

IODE Ontario Holiday E-Newsletter, 2025



*Happy
Holidays and
Best Wishes
for a Peaceful,
Healthy 2026.*

Michelle would like to thank the Provincial Executive Councillors for the lovely poinsettias.



IODE Ontario initiated a project to create 125, or multiples of, Christmas stockings. Primary chapter members, knit, crocheted and sewed a total of 340 stockings plus a variety of toys and other items were sent to remote Indigenous Northern Ontario communities they support.



Merry Christmas from **IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto**

IMPORTANT

******* Important Note from IODE Ontario Treasurer *******

The email address for E-transfers has changed.

Please send all E-transfers to: treasureriodeontario@gmail.com

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IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, made 12 stockings that were delivered to Lanark County Food Bank-Hunger Stop. Each stocking contained warm socks, other goodies and a Merry Christmas card from the chapter. One-hundred twenty-five signed Christmas cards were included with the Meals on Wheels dinners.



Over 50 pairs of socks from **IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter**, Chatham for the St. Paul's Pantry.



IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, had a work-bee stuffing 'Tree of Tribute' envelopes to hand-deliver during the postal strike. They also wrapped Thanksgiving treats for the Meals on Wheels. The Clothes Closet who caters to those in need received a box of cereal from each member and 10 grocery cards from the chapter. The children at the Women's Shelter are remembered. The chapter also hosted a Thai night as part of the 'Dresden Shines Thursday Nights'.



IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, had the mayor officially proclaim IODE week highlighting their good deeds. Members are ready to help with the 'Red Kettles'. The local newspaper carried a wonderful article outlining IODE's 125th Anniversary and the chapter's legacy with their hospital since 1912.





Lindsay Lake, a member of **IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, is shown with deployment packages she assembled, which included copies of *Echoes*. These packages were sent to members of the Canadian Armed Forces currently deployed outside Canada. Lindsay is stationed in Gagetown, NB.

Members of **IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, took a moment to spread holiday cheer by signing Christmas cards for Canadian military and a donation for the Hospice to be used for basic kitchen equipment – skillet, silicone pot covers, etc.



Members of **IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, responded to a request in London, Ontario, for donations of underwear for those in need. The group purchased 125 pairs of underwear for men, women, and children. The donation was given to 519 Pursuit, an organization that works with shelters and individuals experiencing homelessness to provide essential support.



Left: Hot chocolate and cookies were served to the public on a cold windy night by the **IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter** at the Petrolia Christmas Tree Lighting.
 Right: Theresa, a member of **IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville raised funds (\$1,000) to provide nourishing meals for students at schools in the Kerr Street area close to their IODE Thrift Shop.



IODE Honorable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, donated 140 children's books to the Literacy Lambton Give-a-Book campaign. Christmas colour with poinsettias was the goal of the seventh annual fundraiser as pictured with the local nursery owner.



The Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, selected Lanark County Interval House and Community Support as their 125th Anniversary recipient. Members generously donated more than 125 comfort and care items for the women and children staying in the shelter — including personal care essentials, warm cozy items, treats to brighten someone's day, and thoughtfully prepared "moving out kits" filled with household necessities to help women feel supported as they transition to a safer home. These items will provide comfort, dignity, and a sense of home to women of the shelter.



IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich creating greenery baskets and delivery of 20 comfort bags for women to receive when they first come into care at the Huron Women's Shelter. These hand sewn bags contain two knitted facecloths, hand towel, slippers, soap, journal and pen.

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, supports the town's Senior Stocking Program.



IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, enticing customers to the IODE table during a local craft sale.



IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia had 125 colouring books delivered to Bluewater Health, Petrolia site. The coordinator was thrilled with the delivery and ALL colouring books and crayons will stay in the town and will be used in the ER and on the floor as needed. She said they have an amazing number of kids come in and these will be nice to give the kids over the holiday season.

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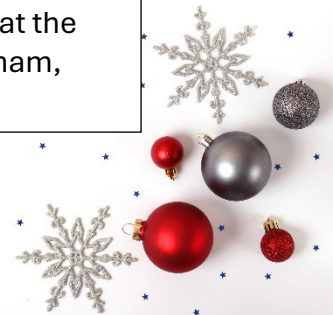
FREE SKATE

December 28, 2025 • 12:00 - 1:30pm
 At the East Kent Memorial Arena, Ridgertown
 Sponsored by the Confederation Chapter IODE

Other Chapter Events:



Left: **IODE Confederation Chapter,** Ridgertown spreading Thanksgiving cheer at the local retirement home; Centre: **IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter,** Chatham, vigil at Cenotaph; Right: **IODE Eldon House Chapter,** London, book sale.



Holiday Helpers

With Thanks to Jan Casbourn for her yummy recipes:

Christmas Cranberry Pistachio Bark

- 1 cup pistachio nuts [shelled]
- 1 lb white chocolate
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1] roast nuts at 350°F for 10 minutes or pan fry with a spray of oil and salt until fragrant and toasted. Chop into smaller pieces.
- 2] in a double boiler melt the chocolate and let cool to room temperature.
- 3] add 2 tablespoons of water to the cranberries and microwave for one minute and then dry on a paper towel.
- 4] add nuts and berries to the chocolate and stir well.
- 5] line a cookie tray with sides with aluminum foil. Pour the mixture onto the pan about 1/2 inch thick or a little less and spread... a spatula works well.
- 6] cool - break apart into small pieces.

Change it up: milk or dark chocolate, cashews, cranberries or candied ginger.

Christmas Tropical Spiced Nuts

- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon - cumin, chili powder, salt
- ½ teaspoon - coriander, ginger, cayenne pepper
- 3 cups mixed nuts unsalted or salted and cut out the above salt
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 1/2 cups tropical fruit blend and/or add cranberries for Christmas - fruit blend could consist of dried pineapple, dates, apricots, ginger, kiwi etc.

Instructions: Mix sugar and spices together.

Drizzle the oil over the nuts in a large bowl and add the spice blend and mix well.

Spread onto a tray and cook at 325°F for 12 to 15 minutes stirring occasionally.

Transfer to a large bowl while hot and add the fruit and stir.

Store in a sealed container and/or in the refrigerator for two weeks.

Cranberry Pecan Yule Log

(from Lambton Coffee News, December 2025)

- 8 oz. cream cheese softened
- 8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic finely minced
- 2 teaspoons grated onion
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire Sauce

- Topping: ½ cup pecans chopped
- ¼ cup dried cranberries chopped

Combine all ingredients, then shape into a log.

Combine topping ingredients

Roll log in topping to coat.

Wrap in cello. Refrigerate