in any organization. Where else would you experience the camaraderie that we enjoy? We get to dine, visit, shop, go on vacation, travel, have a regular wine tasting event or sleep with someone other than our partner or spouse? We rejoice when one becomes a grandma for the umpteenth time and commiserate when we lose a parent, spouse or sibling? Through IODE, I have learned invaluable life’s lessons, awed by the enthusiasm of new members like Petra Thomas of IODE Lord Dufferin, Denise Newhouser of the Maple Leaf Chapter and inspired by seasoned members like Marty Dalton, Eleanor Bentley and Eula Evans.

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Every month when Officers and Provincial Councillors travel to meetings in Hamilton on their own time and expense, I marvel at their dedication, knowledge and experience in the governance of the Provincial Chapter. This is the reason why at age 57 (that's what maturity does - you get good at transposing) I said "If not now-when" will I have the opportunity to do what I can to help grow membership, encourage leadership, promote sustainability and let the everyone know the good IODE does.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said that "A woman is like a tea bag - you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." I don't know how hot the water will be, but I know my strength as President will be steeped further by the enthusiasm, cooperation, team spirit and support of my fellow officers and councillors.

I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate the friendship and mentorship of my immediate predecessor, Renate. So, Renate, if not now - when, please accept my heartfelt thanks. You have been a good, no-nonsense President, a selfie expert, a self-described 'control freak', not afraid to instigate changes and accomplishing so much for the betterment of the provincial chapter. THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Provincial Councillors, present and absent, we would like you to say Thank You for your leadership during the past 4 years. Now you are officially the 28<sup>th</sup> PPP (Past Provincial President).

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**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY** Kathy Newnes IODE Ontario

**SECONDED BY** Eleanor Bentley, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton

**"THAT the 100th Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario be held on or around April 24th & 25th, 2020 in the Hamilton area, with a format to be determined by the Provincial Executive Committee."**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY** Kathy Newnes IODE Ontario

**SECONDED BY** Chris Bateman, IODE West Gwillimbury and Ruth Ann Butler, IODE Eldon House, London

**"THAT retiring President Renate Schuetz be appointed as Honorary Vice-President of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario."**

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY** Kathy Newnes - IODE Eldon House Chapter, London and IODE Ontario

**SECONDED BY** Kathryn Boyden - IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Toronto

**“THAT the following Past Presidents be appointed as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario for 2019-2020:**

**Marty Dalton**

**Marie Westlake**

**Ruth Ann Butler**

**Patricia Fabian**

**Chris Bateman**

**Lynda Rivard**

**Sandra Smith**

**E. Anne Mason**

**Bonnie Rees**

**Karen Barker and**

**Renate Schuetz.”**

**MOTION:**

**MOVED BY** Kathy Newnes - IODE Eldon House Chapter, London and IODE Ontario

**SECONDED BY** Debbie Button IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown

**“THAT a Letter of Greetings with our good wishes be sent from this body to the Past Presidents not able to attend this meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

The 99<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting was declared closed at 9 p.m. by Elanor Brodie, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa. Emm Gryner led the singing of God Save the Queen. The President invited the members and guests to join her, IODE Canada First Vice-President Carol McCall and the Officers to the president’s suite for a reception.

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