



# **101<sup>st</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting**

## **MINUTES**

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

**Zoom Videoconference**



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## 2021 PAM Theme Endless Possibilities

### OFFICIAL OPENING:

President Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, welcomed everyone to the 101st Provincial Annual Meeting held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 via Zoom, and as President of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE she declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

Honorary Vice President, Bonnie Rees, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener recited the acknowledgment of Indigenous Land Statement, followed by the playing of “O Canada” via YouTube.

*“Ontario is located on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples dating back countless generations. We show our respect for their contributions and recognize the role of treaty making in what is now Ontario. Hundreds of years after the first treaties were signed, they are still relevant today.”*

Honorary Vice-President Chris Bateman of IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford on behalf of everyone recited the IODE prayer, followed by the Affirmation.

*“Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we praise Thee for the blessings of our homes; for the fullness of life and opportunity in this Dominion; and for the ties which bind us together within our Commonwealth. We beseech Thee to bless our Queen and Royal Family, and to guide and direct all who sit in authority over us. Grant Thy protection, we pray Thee, to those who serve Queen and Country, on sea and land and in the air. May right triumph and the spirit of brotherhood prevail throughout the world. Pardon our sins and accept our Thanksgiving. Give to each member grace to serve Thee faithfully and to labour loyally for the welfare of our country, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”*

**Affirmation:** *“I will support the mission of IODE and will be governed by the Constitution of IODE.”*

### MOMENT OF SILENCE — IN MEMORIAM

A moment of silence was observed to remember all IODE Ontario members who passed away in 2020. We also remembered His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, beloved husband of Queen Elizabeth II. The following names were read by Marilyn Madery, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia.

Shirley Stewart, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

Helen Trilla, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville

Jeanette Lambie, Elsie Searway & Dorothy Moat of IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Agincourt

Donna Nield Kerry & Donnally Pullan, IODE Captain Hooper, Carleton Place

Mary Stranak, IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden

Stella Baker & Doreen Margaret Scott, IODE City of Lakes, Sudbury

Joan Seabrook, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton  
 Joanne Monden & Pauline Shaw, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown  
 Ada Lauren Shaw, IODE Elizabeth II Chapter, Sarnia  
 Anne Seaton, IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury  
 Evelyn Reeve, IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham  
 Ruth Roger Weir & Marjorie Charlene Sibbit, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa  
 Mary Ellen Jasper, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich  
 Faye Towle, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
 Terry Pimento, IODE Ontario, Hamilton  
 Verna Harrison-Dolson, IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge  
 Cheryl Ballantyne, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester  
 Shirley Ollers, IODE Victoria Cross Centennial, Toronto  
 Barbara Edney & Betty Noble, IODE West Gwillimbury, Bradford  
 Betty Burrows, IODE William Melville Spencer Chapter, London

*May they rest in peace.*

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

President Linda Gryner welcomed 80 members from 32 Ontario primary chapters to the 101<sup>st</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting. This year's theme was '**Endless Possibilities**' expertly depicted with a logo created by Social Media Administrator, Renate Schuetz. President Linda Gryner also acknowledged the invaluable help of our two Tech experts, Captain Ashley Bonnell of IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter and Leslie Chekan, IODE Kathleen Drope and IODE Errol Egremont Chapters. Introduction of Honorary Vice-Presidents, National and IODE Ontario officers were done through screenshots previously taken for the best Zoom experience.

**Honorary Vice Presidents:**

Marty Dalton, London	Sandra Smith, Pain Court
E. Anne Mason, Holland Landing	Chris Bateman, Queensville
Bonnie Rees, Kitchener	Lynda Rivard, Simcoe
Ruth Ann Butler, London	Renate Schuetz, Owen Sound

Unable to attend were Marie Westlake, Campbellford and Patricia Fabian, Waterloo.

**National IODE Officers and Committee Chairs:**

E. Anne Mason, Past National President and Convenor of the IODE Violet Downey Book Award	Dana Bryant, National Treasurer
Ruth Ann Butler, Life Membership Convenor	Carol McCall, National President
Bonnie Rees, Past National President, Citizenship Officer and National Archivist	Karen Dalton, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President and National Education Officer
Sandra Smith, Nominating Convenor	Hazel MacLeod, National War Memorial Scholarship Officer
Chris Bateman, Past National President and National Secretary	Renate Schuetz, Communications and Public Relations.

**Officers and Convenors:**

Kathy Newnes, Corresponding Secretary  
 Jan Casbourn, Recording Secretary  
 Debbie Button, Treasurer  
 Shirley Ann Elms, Citizenship Officer  
 Gloria Saunders, Services Officer  
 Virginia Reade, Co-Services Officer  
 Kathryn Weston, Standard Bearer  
 Helen Danby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Education  
 Officer, Archivist, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 Convenor, PAM Convenor  
 Aileen Reid, Assistant Education (Adopted  
 Schools), Mid-Central Area Vice-President  
 Caroline Rodgers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President,  
 Membership Officer, Voting Convenor, PAM  
 Co-Convenor  
 Sandra Smith, Provincial War Memorial  
 Scholarship Convenor

Leslie Chekan, Technology Convenor  
 Bonnie Rees, Nominating Cmte chair  
 Michelle Batty, Southwestern Area Vice-  
 President  
 E. Anne Mason, North Central Area Vice-  
 President  
 Mary K. Anderson, Co-Convenor, Toronto  
 Legacy Committee  
 Elanor Brodie, Communications (Did not attend)  
 Gail McDiarmid, Assistant Membership Officer  
 Sheila DeJaegher, Life Membership  
 Donna O'Reilly, By-Laws Officer and South  
 Central Area Vice-President  
 Libby Gibson, Northern Area Vice-President  
 Margo MacKinnon, Toronto Area Vice-President  
 Renate Schuetz, IODE Ontario web  
 administrator

**Provincial Life Members:**

Life Membership is the highest honour one can receive from their peers and the following Provincial Life Members in attendance were introduced:

Bonnie Rees	Renate Schuetz	Eleanor Bentley
Shirley Ann Elms	Tory Garfat	Mary K. Anderson
E. Anne Mason	Lynda Rivard	Virginia Reade
Ruth Ann Butler	Eula Evans	Caroline Rodgers
Sandra Smith	Helen Danby.	Linda Gryner
Chris Bateman	Sheila DeJaegher	Donna O'Reilly
Marty Dalton	Jo Brodie	
Jean Hof	Libby Gibson	

Also introduced were Provincial office Administrative Assistant, Susan Varga; Bookkeeper, Nicole Kries; PAM Photographer, Wayne MacLeod and Dr. Patricia Kresan who we did not see all year as she has been on the frontlines as an essential worker during the pandemic.

Also focused and introduced were six first-time attendees below.

Bobbie Jo Allely, IODE Festival Jubilee	Susan Lake, IODE 48 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter
Elaine Farrell, IODE Confederation Chapter	Karina Larke, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter
Brenda Innes, IODE Eldon House Chapter	Marian McLennan, IODE Laurentian Chapter

This year's Provincial Annual Meeting (PAM) was a collaborative effort by the following PAM Convenors: Helen Danby, Caroline Rodgers, Leslie Chekan and Ashley Bonnell and Renate Schuetz. A great team of women with "Endless Possibilities" in IODE Ontario!!!

**RESOLUTIONS OF LOYALTY:**

The Resolutions of Loyalty to the Governor General of Canada is unavailable this year as this position is vacant.

The Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada was presented by 1st Vice President Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Ottawa.

*May it please your Majesty:*

*The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE assembled by videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on the occasion of their 101st Provincial Annual Business Meeting, pledge the loyalty of all members to your Gracious Majesty, Our Patron.*

*Your exemplary example of leadership and devotion during your reign is a remarkable achievement and we are proud of our continued association with you, Your Majesty. This year, in the 70th year of your reign, there will be many milestone celebrations. We send best wishes for the forthcoming celebration of Your Majesty's 95th birthday on 21 April as well as Your Majesty's official birthday in June.*

*Members of IODE extend our most sincere condolences to you on the recent death of your beloved husband His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh in his one hundredth year. We thank him for his life of service and join people across the Commonwealth and around the world in mourning his loss.*

*IODE members across Ontario join with me in extending our heartiest congratulations to you on the births of your ninth great-grandchild, August Philip Hawke Brooksbank, son of Her Royal Highness Princess Eugenie of York and Mr. Jack Brooksbank and your tenth great-grandchild, Lucas Philip Tindall, son of Zara and Mike Tindall.*

*We look forward with anticipation to the safe arrival of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's second child.*

*We remain your most loyal and dedicated subjects and wish you good health as you continue as our reigning Monarch.*

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker, Ottawa

**Seconded by:** Susan Lake, IODE 48th Highlander, Toronto

**"*THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II be adopted as presented.*"**

**CARRIED**

Greetings to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honorable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC OONT was presented by 2nd Vice President, Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia.

*May it please Your Honour:*

*The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE assembled by videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on the occasion of their 101st Provincial Annual Business Meeting, wish to extend loyal greetings to the 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell.*

*IODE members in Ontario cherish the relationship we have with Your Honour.*

*We congratulate you and take pleasure in working with you on your mandate, on creating a sustainable society encouraging Ontarians to actively participate in building partnerships, spearheading new initiatives, contributing to sustainability programs around the globe and engaging Ontarians in a conversation about the fragility of democracy and equally of its various and foundational institutions.*

*We thank you for your devotion to your duties to promote a strong and positive civic community. May you experience good health and happiness as you continue to serve our Sovereign and Ontario.*

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter

**Seconded by:** Sheila DeJaegher, IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham

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

**CARRIED**

Following the reading of the greetings we enjoyed a pre-taped and very inspiring video message from Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell.

National President, Carol McCall also brought the following greetings from the National Chapter of Canada IODE.

“It is an honour to be here with you today. I deeply appreciate IODE Ontario’s positive support of the mission of IODE during the past challenging year.

The totally unexpected worldwide epidemic had just arrived in Canada a year ago. We were just learning about the virus and starting to experience lock-down and stay-at-home orders. During the past year, you have responded to the difficulties and changes in a most positive and caring manner. Chapters unable to fundraise during the past year have used the financial cushion they had at the end of 2019 to support education, service and citizenship projects in their communities. Some chapters have been more challenged with the Covid-19 shutdowns because their projects are supported to a greater extent with current year fundraising activities that couldn’t take place. Chapters have also been ingenious in figuring out how to do fundraising activities in a safe way. However, IODE is more than how much money we have to spend. Acts of kindness, notes and telephone calls to people staying at home and helping them by picking up and delivering necessities have gone a long way during this pandemic.

At the IODE Ontario office, you have assembled and sent 239 parcels of clothing, footwear, bedding, toys and sporting equipment to communities in Northern Ontario, Labrador, Nunavut, and two communities in Southwestern Ontario. You have sewn personal protective equipment. Your volunteer hours were still an amazing 78,725 despite Covid restrictions. You have continued to provide scholarships, bursaries and books to students with a total value of \$178,889. You have organized special events. One of my favourites is “Dresden Shines”, brightening Dresden with Christmas lights and decorations to become a sparkling winter wonderland. In these times, it is not the size of your donations that matters; it is being kind and supporting people in your communities. You have been doing your best to bounce back and be positive.

I hope you have enjoyed *Echoes*, IODE Facebook pages and IODE websites during the past year and will continue to send in good stories about what is happening in your chapters. The national office is committed to doing everything necessary for IODE to thrive into the future. We are currently working on a national membership review talking with members to understand what we should keep and what we should change to ensure that membership in IODE is a fun and positive time for members and supports them in making a difference in the lives of others in need.

I am enjoying working with an excellent group of national directors and officers who work together as an effective team. They share their many talents and show what can be accomplished with respect and cooperation. Your President Linda Gryner is a strong and positive contributor to discussions on all aspects of IODE. Zoom has been an unexpected discovery allowing us to connect and see each other and share ideas more effectively with directors from across Canada.

I have described IODE members as a hardy group and the past year has proven that description to be accurate. I hope we can soon forget about Covid-19 and its variants and get back to seeing each other in person!

I invite you to register for the National Annual Meeting being held from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will be by Zoom and registration is free. Again, thank you for inviting me. It is a pleasure to be here and see you all again.”

## **ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2020 PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

**Seconded by:** Karen Dalton, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

***"THAT the minutes of the April 23, 2020, Provincial Annual Business Meeting held by teleconference be adopted as pre-circulated and as uploaded on the Provincial website."***

**CARRIED**

## **SUMMARY OF THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORTS — E. Anne Mason, Honorary Vice-President**

"The 2020 annual report is a celebration of the accomplishments of dedicated IODE women in Ontario, united in a common goal. Chapters adapted to the restrictions imposed because of the COVID-19 pandemic and moved ahead with variations on fundraising activities and meetings.

**Archives** – IODE's history is a valuable resource for future generations and there continues to be interest in the collection of stories, books, scrapbooks, badges, and ongoing research.

**Citizenship** – Although most in-person activities and events were cancelled after the declaration of the pandemic in March, chapters continued to practice good citizenship and recorded 78,725 volunteer hours. A new focus for many chapters was providing personal protective equipment by sewing over 8,500 facemasks, along with donations of surgical caps, gowns, and bags to front line workers. Food banks became a concern in many communities and donations of food and gift cards helped fill the need.

**Communications** – Chapters reported a transition from their traditional way of meeting in person to conducting meetings via teleconference and Zoom videoconferencing. A wider use of social media outlets such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter were used alongside increased personal telephone calls, regular emails, and monthly digital newsletters.

**Education** – More than \$178,000 was expended on scholarships, bursaries, awards nights, donations of IODE award-winning books, as well as breakfast programs in schools. In order to respect the social distancing requirements of the pandemic, chapters participated in outdoor giveaways of books and drive-by graduations. This year, parcels to adopted schools in Labrador and Northern Ontario included items specific to COVID-19, such as hand sanitizer and facemasks.

**Membership** – Chapters welcomed 34 new members during the year. The provincial Zoom license was used to hold meetings and keep in touch.

**Services** – An impressive value of almost \$245,000 was recorded for Services donations. Shipments including donations of clothing, backpacks and other requested items were sent to more than 30 communities. The Smoke Detector Program was a collaborative effort by fire service professionals, IODE Ontario and IODE Canada, resulting in 100 smoke detectors being purchased and supplied to Big Trout Lake.

**Standard Bearer** – Table standards and floor flags were present at in-person and virtual meetings.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – For the Provincial chapter's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, two special booklets were created and sold to members. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project, "Play it Forward", to provide sporting equipment to schools in remote Northern Ontario schools, continues to receive the support of chapters.

Congratulations to each and every member for your dedication and resiliency during a very challenging year."

## **SECONDING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT — Renate Schuetz, Honorary Vice-President**

"Madam President it has been an unexpected year – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Ontario declared a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus outbreak, just before you began your second term. With the guidance and support of the Provincial Officers, Convenors and Councillors difficult decisions were made and new creative procedures were put in place for IODE to carry on. My friend the late Marion



Wallace once said to me 'have you ever been in a room with a group of Type A Personalities – welcome to the Provincial Officers and Convenors group'. Congratulations to the provincial executive committee for coming together, even if it was virtually, to attend committee meetings for the work of the chapter to continue.

With the addition of Zoom, this gave the provincial chapter the ability to teleconference meetings and to offer this tool to all Ontario chapters to use. The provincial chapter also put into place the Technology Committee, whose purpose is to provide training and/or support for individual members or for chapters. The provincial chapter is fortunate to have women who have these skills.

From reading the 2020 annual reports and from the summary that E. Anne Mason has given, we can see that most of the chapters have been able to reinvent their means to fundraise, their mode to contribute to their community and for the members to meet or to celebrate milestones. The images on page 17 of the annual report, is a small example of members celebrating birthdays, fundraising, and supporting their community. Despite not meeting in person, new members were installed; members were recognized with special awards acknowledging their service to IODE and most importantly, they stayed connected with phone calls. The reports from the chapters included the words "due to COVID" and "we missed personal contact". Our numbers may not have been the same as past years – however each contribution was considerable. Imagine if your community didn't have you. This is one of those speed bumps in life, once this pandemic is under control, we all will continue our IODE good works at full force.

Recently I attended a committee meeting where we took a stroll down memory lane. We remembered past annual meetings when they were two and three day. We remembered how the meetings were conducted, which included voting for provincial councillors that seem to carry on into the early hours of the morning and changing our outfits multiple times a day. Also, we remembered the after-meeting-hours parties. Today we are lucky to have a number of communication tools for our choosing, but nothing beats seeing you in person to share a chat and an old fashion hug.

On a personal note – I am pleased to see a number of new faces joining the provincial executive committee and taking the role to preserve and to grow IODE in Ontario.

There is a funny little quotation that is something like, 'if you think you're too small to be effective, you've obviously never been in a tent with a mosquito'. Each IODE member contributes in her own way, it maybe organizing an upcoming event or working the day of the fundraiser or offering your wisdom. This year's national volunteer week theme is 'the value of one ... the power of many', each IODE member is appreciated and together we achieve much. Each of you have 'endless possibilities' for IODE.

I am proud of our achievements in Ontario during the challenging year we had. It is my pleasure and honor to second the provincial reports for 2020."

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** HVP E. Anne Mason, IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing

**Seconded by:** HVP Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Warton

***"THAT the 2020 Annual Report be adopted as presented and as uploaded on the Provincial website. "***

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE — Kathy Newnes**

- Best wishes letters were received from the Provincial Presidents of Alberta, B.C., New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and PEI.
- Letters from all Honorary Vice Presidents including regrets from Honorary Vice president Marie Westlake and Patricia Fabian
- Letters of best wishes and congratulations from National Officers, Provincial Officers and Convenors.
- Best wishes from several primary chapter members across Ontario.

## **SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT — Jan Casbourn**

"2020 was my first year as Recording Secretary and I have enjoyed my connection with everyone at the Provincial Chapter.

In-person PEC meetings were held for the months of February and March. After the March meeting, when the World Health Organization declared the 'COVID-19 PANDEMIC', IODE Ontario decided to cancel the previously planned 100th Anniversary PAM and the Provincial office was closed in response to the lockdown. Administrative Assistant, Susan Varga worked remotely from home. Despite the pandemic, 24 meetings were held either by teleconference or Zoom, comprising of PEC, Officers and Convenors, committee meetings and a Christmas Party.

The 100th PAM was held by teleconference on April 23rd, 2020, and was condensed into the business portion only, with 53 members in attendance. The theme was 'Honoring our Past and Embracing our Future'. Highlights of the scaled down PAM were: the business portion, announcements of the IODE OPP, Jean Throop Book and Membership awards, as well as installation of the new executive by National President, Carol McCall. Two anniversary books were also launched, namely 'A History of Ontario Chapters' Names', and 'A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women'. Provincial Life Memberships were awarded to two deserving members: Shirley Ann Elms of the IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter and Mary K. Anderson of the IODE Chapters, Bridlewood, Rouge Valley and Captain Nichola Goddard. 2020 was also the 45<sup>th</sup> year for the IODE Jean Throop Book Award and 'Skinnamarink' was chosen as winner.

It was apparent that COVID was hanging on, so IODE Ontario purchased a Zoom license, under the National IODE Zoom subscription. An ad-hoc committee was created and Zoom was offered to all primary chapters to allow them to hold their meetings. By year's end, nine chapters were using Zoom regularly.

Despite the lockdowns, the President attended six Primary Chapter and several Provincial and National IODE Chapter meetings by teleconference and Zoom.

The importance of connecting with the primary chapters and boosting their morale became one of the top priorities for IODE Ontario during the pandemic. Three Newsletters and eight E-blasts were issued through the hard work of Administrative Assistant, Susan Varga and Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Newnes

The Provincial Executive Committee is most appreciative of all the work, cooperation and dedication of Susan Varga and our bookkeeper, Nicole Kries, as well as all the officers and convenors of IODE Ontario.

The full Secretary's Report for 2020 which also includes the list of the 2020 Life Memberships and the Chapter Anniversaries can be found on pages 11-14 of the Annual Report."

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

**Seconded by:** Sandra Thompson, IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden

***"THAT the Provincial Secretary's Report as found on pages 11 to 14 of the 2020 Annual Report be adopted."***

### **CARRIED**

## **SPECIAL COVID-19 REPORT — Kathy Newnes**

"As we know, the year 2020 was not what we expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In reading the many new ways that primary chapters CARRIED on with their meetings, modified their fundraising methods and the distribution of their donations and awards, I was amazed at the unwavering commitment that IODE Ontario members showed during a difficult time.

Two things became very evident as I read through the chapter reports. The first thing that stood out was the dedication and desire to continue with philanthropic projects, just as chapters have always done for so many years. COVID did not stop them! For most, meetings continued; some held a few in-

person meetings, socially distanced of course, but it became apparent that new ways were needed. ZOOM meetings, have now become the norm with the help of the IODE Ontario Technology Committee and although we would all prefer to meet in person, this is the next best thing.

IODE members found new and creative ways to help their communities while complying with the new restrictions. They sewed masks, shopped for shut-ins, made toiletry kits for seniors, and created greeting cards. Others relied on the funds from the previous years and donated what they could to their usual community or school projects. Personal donations were also given to support their chapter initiatives. "Drive-by" events were ways by which they could collect toys, hats, mitts, toiletries etc. for distribution to various locations throughout their cities. An outdoor, socially distanced book and garage sale was held. Members met in church basements or community arenas to continue making turkey pies, apple pies and butter tarts etc. while wearing masks and staying safely apart. This in-person connection helped maintain positive morale.

The second important aspect during COVID which became more prevalent was the need to stay connected. The genuine concern for one another and the desire to ensure that our friends in IODE were safe and healthy both physically and emotionally was everyone's priority. Phone calls and emails became very important, not only to conduct business, but to make personal connections and inquire about the general well-being of fellow chapter members. Members went to great lengths to celebrate milestone occasions such as 90 and 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays of their fellow members while practicing anti-COVID precautions.

The pandemic may have been viewed as something negative, but it has allowed IODE members to emerge as more creative, more innovative, and more open to the endless possibilities that faced them in 2020. For more information on IODE chapters' COVID activities, please refer to pages 15 and 17 of the Annual Report.

Congratulations and thank you to those who shared with us their special COVID-19 activities. We take our hats off and send our heartfelt thanks to our members who are and continue to be our essential workers."

**Moved by:** Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

**Seconded by:** Janet Stratton, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa

***"THAT the Special Secretary's Report on Covid-19 as found on pages 15 to 17 of the 2020 Annual Report be adopted."***

**CARRIED**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT — Debbie Button**

"The Treasurer's Report found on page 18 of the 2020 Annual Report contains a summary of Primary and Municipal Chapters' audited financial statements. Total revenue for Ontario chapters was \$617,450 and total expenditures were \$661,251. Chapters are to be congratulated for their success.

Thank you to Chapter Treasurers. You are to be commended for your reports.

The assistance and guidance of the Investment Committee and the Finance Committee were invaluable."

#### **MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown

**Seconded by:** Brenda Goldhawk, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown

***"THAT the Treasurer's Report as found on page 18 of the 2020 Provincial Annual Report be adopted."***

**CARRIED**

The PEC-approved 2021 Operating budget for IODE Ontario can be found on pages 19-20 of the 2020 Annual Report for your information.

**2020 Audited Financial Statements:**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown

**Seconded by:** Linda Dennis, IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham

***“THAT the audited 2020 Financial Statements of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE for the year ending December 31st, 2020, and the Auditor’s Report as found on pages 21 to 32 of the 2020 Annual Report be adopted.”***

**CARRIED**

**Appointment of Auditors:**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown

**Seconded by:** Virginia Reade, IODE Freelon Chapter, Freelon

***“THAT the firm of DBK Accounting Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, for the year ending December 31st, 2021.”***

**CARRIED**

**VOTING ON BY-LAW CHANGES — Donna O’Reilly and Kathy Newnes**

From time to time, the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), made up of your elected Councillors, reviews the Provincial By-Laws. The PEC approved several changes to the Ontario By-Laws and has complied with Article XI (11.02 (d)). The changes had been pre-circulated for review by all members.

By-Law #3, under Fees:

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Donna O’Reilly, IODE Freelon, Freelon

**Seconded by:** Lynda Rivard, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton ***“THAT the annual fee of members of the Provincial Executive Committee be reviewed, set and approved yearly by the Provincial Executive Committee prior to the annual meeting.”***

**CARRIED**

By-Law #10: IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial. Fund for Education

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

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

***“THAT the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education established October 1940 in memory of Mrs. Lucy Morrison, Provincial President from 1932 to 1940 be made available for scholarships, bursaries and monies and special educational projects, subject to the investigation and approval of the Provincial Education Committee with the final approval by the Provincial Executive Committee.”***

**CARRIED**

By-Law #13: Relocation in the Provincial By-Laws document

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Donna O’Reilly, IODE Freelon, Freelon

**Seconded by:** Margo MacKinnon, IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto

***“THAT because this By-Law # 13 deals with the nomination and election of additional Officers, I move that it be relocated to follow By-Law #20 (c) and retain the title By-Law #13.”***

**CARRIED**

By-Law #15 (b), under Voting

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

**Seconded by:** Judy Pearce, IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford

***“THAT the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE shall elect National Councillors as per Article VIII 8.06 in the IODE Constitution.”***

**CARRIED**

Official Name of the Provincial Chapter

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Donna O’Reilly, IODE Freelon, Freelon

**Seconded by:** Wendy Loosley, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia

***“THAT a line be included on page one (1) of the IODE Ontario By-Laws (above “Quorum”) stating that the Official name of the chapter is ‘Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE’, also known as ‘IODE Ontario’ for branding purposes” and that the title page be changed to add ‘Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE’ above the current ‘IODE Ontario’ name.”***

**CARRIED**

By-Law #21-For deletion

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

**Seconded by:** Margaret Bentley, IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton

***“THAT the By-Law #21 which states: ‘The Provincial Executive Committee, at its meeting at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting, shall nominate five (5) Councillors at large’ be deleted.”***

**CARRIED**

By-Law #20 (b) under Voting:

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Donna O’Reilly, IODE Freelon, Freelon

**Seconded by:** Jane Ledgley, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester

***“THAT following the election of Provincial Councillors, and prior to the installation of Provincial Officers at the Annual Meeting, a minimum of fifteen (15), but not more than twenty-five (25) additional Councillors from all areas, shall be elected by the Provincial Executive Committee.”***

**CARRIED**

By-Law #9 Under Minutes:

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

**Seconded by:** Penny Murray, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich

***“THAT the minutes of the meetings of the Provincial Executive shall be sent out to all Officers and members of the Committee. These minutes shall consist of resolutions and findings, the results of deliberations and the reports of the Officers and Convenors.”***

**CARRIED**

**MORNING GUEST SPEAKER — Mike Stevens Of ArtsCan**

Heather Stuart, President of IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay introduced guest speaker Mike Stevens of ArtsCan.

“Born and raised in Sarnia, Mike is an innovative musician and author. Playing the harmonica from a young age, he has performed live and captivated the hearts of bluegrass fans all over the world. He is also revered for his humanitarian work through ArtsCan Circle, a charitable organization he founded. For many years Mike has travelled to isolated indigenous communities across Canada where he has seen first-hand the grim tales of drug abuse and suicide among the youth.”

Mike Stevens spoke about his experience with the indigenous youth in Northern Ontario and Labrador, providing the youth with musical know-how and hundreds of harmonicas to sway the young from drugs, gang activities, boredom and to help them develop their self-worth. Regardless of the difference in methods, the objectives align with our 100th Anniversary Project, 'Play it Forward', which is to provide much needed play and sports equipment to the youth in the North.

Following Mike's very interesting and informative presentation, he was thanked by Norma Chicoine, past Adopted School Officer, IODE William Melville Spencer Chapter, London.

### **CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP REAFFIRMATION CEREMONY:**

Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Toronto, Provincial Citizenship Officer introduced Colonel Michael D. Scott CM CD.

"Volunteering is about freely giving your time to help an organization, community, or individual. and act on behalf of something or someone else, is a core element of citizenship.

Michael D. Scott and volunteering has always come naturally to him especially in the scouting world for over forty years. Michael's ongoing contributions to Canada were recognized in 2008 when he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

Attendees were given the opportunity to re-affirm their Canadian Citizenship with Honorary Col. Michael Scott CD, CM officiating, and everyone received a Certificate of Citizenship Re-affirmation.

Some words from Colonel Scott. "As part of this ceremony we are recognizing the outstanding achievements of women who have shaped this country in which we live. Women are leaders in all areas of society, including business, politics, science and technology, and many others, and your right to equality is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I am sure that most of you participating today were born in Canada and received your citizenship automatically, but I am also sure that a significant number of you came to Canada from other countries and could share stories of struggle and heartbreak as you and your families made your way to Canada to start a new and better life.

By whatever means you became a Canadian, you now have the chance to reaffirm your oath as a Canadian citizen. For many of you this will be the first time you have ever said these words. I certainly had never spoken the oath publicly until I attended my first citizenship ceremony as an observer.

I was given a gift by my family like most of you, the gift of being born a Canadian citizen, the gift which we continue to give to our children who have been or will be born in Canada.

Today when you recite the citizenship oath please remember the Canadian soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen who have served Canada, in conflicts, and UN peace-support operations around the world.

For those of you that were born in Canada, you learned about Canadian symbols like the Crown, the flag, the coat of arms, and our motto from 'SEA to SEA' in school. You also learned about our country's history and geography.

Being a Canadian, means sharing a common set of Canadian values; having rights and responsibilities, such as being a full member of the Canadian family and the responsibility to obey Canada's laws.

Being a volunteer is a very important part of being a Canadian and is an important part of our responsibilities as a citizen. Your membership in the IODE shows that you also believe that.

This should be a proud moment for you. It is your opportunity to declare publicly your pride in your country and your commitment to making this a better place for all Canadians.

The future of Canada, our freedom, our democracy, our peaceful society, equality under the law and our prosperity, depends on all of us together!

You will now take the Oath of Citizenship, which is your commitment to do your best for Canada and swear your oath to the Queen, which means you are swearing allegiance to Canada in her name and person."

*OATH: I swear (or affirm), that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Second, Queen of Canada, Her heirs, and successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada and fulfil my duties as a Canadian citizen.*

Ann-Marie Becke, President, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich thanked Colonel Scott for taking the time to officiate the Citizenship Reaffirmation Ceremony. A donation in his name was made to the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Citizenship Fund.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION — Sheila DeJaegher, IODE Kent Regiment, Chatham**

Life Membership is the highest award bestowed to an IODE member by her peers at the Provincial Chapter. It is now my honour to present Life Memberships to Gail McDiarmid and Margo MacKinnon.

#### **Citation for Gail McDiarmid**

“Gail McDiarmid is celebrating over half a century, 56 years to be precise, as an IODE member. In 1964, she joined IODE St. Clair Chapter in Sarnia when her husband was transferred. Later, she joined the IODE Credit Valley Chapter in Mississauga. Currently she is a member of the IODE Angela Bruce Chapter in Oakville. Gail has held many positions in her chapter and was a recipient of the 50-year pin for her many years of service and dedication.

In 2012, she was elected as a Provincial Councillor and since then, she has been a very enthusiastic member of many special committees. Gail has been the Area Vice-President for South Central Ontario for a number of years and in 2015, she was elected and to this day, holds the office of Assistant Membership.

As an Assistant Membership Officer, Gail created and took the membership power point presentation to many Town Hall meetings. She also played a big role in a provincial membership initiative called “Grow in IODE Campaign”. This membership drive consisted of the provincial-wide distribution of a colourful custom-designed Membership rack card with a small bag of sunflower seeds attached. Gail also presented the Membership Game at back-to-back Provincial Annual Meetings. Her public relations background, her long-time involvement with IODE, coupled with her enthusiasm and commitment has made Gail a great asset to IODE.

Gail McDiarmid is a well-rounded community member who participates in the running of the IODE Angela Bruce Opportunity shop and her Community Food Bank. The Provincial executive Committee is much richer for having Gail as a Councillor and Officer.

Gail 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 Gail McDiarmid in recognition of her volunteer efforts and dedication to IODE Ontario.”

#### **Citation for Margo MacKinnon**

“Margo MacKinnon has been an avid IODE member for 28 years having joined IODE Bridlewood Chapter in 1993. She has held many offices including President Secretary, Membership officer and other additional roles. At one time, she was Secretary of the disbanded IODE Toronto Municipal Chapter.

Margo was elected as a Provincial Councillor in 2008 and with her enthusiasm, she has been an asset to many special committees in IODE Ontario. She has travelled from her Pickering home to Hamilton to help with Services packing, once she took part in preparing art kits for the remote Northern Nursing Stations and Christmas art Kits for the First Nations Children in the North.

In 2013, Margo was elected as the Area Vice-President for the Toronto area, a position she held until 2020. In that role, she would keep in touch with the chapters in her jurisdiction and would bring reports of their many activities. Margo represented IODE Ontario at many functions in Toronto at the Ontario College of Arts and Design and at the National Ballet School. At one time, she regularly shared with the PEC, some helpful information from the Mayo Clinic health and wellness magazine.

Margo is always willing to help whenever and wherever needed, both in IODE and at her church where is also proactive. She is an enthusiastic and caring lady. When meetings are long, she will be the first to suggest a “stretch time-out”, especially at the Annual Meetings.

She 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 Margo MacKinnon in recognition of her volunteer efforts and dedication to IODE Ontario.”

Both Gail and Margo were extremely surprised when many invited guests (family members) appeared on the screen to extend their congratulations.

At the conclusion of both the morning and afternoon sessions, Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia introduced report cards and instructed how they should be completed. She explained that the reports are very important for planning of future PAMs and your input influences decisions for those meetings.

## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

IODE Ontario President Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter Sarnia, welcomed everyone back to the afternoon session.

### **IODE ONTARIO POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD:**

Introduction of the OPP award by Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, and Provincial Citizenship Officer.

“Each year one uniformed member is selected by the OPP to be recognized by IODE Ontario. This year, IODE Ontario acknowledged and applauded the good works of OPP as a unit, for their dedication to communities across our province during the pandemic. The IODE Police Community Relations Award consists of a plaque, a certificate and a monetary gift to the charity of the recipient’s choice. The monies will be used towards the OPP Suicide Memorial which will be located outside of the OPP General Headquarters in Orillia.”

This award was accepted by guests, Deputy Commissioner Harkins on behalf of the entire OPP and Constable Amanda Weaver on behalf of the Suicide Memorial Fund . The OPP Suicide Memorial is being established to recognize and honor OPP members and their families who have been impacted by suicide.

IODE Ontario congratulated all members of the Ontario Provincial Police for their exemplary service throughout the COVID pandemic.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF IODE JEAN THROOP BOOK AWARD WINNER — Toronto Legacy Convenor, Mary K. Anderson, IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Pickering**

“When the IODE Jean Throop Book Award was established over 45 years ago it was recognized that Canada had a wealth of outstanding creators of children’s literature. As time passed, it was realized that illustrators play a key role in the telling of an author’s story. We are now pleased that both the author and the illustrator can be recognized for their creativity.

This year’s award-winning book is timely in that it stresses the importance of being good community citizens and learning at an early age to care for and respect one another. This book is a wonderful resource that can and should be used to teach children and adults that by sharing, respecting others and finding workable solutions all problems can have a positive outcome. This beautifully illustrated book, **‘What Grew in Larry’s Garden’**, is most deserving of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award.



The author, Laura Alary is an accomplished writer and works in a Toronto library where her love of books and writing can be nourished.

The environmental message is beautifully illustrated with the vibrant drawings of illustrator Kass Reich. Kass also lives in Toronto. During her extensive traveling and working with young children, these experiences were fundamental to her career in creating storybooks for young children.

On behalf of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award committee and IODE Ontario thank you for creating a story with such timely life lessons and for bringing the message to life with amazing and beautiful illustrations.”

Author, Laura Allary and Illustrator Kass Reich were able to attend by Zoom and were virtually presented and congratulated for their awards.

### **COUNCILLORS VOTING RESULTS— Voting Convenor Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Ottawa.**

#### **NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR 2021-2022 elected by ballots**

**Northern Area** – IODE Chapters: City of Lakes, Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and Manitou.

- *Vacant*

**North Central** – IODE Chapters: Bertha Cane, Headwaters, Holland Landing, Lord Dufferin, West Gwillimbury, White Cloud, and Yellow Briar.

- Renate Schuetz, Owen Sound

**ACCLAIMED**

**Eastern Area** – IODE Chapters: Bemersyde, and Captain Hooper.

- Marie Westlake, Bemersyde

**ACCLAIMED**

**Municipal Chapter of Ottawa** – IODE Chapters: Laurentian, Lorraine, and Walter Baker.

- Caroline Rodgers, Richmond

**Mid Central Area** – IODE Chapters: Edith Benson, Eldon House, Festival Jubilee, Maple Leaf, Stirling, Val Griffiths, and William Melville Spencer.

- Karen Dalton, London
- Hazel MacLeod, London

**Toronto Area** – IODE Chapters: 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Bridlewood, Captain Nicola Goddard, Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald, Kathleen Drope, Rouge Valley, Susie Sorabji, and Ubique.

- Shirley Ann Elms, Dundas

**South Central Area** – IODE Chapters: Angela Bruce, Claremont, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Freelon, John Milton, Royal Wyndham, The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, and Victoria Guelph.

- Bonnie Rees, Waterloo

**ACCLAIMED**

**South Western Area** – IODE Chapters: Captain Garnet Brackin, Catherine McVean, Comber, Confederation, Dr. Norman McCormick, Errol Egremont, Kent Regiment, and Major John Richardson.

- Sheila DeJaegher, Chatham

**Municipal Chapter of Sarnia Lambton** – IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron, and Margaret Stokes.

- Helen Danby, Petrolia

**ACCLAIMED**

**Additional three National Councillors elected by PEC:**

- Michelle Batty, Lambton Shores
- Leslie Chekan, Bright's Grove
- Peggy Gallipeau, Carleton Place

## PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS FOR 2021-2022 elected by ballots.

**Northern Area** – IODE Chapters: City of Lakes, Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and Manitou.

- Louise Visneskie, Sudbury

**ACCLAIMED**

**North Central** – IODE Chapters: Bertha Cane, Headwaters, Holland Landing, Lord Dufferin, West Gwillimbury, White Cloud, and Yellow Briar.

- E. Anne Mason, Oro-Medonte

**Eastern Area** – IODE Chapters: Bemersyde, and Captain Hooper.

- Betsy Thompson, Campbellford

**Municipal Chapter of Ottawa** – IODE Chapters: Laurentian, Lorraine, and Walter Baker.

- Elanor Brodie, Ottawa
- Caroline Rodgers, Richmond

**Mid Central Area** – IODE Chapters: Edith Benson, Eldon House, Festival Jubilee, Maple Leaf, Stirling, Val Griffiths, and William Melville Spencer.

Ruth Ann Butler, London

Nancy Hughes, Goderich

Karen Dalton, London

Kathy Newnes, London

**Toronto Area** – IODE Chapters: 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Bridlewood, Captain Nicola Goddard, Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald, Kathleen Drope, Rouge Valley, Susie Sorabji.

- Karen Barker, Toronto
- Shirley Ann Elms, Dundas

**South Central Area** – IODE Chapters: Angela Bruce, Claremont, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Freelon, John Milton, Royal Wyndham, The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, and Victoria Guelph Chapter

Eleanor Bentley, Hamilton

Donna O'Reilly, Hamilton

Susan Davis, Hamilton

Virginia Reade, Hamilton

Jean Hof, Hamilton

Bonnie Rees, Waterloo

Gail McDiarmid, Mississauga

**South-Western Area** – IODE Chapters: Captain Garnet Brackin, Catherine McVean, Comber, Confederation, Dr. Norman McCormick, Errol Egremont, Kent Regiment, and Major John Richardson.

Garna Argenti, Burford

Sheila DeJaegher, Chatham

Debbie Button, Ridgetown

**Municipal Chapter of Sarnia Lambton** – IODE Chapters: Hon. Malcolm Cameron, and IODE Margaret Stokes.

- Jayne Little, Sarnia

## ADDITIONAL 25 PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS elected by PEC:

Mary K. Anderson, Pickering

Helen Danby, Petrolia

Chris Bateman, Queensville

Cara Fabian, Waterloo

Michelle Batty, Lambton Shores

Patti Fabian, Waterloo

Capt. Ashley Bonnell, Toronto

Peggy Gallipeau, Carleton Place

Jo Brodie, Ottawa

Margo MacKinnon, Pickering

Jan Casbourn, Sarnia

Hazel MacLeod, London

Leslie Chekan, Bright's Grove

Carol McCall, Toronto

Norma Chicoine, London

Catherine Moore, Toronto

Lisa Cossar, Dummer

Aileen Reid, Ingersoll

Lynda Rivard, Simcoe  
Gloria Saunders, Petrolia  
Pat Scallan, Hamilton  
Sandra Smith, Pain Court

Heather Stuart, North Bay  
Kathryn Weston, Sarnia  
Wendy Weston, Dresden

**PLAY IT FORWARD UPDATE — Aileen Reid, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, Assistant Education (Adopted Schools)**

“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 the physical, mental, and social development of children, IODE Ontario’s 100th Anniversary special project provided playground equipment for children at The Good Shepherd Family Centre, Hamilton. Last year when the world experienced the COVID-19 pandemic, all celebrations were put on hold. Part two of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project, known as ‘Play It Forward’ project was created. This was established because there was a need to encourage and support our 11 Northern Adopted Schools children to be physically active in their daily lives to enjoy long term positive repercussions.

Many of the schools had a wish list for sporting goods for their students. Most of the items requested included items such as pinnies, pylon cones, balls (mainly soccer, basketball, and baseball), bean bags and skipping ropes.

IODE Ontario believes that by supporting students in our Adopted Schools, we encourage them to live more active lives, they enjoy long term positive repercussions and we feel honored to be able to help with this endeavour. We currently have 11 Adopted Schools in Northern Ontario. Of these 11 schools, eight had sent a wish list for sporting goods for their students.

Our schools in Northern Ontario span hundreds of kilometres.

Our most southern schools are in Moosonee. Just to give you some perspective, Moosonee is close to 893 km. away from Hamilton Ontario and 19 km south of James Bay. It is considered to be “the gateway to the Arctic”. Our most northern school is in Bearskin Lake, located 425 km. north of Sioux Lookout. Despite the distances between those schools and us in the far southern end of Ontario, we have been and will continue to be able to make a difference in their lives.

Most of the items that were requested are simple equipment that we would expect schools to have. The supplies from the schools wish lists include items such as pinnies, pylon cones, balls (mainly soccer, basketball, and baseball), bean bags and skipping ropes. Some sporting goods suppliers have generously offered to pay much of the shipping costs, saving us hundreds of dollars that we were then able to use toward more equipment for our Adopted Schools.

Our primary chapters have made this project possible and really are the backbone of IODE Ontario providing ‘endless possibilities’ for those in need.”

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS — Membership Officer, Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker, Ottawa,**

Welcome letters were sent to each of the 34 new members for 2020 and congratulations to the following chapters for installation of the largest numbers of new members.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place- four new members.**

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville  
IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay  
IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place- three new members**

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia  
IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place- three new members**

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville  
IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgeway  
IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia

The following Chapters celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2020:

5 Years IODE City of Lakes Chapter, Sudbury	60 Years IODE Eldon House Chapter, London
5 Years IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville	100 Years IODE John Milton Chapter, Milton
45 Years IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto	115 Years IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa
45 Years IODE Kathleen Drope Chpt. Toronto	120 Years IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich

### **BREAKOUT ROOM SESSION — Moderator, Helen Danby**

Break out rooms are similar to round table discussions. The topic was “Endless Possibilities in Helping our Community in Quick and Easy Ways.” This topic stresses non-financial ways to help your community. Lists were compiled by each group leader in the several groups created. At the conclusion of the 30 minute session the leaders then reported back to the attendees in the main room of their results on their progress of ideas in helping their communities

Helen Danby asked that each reporter email her a copy of her list for the creation of a masterpiece of ‘Endless Possibilities.’

### **AFTERNOON GUEST SPEAKER — Karen Dalton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice PRESIDENT and Education Officer, IODE Canada: TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW**

#### **Introduction of Guest Speaker – Marty Dalton**

A few words from President Linda; “Who better to introduce our special guest speaker this afternoon than her mother, my mentor and inspiration, Honorary Vice-President, Marty Dalton of London.”

Thank you, Linda, for asking me to introduce Karen. Karen has been a member of our Eldon House Chapter for 41 years, but I never thought an opportunity like this would come along for me. When Karen retired from the Thames Valley District School Board six years ago as the Associate Director, she never hesitated to get involved in many worthwhile community organizations in London. Her knowledge, experience, compassion, and drive have been a benefit to many including IODE where she now serves the post of Education Officer and Second Vice President. Today it's our pleasure to have Karen, my daughter, speak to you.”

#### **TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW**

“I’m asking you to take yourself back to the year 1995. Where did you live and what were you doing on a day to day basis? Was there a significant event in your life?

Raise your hand if you were a member of IODE 26 years ago, in 1995! If you were a member that year, you would have paid \$15 to IODE in National Fees.

Let’s look at a few more IODE Canada National statistics.

The ‘Together for Tomorrow’ chart (displayed on Zoom) was created by National President Carol McCall, initially in 2019 and now updated with 2020 financials. It was developed as the Board of Directors has been examining options for increasing revenue to sustain the operation of IODE across Canada.

The first thing to understand is that IODE Canada is the legal, incorporated 'not for profit' entity that allows IODE chapters in every province and territory to operate under its umbrella. Thus, we knew that it was essential to find options to continue the organization.

A look at the second column titled 1995 examines the financial situation 26 years ago. As mentioned, we were paying a \$15 fee to IODE Canada.

There were just over 9,000 of us participating in Primary chapters across the country. Realizing almost \$140,000 from fees.

We had a total Capital Investment of approximately \$2M earning almost \$180,000. A 9% return on investment! Remember those days? Some of that interest was from *the Endowment Fund*. A fund set up decades ago, to help offset the operational costs of IODE.

Operating Expenses were just under \$240,000. There was no problem covering the expenses of the organization with a combination of fees and the Endowment Fund's investment earnings.

Fast forward 25 years to 2020. The situation is very different ,e.g. column # 3.

You'll notice that the number of members has dropped from 9,000 to just over 1,700. More than 7,000 fewer members than we had in 1995.

Fees are now \$45 resulting in a revenue of \$88,000. Despite the increase in fees, the decrease in members has resulted in \$51,000 less than 1995.

Total Capital Investment has been fairly steady, still exceeding \$1.8M.

However, the true crisis is the loss of investment revenue as percentage returns on our funds such as the Endowment Fund, which helps pay for the operational costs, have dropped from about \$180,000 to a mere \$50,000. This, almost \$130,000 decrease coupled with the loss of membership fee revenue has caused the need to find ways to increase revenue.

Cuts to Office expenses have been continual over the years. You will notice, that because of the cuts, operating expenses has DECREASED by over \$40,000 since 1995. A DECREASE of 17%! (I know that my household expenses have certainly NOT DECREASED in the last 25 years.)

Despite the decrease in expenditures, it was obvious, it was time to find another option.

### **WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?**

- *Increasing membership fees* was indeed an option. Each of our 1700 members could contribute additional funds and ease the deficit. However, it had been voiced from various corners of the country that this was not a favourable option.
- *Increasing the number of members* was an option. But despite initiatives at various levels of the organization over the past 30 years, we like other charitable groups, have not been successful. A global problem in the charitable sector.
- *Another stream of revenue* was needed if we wanted the organization to have a sound financial future.

### **ANOTHER STREAM OF REVENUE: TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW**

Some of you may have heard of or been involved in other organizations, with the concept of gathering *100 women to give \$100 dollars (each)*. This initiative has experienced some success and it was discussed. Through an evolving discussion the TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW fund was born. IODE Canada is not seeking a mere 100 women, we are open to anyone to donate any amount as often as they wish!

TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW is a fundraising initiative open to anyone to donate to in order to do two things. Firstly, to ASSIST with the operational costs of IODE, and secondly, to SUPPORT the future of IODE.

### **HOW DOES SOMEONE DONATE?**

There are multiple options!

1. Pledge any amount of funds. Anything \$20 or more receives a tax receipt. There is no suggested amount, any amount of funds is appreciated.
2. Pledge a one-time amount or a repeating gift e.g. quarterly.

3. Donate in memoriam, in lieu of a gift, or to celebrate an occasion.
4. Fill out a pledge form.
5. Send an E-Transfer designated to **T4T** to IODE at [iodecanada@bellnet.ca](mailto:iodecanada@bellnet.ca)
6. Simply mail a cheque to:
  - IODE Canada,
  - 40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto, ON
  - Suite 219,
  - M4R 1B9

## **WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT IODE?**

GIVING to the community?

ENHANCING someone's life?

FRIENDSHIP?

COMRADERY?

A PERSONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM?

Whatever you enjoy, do you believe that it is desirable to continue the benefits into the future? Do we want IODE to continue?

In summary, IODE, an incorporated and registered charity, can no longer exist on members' fees and investment earnings alone and very simply needs to raise funds if the organization is to be sustainable.

TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW is a way to support the future of the organization by assisting with operational costs and receiving a tax receipt for doing so.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need clarification on any of the information presented.

## **Thank you to Karen Dalton – Michelle Batty**

"A very special thank you to Karen Dalton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of IODE Canada and National Education Officer for sharing the comprehensive information on the 'Together For Tomorrow' Fund.

This innovative fund speaks to the commitment and dedication to ensuring the long-standing viability and future of IODE Canada.

We greatly appreciate learning more about the 'Together For Tomorrow' Fund and how we all can contribute and invest in the future of IODE, thereby continuing to enhance the quality of life for individuals through education support, community services and citizenship programs.

As a token of IODE Ontario's appreciation, a donation will be made in your name to the 'Together for Tomorrow' Fund.

Thank you, Merci, Miigwech."

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT — Slate Of Officers 2021 - 2022, Bonnie Rees**

"The Provincial Nominating Committee for 2021-2022 comprised of Jeannette Boyd, Lisa Cossar, Peggy Gallipeau, Bonnie Rees (Chair) and Renate Schuetz were elected at the November 2020 PEC meeting.

At the PEC meeting ,February 2021,the decision was made to elect the following additional officers: seven Area Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries (Recording & Corresponding), two Services Officers and an Assistant Education Officer (Adopted Classes).

A Preliminary Slate of Officers for 2021-2022 was presented to the PEC meeting, March,2021.The Nominating Committee then requested that PEC approve the election of an additional Assistant

Education Officer and Assistant Membership Office. Lisa Cossar resigned her committee position in lieu of accepting an officer position. At the April PEC meeting, an Interim Slate of Officers was presented to the PEC.

No further nominees eligible for election as Provincial Officers were submitted in writing up to 14 days, (April 10<sup>th</sup>) prior to the Provincial Annual Meeting April 24, 2021. Therefore, the Final Slate of Officers for IODE Ontario for 2021-2022 is:

<b>President</b>	Linda Gryner	<b>Treasurer</b>	Debbie Button
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President</b>	Helen Danby	<b>Citizenship</b>	Michelle Batty
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President</b>	Michelle Batty	<b>Communications</b>	Elanor Brodie
<b>Area Vice Presidents:</b>		<b>Education</b>	Helen Danby
South-Western	Wendy Weston	<b>Assistant Education</b>	Aileen Reid
Mid Central	Aileen Reid	<b>Adopted Classes</b>	
South Central	Donna O'Reilly	<b>Assistant Education</b>	Lisa Cossar
Toronto	Catherine Moore	<b>Membership</b>	Caroline Rodgers
North Central	<i>vacant</i>	<b>Assistant Membership</b>	<i>vacant</i>
Eastern	Jo Brodie	<b>Services</b>	Gloria Saunders
Northern	Heather Stuart	<b>Co-Services</b>	Virginia Reade
<b>Secretary - Corresponding</b>	Kathy Newnes	<b>Standard Bearer</b>	Kathryn Weston
<b>Secretary - Recording</b>	Jan Casbourn		

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Bonnie Rees, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener

**Seconded by:** Dana Bryant, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville

***“That the Slate of Officers for 2021-2022 be adopted as presented.”***

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Bonnie Rees, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener

**Seconded by:** Sandra Smith, IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham

***“THAT the IODE Ontario 2021-2022 Slate of Officers be elected as presented.”***

**CARRIED**

**VIRTUAL INSTALLATION OF 2021-2022 PROVINCIAL OFFICERS**

“I wish to thank the outgoing officers for their dedication during the past year. President Linda Gryner has met every challenge during 2020 with enthusiasm, commitment, and thoughtful consideration. We are celebrating the work completed in Ontario, the dedicated services, and the continuing support by IODE members of the many programs at the annual meeting today.

I am pleased with the leadership of the Ontario’s Officers and am inspired by the continuing strength of IODE in Ontario. Even after a year marked by stay-at-home orders and lockdowns, IODE Ontario has the support of a group of committed and talented members who are prepared to step forward and assume leadership positions. IODE Ontario remains strong and has a group of officers that I am honored to be installing for 2021-2022. The officers are the backbone of IODE Ontario and provide support to members by standing together and supporting and reassuring our members that IODE is strong and can continue to make a difference no matter what.

We have heard the names and offices announced by the chair of the nominating committee and now that the officers are elected, I will proceed to install them as listed above, virtually.”

**National President Carol:**

“To you, Linda Gryner, as President and to the Officers of IODE Ontario is entrusted the honour and responsibility of guiding your members and encouraging them in their projects throughout the year. As I induct you into office, I encourage you to continue the good work that benefits your community, your province and Canada. May the members you inspire, continue to build on knowledge that assists them in delivery of IODE programs, support of each other as ‘women dedicated to a better Canada’ and continue to renew their pledge of loyalty to the organization. May IODE Ontario grow in membership during your term of office.”

**Provincial President Linda:**

“As President and on behalf of the officers of IODE Ontario, I pledge that, in accepting these offices, we will endeavour at all times to uphold the Constitution of IODE. We will strive to provide leadership that will inspire members to enhance the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs. We will also support each other as Canadian women.”

**National President Carol :**

“May you as President and each officer have the wisdom, strength and courage to be equal to this task. I trust that you, Linda, have the gavel, symbol of the high office you now hold. Use it wisely and often in your meetings and discussions, listening and considering the many points of view of all members.

Today marks a new beginning for IODE in Ontario, with this new slate of officers and new ideas. I congratulate you and wish you every success in this difficult year ahead. IODE will benefit from your experience and commitment. I congratulate you and wish you every success.”

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS — Linda Gryner**

“2020 is a year to remember. COVID had winners and losers just like in the stock market. The manufacturers of lipsticks saw a decline in sales because of mask-wearing and so did the body deodorant giants that saw a decreased demand because we were social distancing! The anti-aging companies and cosmetic surgeons made a killing as everyone through Zoom was confronted with the truth and nothing but the truth-wrinkles, sagging chins, crow’s feet, and gray hairs. Covid forced us to take a good look at ourselves and at many aspects of our lives, including IODE.

This year’s PAM theme is perhaps one of the best ever yet – ‘ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES’, not only because it is so positive but our talented web administrator, Renate Schuetz made it come alive!

The usage of the infinity symbol on a vibrant and fluid background is perfect because it draws us ‘in’ and the smooth flow of lines on a number 8 pattern indicates continuity and endlessness.

By definition, possibilities are things that *may* happen. It can only come to fruition when WE DECIDE TO ACT.

In IODE, there are endless possibilities open to any woman of any age, race, religion, or colour.

Conversely, each of us possess all kinds of possibilities to offer IODE. How many of us have closed the doors before even getting in to see the possibilities that IODE has to offer? One notable speaker, Les Brown said: “*The only limits to the possibilities in your life tomorrow are the ‘BUTS’ you use today.*”

You likely have heard the following: ‘Thank you for considering me in a leadership role, BUT I am fine being one of the team’. or ‘I would love to, BUT my plate is already full.’

In our everyday lives, we use ‘Double A’, ‘Triple A’ energizers in order to make certain gadgets work. Allow me to share with you the ‘Quad A’ or the four A’s of possibilities in IODE.

**A**cknowledgement

**A**ttendance

**A**ction

**A**chievement



The first **A** is the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** that possibilities exist. Seeing beyond preconceived limitations is step one. How many of us have reams or listings of incredibly great ideas for goals or projects? I know IODE members who could be the “world’s top idea women.”

The 2<sup>nd</sup> **A** is **ATTENDANCE**.

In the beginning I said that the PAM logo is great because it draws us in. To participate in endless possibilities, we have to be “IN”. This entails joining, volunteering, or committing to be a team player who sees old problems from new angles and new eyes.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> **A** is what puts the ‘end’ in endless or as they say in French ‘FIN’ to the ever flowing symbol of IN - FIN - ITY. I am referring to **ACTION**. George Bernard Shaw once said: *‘The possibilities are numerous once we decide to act and not react.’* ACTION puts an end to a mere possibility and leads to the 4<sup>th</sup> **A** which is **ACHIEVEMENT**.

The equation is straightforward: NO action = NO achievement.

We need all the 4 ‘A’s to accomplish our IODE projects and goals. Membership growth is an ever-present challenge, not only in IODE but in every non-profit organization everywhere. You will be apprised later, but I just want to share my enthusiasm and my commendation for IODE Canada’s lead in addressing Membership Growth. We are still in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the four ‘A’s, so stay tuned for the roll out of this very important project.

In the meantime, for 2021, let’s adopt the mandate ‘Each 1 brings 1’ which past National Membership officer Patricia Fabian coined years ago.

Ours is a great organization, federally chartered, rich in history, with centuries of dedicated service and very committed members. I concur with Maria Kulcher, a vibrant IODE New Brunswick Officer, who said, ‘IODE members are:

**I**nterested

**O**rganized

**D**etermined

**E**nthusiastic

As I begin my third term, my heartfelt thanks to the retiring officers. Welcome to Michelle Batty, Wendy Weston, Catherine Moore, Heather Stuart, and Lisa Cossar. Thank you for accepting your roles and I look forward to the endless possibilities you’ll be bringing to IODE Ontario.

Merci...Gracias...Tapadh Liebh...Sukran...Danke Schon...Salamat...Dank U and Chi Miigwetch!”

#### **MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Provincial HVP Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud & Yellow Briar Chapter

**Seconded by:** Bonnie Rees, IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener  
Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London

***“THAT the address of the Provincial President of IODE Ontario at the 101<sup>st</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting be sent out to all chapter members in Ontario.”***

**CARRIED**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE QUILT DRAW WINNERS — Services Officer, Gloria Saunders**

Many chapters have found innovative ways to contribute to their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic even though fundraising has been very difficult. The members of your Provincial Executive Committee want to thank you for all you do. To help the primary chapters in these uncertain times we decided to hold a draw for chapters to win one of four handmade afghans or a lap quilt. Thank you to E. Anne Mason for creating the lap quilt, as well as to Eleanor Bentley and Gloria Saunders for making two afghans each.

The following chapters were the winners:

**Afghan**

IODE Catherine McVean – Dresden

IODE Festival Jubilee – Stratford

IODE The Princes Richard and Michael – Kitchener

IODE Captain Garnet Bracken – Chatham

**Lap Quilt**

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald – Markham

**RECOMMENDATIONS BY SECRETARY — Jan Casbourn**

The following recommendations were approved at the April 15th Provincial Executive Committee meeting for presentation to the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE in session at its 2021 Provincial Annual Meeting by Zoom.

- **Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents:**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

**Seconded by:** Pat Scallan, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto

***“THAT the following Past Provincial Presidents be appointed as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario for 2021-2022”.***

*Marty Dalton*

*Chris Bateman*

*Bonnie Rees*

*Marie Westlake*

*Lynda Rivard*

*Karen Barker*

*Ruth Ann Butler*

*Sandra Smith*

*Renate Schuetz*

*Patricia Fabian*

*E. Anne Mason*

**CARRIED**

- **Letters of Greetings to Past Provincial Presidents:**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

**Seconded by:** Dr. Patricia Kresan, IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford

***“THAT a Letter of Greetings with our good wishes, along with a copy of the 2020 Annual Report be sent from this body to all our Honorary Vice-Presidents.”***

**CARRIED**

- **Announcement of the next year’s Annual Meeting:**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

**Seconded by:** Jo Brodie, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa

***“THAT the Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario be held in April 2022 in a location, with a format to be determined by the Provincial Executive Committee.”***

**CARRIED**

**FINAL THANK YOU & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS — President Linda Gryner**

“The Anniversary book ‘A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women’ was released last year and the amazing pictures in the book was a labour of love by this kind and generous human being, our official Annual Meeting photographer, **Wayne MacLeod**. Due to COVID 19, we have not properly thanked him for his help, efforts, expertise, and everything. I would like to ask Hazel MacLeod of IODE

Eldon House Chapter, London to please present her husband, on behalf of IODE Ontario, a Gift Certificate for a season at the Drayton Playhouse, with a huge thank you and our token of love and appreciation. (Hazel MacLeod presented Wayne with this gift at their home and seen by all on Zoom).

During the last two years, the **Provincial Officers group** has supported me, inspired me, and has shown me the endless possibilities at IODE Ontario. My heartfelt thanks to all of them. Some of these ladies have decided to step not too far away from the Provincial Chapter for now and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their contributions to IODE Ontario. They are as follows: **Caroline Rodgers**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, **Shirley Ann Elms**, Citizenship Officer, **Gail McDiarmid**, Assistant Membership, **E. Anne Mason**, AVP for North Central Ontario, **Libby Gibson**, AVP for Northern Ontario, **Margo MacKinnon**, AVP for Toronto. My sincerest thanks to you all.

The success of today's Provincial Annual Meeting is due largely to the efforts of our PAM Convenors, **Helen Danby** and **Caroline Rodgers** and our two Tech experts, **Leslie Chekan** and **Ashley Bonnell**. Also to our web administrator **Renate Schuetz** for all the work she did in uploading PAM documents for members to access. My sincerest thank you to all of you ladies!

In my nineteen IODE years, I have been privileged to have several wonderful friends who have inspired, mentored, and supported me and I am truly thankful. There is a special lady present today who is responsible for my present role in IODE and who has consistently pointed out the endless possibilities that IODE has to offer me and the endless possibilities I could offer IODE. Please help me wish **Eula Evans of IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter in Petrolia** a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 8<sup>th</sup> and I ask her nephew, Jaison to present a fruit gift basket on behalf of IODE Ontario, our best wishes and appreciation for Eula's service and dedication to the Provincial Chapter.

#### **Report Cards:**

As during the morning session, report cards were shown on screen and members were asked to please complete them. The report cards are very important for planning the future of the Provincial Annual Meetings. Opinions and comments can be sent by email to [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com) with the title "PAM report card."

#### **OFFICIAL CLOSING:**

**Adjournment:** at 3:29 p.m., by Sharon Prouse, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia.

President Linda Gryner officially declared the end of the 101<sup>st</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting, followed by the playing of "God Save The Queen".