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"Celebrate You" was the theme of this year's Provincial Annual Meeting and 2022 was a year of celebrations. IODE Ontario wants to continue to honour YOU, our members for their dedication. During Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, IODE members donated special projects to their communities and celebrated with teas, luncheons and even a Street Fest.

One hundred and twenty-eight members were recognized with IODE Years of Service awards with a personalized letter of congratulations and certificate for one of the 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60-year pins. Eighty-five IODE members were honoured through the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards program by the Government of Ontario. What a wonderful way to promote IODE provincially.

IODE Ontario appreciated the dedication of each primary member. Newsletters were devoted to sharing personal and chapter celebrations. Each person with an email address, received a Christmas greeting from the Executive. Thank you to each member.

Primary Chapters are crucial to the wellbeing of IODE, as is the National Chapter. It is a symbiotic relationship where each chapter needs the other. IODE is a women's **charitable** organization, a status that many groups do not have. This status is permitted through our chapter affiliation with IODE Canada.

At the Provincial Annual Meeting, you heard reasons to celebrate. The number of donations through services at the local level, National Snackpak and through IODE Ontario was valued at \$491,353, almost a half million dollars! Contributions supplied the nursing stations in the far northern reaches of Ontario as well as schools and community centres in Newfoundland and Labrador. Many places are accessible only by plane. With boxes of clothing and hygiene necessities, IODE Services can only send the parcels if they have room for a primary chapter to drop-off, room to store and pack the boxes and then room for the shipping and for the OPP to pick-up for delivery.

Presently IODE Ontario has funds in the operating account to pay for three years in administrative costs. When you look at the budget it is not obvious, but the majority of the funds have external restrictions meaning that there are certain requirements as to how they can be spent, (such as education). The externally restricted funds cannot be spent on administrative costs that include the provincial office's rent. For this reason, the IODE Donor Circle was created two years ago. We have cut costs, but the writing is on the wall for Services unless we have your help.

With a membership of over 800, if each chapter and member were to donate an extra \$20 a year, it would give us enough money to pay the office rent. We do not want to increase the membership fee, but ask that you keep an IODE jar, similar to a swear jar. If you were to place \$2 a week in it you would have enough money to pay your membership, plus give \$30 to the IODE Donor Circle. No other organization gives a tax-deductible receipt for membership fees. Thank you to all members who so generously donated with their registration fee.

I would like to thank every member for her service to their community and province through education support, and community involvement with the giving of your time, talents and donations in making Canada a better place to live.

YOU are Appreciated as a Member of IODE.

Be Proud, tell people what a great organization IODE is.



Highlights from our Provincial Annual Meeting

Membership Awards:

Congratulations to 1st place Laurentian Chapter with 8 new members 2nd place Errol Egremont Chapter with 6 new members 3rd place Angela Bruce Chapter with 4 new members

Fourteen Chapters were able to gain new members in 2022.

Total for new members was 35. Congratulations!

We received 2nd place in the National Provincial Membership Awards

Highlights from our Provincial Annual Meeting

All information videos are uploaded on the IODE Ontario website at www.iodeontario.ca.

Highlights included Greetings from our National President, Jane Cushing and from Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, Her Honour Elizabeth Dowdeswell. We were joined by Marie Slater, the recipient of the Gladys Raiter award who shared her remarkable journey having overcome many obstacles to achieve her masters.

The IODE Jean Throop Book Award was presented to author Paulette Bourgeois and illustrator, Alex Griffiths, for their book, *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Order forms are within this newsletter.

The recipient of the IODE Community Policing Award for the Ontario Provincial Police was Constable Elana Durtnall of the South Georgian Bay Detachment. Although not able to attend she did send a video sharing her genuine caring service to others. Please refer to our Citizenship report for further details.

The presentation by Detective Constable Phil Poirier of the Hamilton Police Services Crimes Against Seniors Unit was informative and the video provided regarding scams and frauds was eye opening. Helen explained how the "distracted scam" worked where several people will distract a person, steal their credit card and max it out.

Congratulations are extended to the Provincial Life Membership recipients Gloria Saunders and Aileen Reid. We appreciate all the hard work and time that you give to IODE Ontario.

Jane Cushing, National President installed the 2023-2024 Officers for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE. They are:

Helen Danby - President
Michelle Batty - 1st Vice President and Membership Officer
Betsy Thompson - 2nd Vice-President
Jan Casbourn - Recording Secretary
Kathy Newnes - Corresponding Secretary
Debbie Button - Treasurer
Kathryn Weston - Citizenship and Standard Bearer
Lisa Cossar -Education
Aileen Reid - Assistant Education (Adopted Schools)
Gloria Saunders - Co-services
Virginia Reade - Co-services

Eastern Area Vice-President - Jo Brodie
Mid Central Area Vice-President - Aileen Reid
North Central Area Vice-President - Chris Bateman
Northern Area Vice-President - Heather Stuart
South Central Area Vice-President - Donna O'Reilly
South-Western Area-Vice President - Jayne Little
Toronto Area Vice-President — Margo MacKinnon

CITIZENSHIP

by Kathryn Weston, Citizenship Officer & Standard Bearer

2023 IODE Ontario Provincial Community Relations Award OPP Constable Elana Durtnall, Southern Georgian Bay Detachment-Central Region



Provincial Constable Elana Durtnall joined the Ontario Provincial Police in August 2017 and began her career working general law enforcement duties at the Orillia Detachment. She transferred to the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment in November 2020, and she has been working in the Community Safety Officer/School Officer position since October 2021. Elana communicates effectively to build trust and confidence in policing with community partners and key stakeholders. She has successfully immersed herself in the community where she works and resides, both on and off duty, by promoting and improving programming with local schools, groups and committees. This has been especially important in breaking down barriers and building trust with local youth. She creates opportunities for them to build healthier

and more resilient lifestyles by focusing on social inclusion.

Established "Nora's Nook" in two locations, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, and an elementary school. The nooks contain donated books in memory of Elana and her spouse's one-month old daughter Nora.

Elana has demonstrated significant volunteerism by supporting and embracing everyone, especially local youth, to reach their fullest potential and by advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusion, regardless of the challenges they are facing.

A Thoughtful and Meaningful Donation: At the behest of newly returned PEC member Karen Barker, the IODE 48th Highlander Chapter donated their books from the IODE Jean Throop Award reading list to the 'Nora's Nook' area at the NICU of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

Consumer Information: The presentation by Hamilton Police Service Constable Phil Poirier, of the Crimes against Seniors Unit at the Provincial Annual Meeting was well received. Information about his talk and reference materials are available on the IODE Ontario website.



Congratulations are extended to His Royal Highness King Charles III and Queen Camila at the coronation on May 6, 2023.

IODE Chapters across Canada celebrated by participating in the Big Help, helping in their communities on Monday, May 8th.

EDUCATION

Lisa Cossar, Education Officer

"The PEC is pleased to have awarded Lucy Morrison Bursaries to a variety of students studying in post-secondary education so far in 2023.

- 1. Colton Eddy at Trent University,
- 2. Jessica Brar at Schulich School of Business at York University, and
- Jaime White at McMaster University.

We wish them success with their studies and future endeavours." Please visit www.iodeontario.ca and click on Education to see updates for many of our award and scholarship recipients.

Education Officers and members are encouraged to read about the great Education projects that primary chapters supported in our 2022 IODE Annual Report. There are many ways to support your local schools without spending too much money.

Please refer to the Education summary of the Annual report on page 14 of this newsletter.

Remember to inform your area college and university students who have completed their first year that the IODE Lucy Morrison Bursary for Education may be available for them. Please see our website for applications and required documentation. Thank you for your continued support to make this happen.



Adopted Schools

Aileen Reid, Assistant Education

As Chapters approach summer holidays when they don't have regular meetings, please remember that the start of another school year in September is the time to think about helping our Adopted Schools. Summer is a great time to stock up on supplies and take advantage of Canada Post's Free Shipping every Tuesday in October.

Items that the classrooms really appreciate are subscriptions to National Geographic magazines, craft supplies, duo tangs, markers, pencil crayons, pencils, pens, stickers, erasers, glue sticks, construction paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc. Often in August, school supplies go on sale.

There are still many classrooms that want to be adopted. Please consider adopting a classroom. For more information, please email Aileen Reid, Assistant Education Officer, in charge of Adopted Schools at aileenreid13@gmail.com

SERVICES

Gloria Saunders & Virginia Reade, Services Co-Officers

Thank you for your donations in 2022 to the Services Socks Project. Footwear and socks totaled to over 1807 pairs.



Communications

The purpose of communications is to let everyone know what is happening in IODE. The more that the public is aware of our activities, the more we promote IODE. The following is a listing of Chapters that have Facebook pages. Please update and share your activities. Let's shout to the world that IODE does good deeds every day to support citizenship, education and community services.

IODE Canada IODE Canada Facebook

Provincial Chapter IODE Ontario Charter Date 23 April 1920

IODE Ontario

Primary Chapters in Ontario

- IODE 48th Highlanders, Toronto, ON Charter Date May 1907
- IODE Angela Bruce, Oakville, ON Charter Date June 1933
- IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford, ON Charter Date April 1918
- IODE Captain Garnet Brackin, Chatham, ON Charter Date March 1952
- IODE Captain Hooper, Carleton Place, ON Charter Date December 1916
- IODE Catherine McVean, Dresden, ON Charter Date October 1914
- IODE City of Lakes, Sudbury, ON Charter Date April 2016
- IODE Comber, Comber, ON Charter Date November 1917
- IODE Confederation, Ridgetown, ON Charter Date May 1927
- IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, North Bay, ON Charter Date November 1932
- IODE Eldon House, London, ON Charter Date April 1961
- IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Sudbury, ON Charter Date April 1944
- IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia, ON Charter Date December 1979
- IODE Festival Jubilee, Stratford, ON Charter Date October 1977
- IODE Headwaters, Orangeville, ON Charter Date September 2016
- IODE Hon Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia, ON Charter Date March 1954
- IODE Kathleen Drope, Toronto, ON Charter Date February 1976
- IODE Kent Regiment, Chatham, ON Charter Date April 1913
- IODE Laurentian, Ottawa, ON Charter Date May 1906
- IODE Lord Dufferin, Orangeville, ON Charter Date October 1907
- IODE Maple Leaf, Goderich, ON Charter Date June 1901
- IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia, ON Charter Date March 1949
- IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester, ON Charter Date April 1998
- IODE Yellow Briar, Orangeville, ON Charter Date Mar 1985

IODE Years of Service



In 2022, IODE Ontario recognized over 13% (128) of our members through IODE Years of Service pins. Each recipient received a personalized letter of congratulations and a certificate for recognition of 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years of dedicated service to IODE. Congratulations members.

The following pictures were submitted in celebration of these members.



IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville celebrated their 90th Anniversary and honoured Elaine Clark 102 yrs. old and Years of Service Awards to May Surtees,10 years, Lynda Thomson,10 years; Gail Cherrington, 20 years and Maureen Campbell, 50 years. (Pictured above)

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich celebrated D-Day at their June meeting and had Provincial President Helen Danby, Area Vice-President Aileen Reid and Maple Leaf Chapter Membership Officer, Anne Marie Becke present the Years of Service Awards.



Anne Marie & Mom, Johnine Strickland 50 years;



Ilene Hamilton 30 years;



Five Year Service Awards, names below

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich members: Kelly Campbell, Rosemary Carson-Rees, Jeanette Dawitschek, Shelley Doherty, Kim Ferris, Eda Greydanus, Tracy Maguire, Susan Pye, Jane Shelter, and Kathy Wilson for 5 years; Ilene Hamilton 30 years and Johnine Strickland for 50 years.

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden



Karen Melton, Emma Richards, Marie Carter 10 years



Wendy Weston 30 years



IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, members (above) celebrate their 96th Anniversary in May. Years of Service Pins were given to Haroldeen Sandercock 5 years, Judy Watson 5 years, (below left photo), Debbie Button 25 years (below centre photo) and Mary McFadden 30 years (below right photo).







IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, members receiving years of service are: Stephanie Meyer 10 years; Sue Stephens 20 years; Norma Chicoine 40 years; and Charter members for 25 years of service are Sharon Haffner, Ann Halsema, Jane Ledgley, and Anna Marie Thorn at their 25th Anniversary. Pictured below is Membership officer Marion Hearn presenting the pins.



Anne Marie Thorn 25 years Stephanie Meyer 10 years





Sue Stephens 20 years



IODE Val Griffiths Chapter



IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville honoured Sandra Voisey and Marilyn Maxwell, both 40-year members. (left)

Barbara Nauss, 30 years of service IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place. (pic right)



The following members of **IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia received pins of service: Laura Black, Joanne Brand, Connie Moore, Annette Parker, Ginny Williams, and Janet Hext for 5 years; Barb Stewart, Linda Shannon, Pat Traichevich, Phyllis Sutherland, and Suzanne Sutherland for 20 years; Helen Danby, Jane Stevenson and Wendy Loosley for 30 years and Jean Windover for 40 years. Eula Evans celebrated 50 years and Angela Shepherd had 10 years. Pictured below with Membership Officer, Barb Stewart and Assistant, Monica Deighton.







Eula Evans (seated) 50 years;

Angela 10 years, Wendy 30 years;

5 year recipients, Janet, Connie, Joanne



20-year recipients Phyllis, Pat and Suzanne



Life Member Marybelle MacFarlane (centre)

Congratulations for years of service to **IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, members: Sheila Peters 30 years; Diane Splaine 45 years; Dee Sinclair 50 years and Teresa Shaw 55 years.





Dee Sinclair (left) received her 50 years pin and Sheila Peters (right) received her 30 year pin from Chapter President Betsy Thompson, National President Jane Cushing and Provincial President Helen Danby



Congratulations IODE Bemersyde Chapter on your 105th Anniversary.

IODE Awareness Everyday



Linda Dennis, member of Dr. Innis Mary McDonald Chapter, Markham, wrote "An allotment of books from the IODE Jean Throop Book Award have all been delivered. Most went to schools, but a few also went to Ukrainian families living in Markham. This is a picture one teacher sent to me with some of the books I gave her for her school in Markham."

On May 30th, Officer Francis Endanawas, from the Sudbury Detachment, OPP Indigenous Liaison Team came to the Provincial Office to pick up a truck load of donations from IODE for the north. This included 28 boxes for communities in the remote north that we regularly support, contents with a value of \$9,204. Also there were 12 bags of clothing for officers to distribute where needed. Recently a community had to be evacuated due to flooding and the officers are preparing to head out to evaluate villages affected by the forest fires. These bags of clothing and footwear will be distributed as needed in these situations. Also going north were three donated sleeping bags, children's toys and baby play seats (two), quilts, afghans and a sewing machine with a total value of \$800.



Officer Francis retired on May 31st. We were able to give him a Certificate of Appreciation for the many times he has picked up IODE donations and started them on their trip north. He also received a letter of thanks from Helen Danby, our Provincial President. Photos were taken as we loaded the truck, enjoyed refreshments and gave Francis a retirement card.



IODE Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, donated sandwiches to the Inn of the Good Shepherd and assembled the lunches at the facility. They were even able to get three dozen butter tarts for dessert from the IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia.

IODE Awareness Week is

October 16 – 21

What is your chapter doing to promote IODE?

IODE Chapters in Action



Bemersyde Book Bags



Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown Book Sale





Thank you to IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia for providing the attached IODE Button for all Registrants of the 2023 Provincial Annual Meeting as we continue to "Celebrate You".

The buttons are a casual way to brag that you are an IODE member. They are easy to pin on your outer wear (jackets, etc.) and are large enough to show that you are a proud member.

If your chapter wishes to purchase, the IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter would be pleased to sell buttons to you. The price is \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 and postage is extra with personal delivery possible. There may be a discount for a large order. Please contact Jan Casbourn at icas@cogeco.ca or President Jayne Little at littlecr23@hotmail.com.



Membership

By Michelle Batty

I am looking forward to another productive year representing IODE Ontario as your membership officer for my second year. This is going to be an exciting year of new initiatives and growth as we plan to start our virtual chapter, support and encourage existing chapters and learn together new ways to recruit new members.

A CHALLENGE has been issued by the membership committee. If each member recruited one new member, IODE would grow exponentially. We learned at PAM and NAM that there are three key ways the chapter winners recruited new members.

- 1. Personal Connections People joined because they were asked to join. Members share about their primary chapter activities which generates interest in becoming involved.
- 2. Events, Advertising and Social Media People participated in events, festivals, markets and learned about the wonderful work of IODE members in their communities.
- 3. Visibility and Community Awareness Chapters that have high visibility in their communities tend to recruit more new members. This awareness could be from a thrift store or permanent structures such as a prominent garden and signage.

Every member in each chapter is an important ambassador of IODE. It is worth repeating the question asked in the "Healthy Chapters" workshop, 'How are you IODE proud?' Share how your chapter has made a difference in your community.



IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, has two new members in 2023. In the left picture, Karen Murray and the bottom picture welcomes Sandra Quick.





IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, welcomes new members, Lori Ashdown, holding the crest and Carol Dunseith, far right, blue shirt.





Welcome to new members of the IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, Mary Jane Dickens and Carol Tomaszewski

Provincial Annual Report Summary

by Betsy Thompson, 2nd Vice-President

Platinum Jubilee Events IODE members celebrated our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and honoured her Celebration of Life. Many chapters secured grants from the Government of Canada Heritage Department and local foundations to fund Jubilee projects that benefited their communities. IODE Ontario designed and distributed 1000 commemorative Platinum Jubilee bookplates and bookmarks to all primary chapters. The total value of these once in a lifetime projects amounted to \$41,938.

Archives - The data base of members reached over 52,800 dating back to 1900. Many precious IODE items such as scrapbooks from families opened up the histories of past members like that of Mrs. Jean Throop, revealing their significant contributions to IODE. The Archives officer also provided historical information to an author researching IODE Hamilton Municipal activities during WWII.

Citizenship - Volunteer hours totaled 101,257, with an average of 161 hours donated per member. Chapter members honoured veterans on Remembrance Day through participation in services, and troops overseas received Christmas cards from several chapters. Platinum Jubilee projects enhanced the beauty of the land and drew awareness to the strength of Canada's diverse culture. Awards were given to students for exemplary citizenship, and 86 IODE members were honoured to receive the Ontario Volunteer Service Award. The total value of Citizenship activities reported was \$36,820.

Communication - Virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings took place at provincial and primary chapter levels, while printed newsletters, emails, phone calls and visits kept members at home in touch with others. Revenue increased through community partnerships such as corporate sponsors, free advertising and the support of local businesses and media. Chapter Facebook pages were used extensively to promote events and fundraisers and to thank numerous sponsors. The total value of Communications advertising was \$110,027 of which our resourceful chapters paid only 11%.

Education - The value of Education programs totaled \$205,053. Primary chapters generously supported their local communities by funding graduation awards, library programs, festivals, and community centres, which included large donations of new books. Chapters also supported Provincial and National Education Funds and Projects. The value of Legacies established when chapters disbanded amounted to a substantial \$35,425 in bursaries, scholarships, grants and awards. IODE Ontario Awards totaled \$16,475. Ten adopted schools in Northern Ontario and eleven classes in Newfoundland and Labrador received school supplies, snacks and gifts from chapters and individual members totaling \$15,598.

Membership - Primary chapters welcomed 35 new members. Over 110 members were recognized for their years of service with pins and certificates of congratulations. As a result of a membership survey, one chapter increased their visibility by choosing a fundraising project that was embraced by multiple community partners and attendees. The membership committee connected with primary chapter officers to brainstorm strategies to attract new members and retain present membership, which included a discussion about a provincial E-Chapter.

Services - The total value of services donations through primary chapters was \$491,353. Chapters bettered the lives of thousands by filling a requested need and giving people the means to go about their daily lives. Chapters focused largely on food programs and donated to a variety of shelters. Clothing was gratefully received by refugees living in hotels. Vital partnerships were maintained with the OPP and Nishnawbe Aski Police Service who delivered and distributed essential items in Northern Ontario communities.

Standard Bearer - The Canadian Flag and Union Jack were paraded at services and special events, and the corporate flag was flown during Volunteer and IODE Awareness Weeks.

Your copy of the full 2022 Annual Report is located on our website.

The 2023 IODE Jean Throop Book Award

is awarded to

Professor Goose Debunks GOLDILOCKS and the THREE BEARS

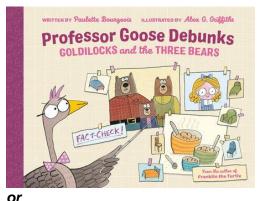
Written by Paulette Bourgeois and illustrated by Alex Griffiths

Mother Goose's fairy tales are NOT based in science, and her great niece Professor Goose thinks it's time to share the truth. Join Professor Goose as she — literally — travels through the pages of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, fact-checking, exposing the flaws and explaining the science. Bears don't live in cottages — they prefer dens! The smallest bowl of porridge wouldn't be "just right" — it would have been the coldest! Professor Goose is delighted to see Baby Bear use the scientific method and Goldilocks's fight or flight response. And maybe Goldilocks should have used a GPS so she wouldn't have gotten lost in the first place?

Jammed with jokes and wonderfully silly illustrations, this book entertains while it introduces basic scientific laws and rules to young readers. At the back of the book, readers will find Professor Goose's instructions on how to engineer their own chair for a (teddy) bear!

Price: \$20 each plus shipping Limited Signed Copies!

Please add \$10 per book for Shipping & Handling costs (if not picked up)



For E-TRANSFER:

- 1.For e-Transfer: Use the email: iodebookkeeper@bellnet.ca
- 2. Enter the total amount including shipping
- 3. Under message: Put "2023 Jean Throop Award" and shipping (if being shipped)
- 4. Please email this order form to the IODE Ontario office at iodeontario@gmail.com

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By MAIL: Please make Cheque payable to: "Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE" and Send with this order form to: IODE Ontario, 45 Frid St., Suite 9, Hamilton, ON L8P 4M3

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Phone:	Email:		

Helpful Hints for Small Chapters

In Ontario there are 45 active Chapters. Ten chapters have more than 20 members with only four having more than 30 members. Sixteen chapters have 10-20 members with the average number being 15 members. Most of our chapters (19) have 10 or less members.

Small chapters have some common concerns:

- We can't fundraise the way we used to.
- We don't have enough members.
- We are all getter older.

Nowhere in our Mission statement is the f-word 'fundraising'... IODE's main focus is community involvement. This may be done by partnering with other service clubs or neighbouring IODE chapters. Shared meetings with another chapter and the presidents take turns chairing the meeting.

Changes can take place. Chapter projects can be modified, reduced, or retired. Members can still get together and do a few things to help their community. We realize that important friendships occur among our members and the social aspect of chapter life is most important.

Chapter requirements include:

- * 4 meetings a year (one is the Annual Meeting)
- * Treasurer or a secretary-treasurer; Two people (not related) to sign cheques
- * Rotating secretary to take minutes, motions
- * Someone to chair the meeting
- * Officers in an area that the chapter has a focus
- * Submit Annual Reports & Finance summary in January

As each chapter changes, so do the ways that members contribute. Giving of your time is a precious gift. Your time is valuable knitting, sewing book bags, shopping, helping in the food kitchen, at the Salvation Army or local Food Bank. Reading to pre-school children, visiting a senior, delivering used magazines to a seniors' home, helping at a citizenship court reception.

Small Budget projects include:

- Partner with a local nursery to sell pre-ordered gift-cards, spring pots and flowers. Arrange for pick up at the Nursery. Profit is often 10-15% of the sales.
- Use your loyalty points as a group to purchase items for an adopted class, women's interval home or the homeless.
- Send Christmas cards or Valentines to Armed Forces personnel- no postage required.
- Deliver cards to your Legion for veterans or to Senior Homes
- Use cards that you receive from Charities or that you have made from used cards as a group project. Perhaps a local craft store will sell them for you?
- In-chapter raffles and 50-50 draws: If you hold the raffle or draw internally and not to the public, a license is not needed. Prizes may include a mystery prize, cake, loaves, etc.
- Have a Christmas Table at the Chapter meeting. Sell gifts to each other. The money is donated to the chapter.
- Bring your good used books to meetings. Other members purchase them for \$2. When you get too many sell them at a garage sale or donate to a thrift shop.
- Sales of 'True Earth' cleaning products and Purdy's chocolates, etc.
- Use Fund-script or Flip-Give to purchase gift cards to buy groceries, gas, etc. (0.5% to 4%). Gift Cards can be printed on your computer and redeemed at the store.
- Ask a local nursery if they will do a workshop such as cacti pots for a certain price and a portion goes to the chapter.
- Partner with another Chapter or Community Group. One very small Chapter's sole community contribution was working with the CNIB locally.
- Participate in a community craft sale.

- Be creative in raising small amounts. Such as a bottle drive among friends.
- Have a dinner night for the community and have the meal catered for you.
- Have an Ethnic night where various ethnic groups are invited to a venue to showcase their culture and sell food. Charge at the door.
- Sponsor pictures with pets and hire a photographer.
- Host a quilt show and ask the local guild to help by giving a workshop at the same time.
- Arrange with local businesses to have a special night (Christmas) for those who have bought tickets to shop after hours for Christmas with special deals.
- Rather than a garage sale, have a trunk sale where people park their cars and sell their used stuff form the vehicle. Charge \$X for each car.

Craft sale ideas

- Partner with the town or a group for free space.
- Attend a craft show and pick up business cards.
- · Arrange a venue and call the crafters whose cards that you have.
- Charge \$x per table or space.
- Tell the crafters that they need to bring their own tables, etc.
- Entry to the craft fair may be free or a small amount. (The amount that you raise is proportional to the amount that you charge \$100/day)

Apply for Community Grants: Each Community has grants for special projects. Check out Hashtag Charitable Foundation and 100 Women Who Care. Several communities support charities through bingos, casinos and lottery tickets. Many large corporations are willing to assist you.

Fundraising is dependent upon the number of people interested or needed, the cost, the length of time that you have and your publicity. IODE Ontario is here to help you with any of these ideas.

2023-2024 Provincial Councillors

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	CHAPTER	CITY
Garna	Argenti	IODE Kent Regiment	Burford
Karen	Barker	IODE 48th Highlanders	Toronto
Chris	Bateman	IODE West Gwillimbury	Queensville
Michelle	Batty	IODE Errol Egremont	Lambton Shores
Eleanor	Bentley	IODE Claremont	Hamilton
Margaret	Bentley	IODE Claremont	Hamilton
Ashley	Bonnell	IODE 48th Highlanders	Toronto
Jo	Brodie	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
Bonnie	Brown-Thompson	IODE 48th Highlanders	New Castle
Debbie	Button	IODE Confederation	Ridgetown
Jan	Casbourn	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron	Sarnia
Lisa	Cossar	IODE Bemersyde	Norwood
Karen	Dalton	IODE Eldon House	London
Helen	Danby	IODE Margaret Stokes	Petrolia
Sheila	DeJaegher	IODE Kent Regiment	Chatham
ShirleyAnn	Elms	IODE 48th Highlanders	Dundas

Cara	Fabian	IODE The Princes Richard and Michael	Waterloo
Patricia	Fabian	IODE The Princes Richard and Michael	Waterloo
Peggy	Gallipeau	IODE Captain Hooper	Carleton Place
Linda	Gryner	IODE Errol Egremont	Plympton-Wyoming
Jean	Hof	IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw	Hamilton
Nancy	Hughes	IODE Maple Leaf	Goderich
letje	Kerkhoff	IODE Eldon House	Ailsa Craig
Susan	Lake	IODE 48th Highlanders	Stayner
Jayne	Little	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron	Sarnia
Norma	Lyttle Chicoine	IODE Val Griffiths	London
Margo	MacKinnon	IODE Rouge Valley	Pickering
Hazel	MacLeod	IODE Eldon House	London
Carol	McCall	IODE Kathleen Drope	Toronto
Gail	McDiarmid	IODE Angela Bruce	Mississauga
Catherine	Moore	IODE Kathleen Drope	Tiny
Penny	Murray	IODE Maple Leaf	Goderich
Kathy	Newnes	IODE Eldon House	London
Donna	O'Reilly	IODE Freelton	Hamilton
Virginia	Reade	IODE Freelton	Hamilton
Bonnie	Rees	IODE The Princes Richard and Michael	Waterloo
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