



IODE ONTARIO

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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A Special Thank You to the 2023 Annual Report Editing Committee: Michelle Batty, Jan Casbourn, Helen Danby, Gloria Saunders, Betsy Thompson and Kathryn Weston.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

“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.”

The Town of Goderich has the privilege of being within the Traditional Territory of the Attawandaron and Ojibway peoples. This land is covered by Treaty 29 of 1827, and in the lands protected by the Dish With One Spoon agreement

IODE PRAYER

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 King 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 King 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.

IODE AFFIRMATION

I will support the mission of IODE and will be governed by the Constitution of IODE.

IODE STATEMENT OF VALUES

IODE Canada's core values of respect, integrity, inclusiveness and dedication to excellence are the foundation of service to the public and IODE members. These core values provide us with a means of guiding and evaluating decisions, operations, planning and teamwork in support of IODE's mission.



Resolution of Loyalty to
HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
King of Canada

May It Please Your Majesty:

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, assembled in person and via teleconference on the occasion of its 104th Annual Meeting, on this 20th day of April, 2024 in the Town of Goderich, Ontario, wish to affirm our allegiance to Your Majesty, King Charles III.

We extend best wishes to Your Majesty and Her Majesty Queen Camilla, His Royal Highness, William, Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales and their children, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis.

As members of IODE, a Canadian women's charitable organization that was privileged to have your late mother, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as our patron for most of her 70-year reign, we are thrilled that Your Majesty has pledged to continue her mandate of duty and service. We commend your dedication to your people and your untiring efforts and leadership to call awareness to a wide variety of issues pertaining to climate and the environment, the arts, health care, education, and world peace.

At the December 2023 Climate Change Conference in Dubai, Your Majesty eloquently shared: "Change will come by working together and making it easier to embrace decisions that will sustain our world, rather than carry on as though there are no limits, or as though our actions have no consequences."

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE applaud you and send heartfelt Congratulations as Your Majesty and Queen Camilla celebrate the first anniversary of your accession to the throne as King of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth realms. God Save the King.



Resolution of Loyalty to

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF CANADA

**Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Mary Simon, CC CMM COM
OQ CD FRCGS**

May It Please Your Excellency:

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, assembled in person and via teleconference on the occasion of its 104th Annual Meeting, on this 20th day of April, 2024 in the Town of Goderich, Ontario, wish to affirm our loyalty to you as the 30th Governor General of Canada and as the Representative of His Majesty, King Charles III.

We are inspired by your mandate to encourage excellence in various scientific, educational, sports, cultural and leadership fields. Your actions in recognizing excellence through the Governor General's annual Performing Arts, Architecture, History, and Innovation Awards, to name a few, have contributed greatly to ensure that Canada may continue building a brighter future for all its citizens.

Your unyielding focus on unity, kindness, commitment to action and making connections are sources of much needed hope and inspiration for all, and for this we are thankful.

*We are guided by the words of your New Year's message: "We all have the power to contribute to the well-being of our country. May this forthcoming year serve as a testament to the profound significance of *ajuinata*, and to our commitment to making this country a better and kinder place."*

The Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE members extend best wishes and support, as Your Excellency continues to represent His Majesty, King Charles III and our beloved Canada.



Greetings to

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO

The Honourable Edith Dumont

May It Please Your Honour:

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, assembled in person and via teleconference on this 20th day of April 2024 in the Town of Goderich, Ontario on the occasion of its 104th Annual Meeting, wish to affirm our loyalty to you as the 30th Lieutenant Governor and Representative of His Majesty, King Charles III in the province of Ontario.

Congratulations on your appointment and installation on November 14th, 2023, as the fourth female Lieutenant Governor after Pauline McGibbon, Hillary Weston and Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and we welcome you as the first Franco-Ontarian to serve in this position.

Your focus on education and strong determination to build relationships, strengthen communities, create collaborative teams and advocate for diversity and inclusion will be emblematic of your leadership and a source of inspiration to all Ontarians.

The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE extend best wishes as Your Honour embarks on your first year as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

HONORARY VICE - PRESIDENTS 2023-2024

Marty Dalton
Marie Westlake
Ruth Ann Butler
Patricia Fabian
Chris Bateman
Lynda Rivard
Sandra Smith
E. Anne Mason
Bonnie Rees
Karen Barker
Renate Schuetz
Linda Gryner

London
Campbellford
London
Waterloo
Queensville
Simcoe
Pain Court
Vancouver
Waterloo
Toronto
Owen Sound
Plympton-Wyoming

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERS 2023-2024

Mary K. Anderson
Karen Barker
Chris Bateman
Eleanor Bentley
Jeannette Boyd
Jo Brodie
Ruth Ann Butler
Marty Dalton
Helen Danby
Sheila Dearing
Sheila DeJaegher
Shirley Ann Elms
June Elviage
Eula Evans
Patricia Fabian
Tory Garfat
Libby Gibson

Linda Gryner
Jean Hof
E. Anne Mason
Margo MacKinnon
Gail McDiarmid
Donna O'Reilly
Virginia Reade
Aileen Reid
Bonnie G. Rees
Lynda Rivard
Caroline Rodgers
Gloria Saunders
Renate Schuetz
Sandra Smith
Ruth Stokes
Barbara Vivash
Marie Westlake

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS 2023-2024

Past President	Linda Gryner, Plympton-Wyoming
President	Helen Danby, Petrolia
First Vice-President	Michelle Batty, Lambton Shores
Second Vice-President	Betsy Thompson, Campbellford
Recording Secretary	Jan Casbourn, Sarnia
Correspondence Secretary	Kathy Newnes, London
Treasurer	Debbie Button, London
Citizenship	Kathryn Weston, Sarnia
Communications	Ashley Bonnell, Toronto
Education	Lisa Cossar, Norwood
Assistant Education (Adopted Schools)	Aileen Reid, Ingersoll
Membership	Michelle Batty, Lambton Shores
Services	Gloria Saunders, Forest
Services	Virginia Reade, Stoney Creek
Standard Bearer	Kathryn Weston, Sarnia

AREA VICE - PRESIDENTS 2023-2024

Eastern Ontario	Jo Brodie, Ottawa
Mid-Central Ontario	Aileen Reid, Ingersoll
North Central Ontario	Chris Bateman, Queensville
Northern Ontario	Heather Stuart, North Bay
South Central Ontario	Donna O'Reilly, Freelton
Southwestern Ontario	Jayne Little, Sarnia
Toronto	Margo MacKinnon, Pickering

CONVENORS 2023-2024

Archives	Helen Danby
2023 Annual Meeting	Michelle Batty/Betsy Thompson
By-Laws	Donna O'Reilly Archives
Life Membership	Shirley Ann Elms
Nominating	Linda Gryner
Office Relocation	Michelle Batty
Social Media	Ashley Bonnell
Toronto Legacy	Margo MacKinnon
Voting	Michelle Batty, Betsy Thompson
War Memorial	Sandra Smith

PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS 2023-2024

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	CHAPTER	CITY
Garna	Argenti	IODE Kent Regiment, Chatham	Burford
Karen	Barker	IODE 48 th 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 48 th Highlanders	Toronto
Jo	Brodie	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
Bonnie	Brown-Thompson	IODE 48 th Highlanders	New Castle
Debbie	Button	IODE Confederation	London
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
Shirley Ann	Elms	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Dundas
Cara	Fabian	IODE The Princes Richard and Michael	Waterloo
Patricia	Fabian	IODE The Princes Richard and Michael	Waterloo
Sherry	Fergus	IODE Headwaters	East Garafraxa
Peggy	Gallipeau	IODE Captain Hooper	Carleton Place
Jean	Hof	IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw	Hamilton
Nancy	Hughes	IODE Maple Leaf	Goderich
Ietje	Kerkhoff	IODE Eldon House	Ailsa Craig
Susan	Lake	IODE 48 th 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 Freelon	Hamilton

Virginia	Reade	IODE Freelton	Hamilton
Bonnie	Rees	IODE The Princes Richard and Michael	Waterloo
Aileen	Reid	IODE Val Griffiths	Ingersoll
Lynda	Rivard	IODE Claremont	Simcoe
Caroline	Rodgers	IODE Walter Baker	Richmond
Gloria	Saunders	IODE Margaret Stokes	Forest
Sandra	Smith	IODE Captain Garnet Brackin	Pain Court
Heather	Stuart	IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce	North Bay
Betsy	Thompson	IODE Bemersyde	Campbellford
Wendy	Weston	IODE Catherine McVean	Dresden
Kathryn	Weston	IODE Margaret Stokes	Sarnia

PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS BY RIGHT OF OFFICE

Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter,
Plympton-Wyoming

Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, IODE Yellow Briar,
Owen Sound

IN REMEMBRANCE



As we remember our IODE sisters, let us be grateful for memories and meaningful moments, for bonds that will never be gone, for days shared together and for times of joy and service to others.

Suzanne (Sue) Williams, National President 1988 -1990,

IODE Royal Regiment of Canada Chapter and
IODE John Ross Robertson Chapter, Toronto,
E-Chapter

Ann Bennett

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford

Helen Brimmell

IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph

Sheila Carr

IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay

Gail Cherrington

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville

Hilda Docker

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place

Susan Ellwood

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata

Marnie Holloway

IODE Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

Jackie Houston

IODE Captain Frederick Bond Chapter, Guelph

Marilyn Irvine

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Camlachie

Edna Jennison

IODE Glen Stewart Chapter, Toronto

Laurel Susan Mayne

IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay

Anita McLaren

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown

Marilyn McMillan

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford

Marilyn Dorothy Murray

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford

Joyce McTavish

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden

Diane Myre

IODE City of Lakes Chapter, Sudbury

Jacqueline Purvis Ryan

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury

Gwendolyn Simpson

IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay

Edith (Dee) Sinclair

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford

Norma West

IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Helen Danby

"Building Our Future" is the theme of this year's Provincial Annual Meeting.

When someone is building a facility, there is a sign stating what is coming, along with a welcome message for people to sign up. Personnel are on site to inform and guide those who are interested in touring the facility.

IODE is building toward sustainability of the future. The structures are in place and the welcome message is prominent. Chapter members are welcoming and offer prospective members a chapter visit. IODE encourages volunteers to help with fundraisers and we advertise. The tools to sustain and build our organization are available and free to primary chapters. Through the sharing of best practices and new appealing ideas, IODE can continue to flourish.

This past year IODE Ontario recognized many individuals and chapters through four newsletters. Thank you for sending your information and sharing with other chapters. IODE is stronger when chapters work together, share fundraising ideas, honour members and welcome new members.

The annual reports are intended as a celebration tool as members look back at chapter accomplishments and reflect on the past year's successes. Each chapter's report is highlighted in all officers' reports. In reading them, new ideas for your chapter may be found. Chapter annual reports are important as they reflect to the government and the public, the good work that IODE does across Ontario and Canada

Next year IODE Canada celebrates its 125th Anniversary. Many chapters in Ontario date back to pre-1920 prior to the formation of IODE Ontario. Five years ago, the general history of IODE in Ontario was compiled in the book, *IODE Ontario 1920-2020, 100 Years of Community Service*. For the 125th Anniversary of IODE, each chapter is encouraged to record the history of its primary chapter. A few pages of chapter highlights would be great. Please share this history with IODE Ontario.

Start planning what your chapter will do as a celebration of our 125th Anniversary. IODE is the only women's charitable organization that has continued this length of time in Canada.

BUILD...RECORD...CELEBRATE!

Toronto Area Vice-President Margo MacKinnon will be missed...

The IODE Ontario Chapter mourns the loss of **Toronto Area Vice-President**, Margo MacKinnon who passed away on Tuesday, January 30th, 2024. Margo was an active member of the Provincial Executive Committee since 2010 and received her Provincial Life Membership in 2021. We will always remember Margo as the Toronto Area Vice-President, a position, she held from 2013 to 2020 and again in 2023-24. For years, she also gave reports about healthy ideas and good consumerism. She had a wonderful sense of humour and always a smile.

Margo was a member of IODE Bridlewood Chapter and IODE Rouge Valley Chapter. During her 30 years in IODE, she held many offices and was a primary life member. Margo, a dedicated IODE member, will be missed.

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, A New Virtual Chapter

Ontario recognized the need for a virtual chapter as inquiries to join were received where no active IODE Chapter was present. With the availability of Zoom and the expertise of the IODE Evolve Chapter from Alberta, the IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter was formed this past year to reach all areas of our vast province.

On June 20, 2023, IODE Ontario Membership Officer, Michelle Batty set up a Zoom meeting and sent the link to some Ontario members interested in creating a virtual chapter. Six Ontario Provincial Councillors attended and supported an Application for Charter being made to the Board of Directors meeting on June 23rd. The Charter Application was approved and the proposed name of IODE Trillium 2023 accepted as the chapter name. The path to the future started with a Zoom meeting scheduled for September 7th.

The bestowal service on December 12th was virtual. The National President Jane Cushing, the Provincial President Helen Danby, IODE Trillium 2023 members and several IODE members as guests from the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia were in attendance. Thanks are extended to everyone who participated and witnessed this momentous event for Ontario.



Charter members include:

- President: Michelle Batty
- Vice-President: Norma Lyttle Chicoine
- Secretary: Bonnie Rees
- Treasurer: Aileen Reid
- Social Media: Betsy Thompson
- Education: Aileen Reid
- Standard Bearer: Helen Danby
- Other members: Catherine Bates, Linda Gryner, Carol McCall.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Jan Casbourn

Provincial Meetings

The Provincial Executive Committee held eight regular monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month from February to June and September to November in 2023. The meetings for May, June, September and October were held as hybrid at the Provincial Office, 45 Frid Street in Hamilton. The Provincial Annual Meeting (PAM) and four meetings were attended by Zoom videoconferencing. Numerous committees under the leadership of the Officers and Convenors also met several times by Zoom. The Officers/Convenors/AVPs were able to Zoom three meetings this year including one as a hybrid.

At the IODE Ontario Office

The level of activity at the Hamilton office continued at a busy level. Many members utilized the premises to help organize donations and to pack for Services. Two local chapters used the office for their monthly meetings. Lynn Hughes, the Administrative Assistant worked three days a week and continued to be a valuable member of the organization.

Four informative newsletters were published by President Helen Danby with the assistance of Lynn Hughes. These newsletters are an excellent means of communication between IODE Ontario and primary chapters. Numerous chapters sent in many photos to bring attention to their activities and fundraising events.

The President on the Road

In 2023, President Helen Danby attended numerous primary chapter events across the province. She also attended the IODE Ontario Provincial Annual Meeting (PAM) held in April and actively participated in meetings by Zoom videoconferencing on the National Advisory Committee (NAC), the National Board of Directors and the National Annual Meeting.

The following visits were attended by Helen Danby in person or by Zoom:

- February: **IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, installation of the executive by Zoom
- May: **IODE Alberta Provincial Chapter**, Calgary, 103rd Annual Meeting by Zoom
- May: **IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville**, 90th Anniversary
- June: **IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, June meeting
- June: **IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, 105th Anniversary Tea
- August: **Canadian National Exhibition**, Toronto
- November: **IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, Christmas Home Tour
- November: reception in Toronto for past Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell
- December: **IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, Christmas dinner meeting
- December: **IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, Christmas luncheon

From Primary Chapters

Thirty-eight primary chapter secretary reports were received. The majority of chapters were able to enjoy hybrid monthly meetings. Throughout the year, chapters were able to meet four to twelve times.

Fundraising events were held frequently with most chapters' activities back to pre-COVID times. IODE Ontario chapters had many creative ideas to raise funds for their projects. The following are some of the ways and means they used to fundraise for their causes:

- **events:** garage sales, craft/bake sales, bazaars, quilt shows, Christmas home tours, BBQs, walk-a-thons, consignment shops, afternoon teas, game nights, fashion shows, pancake breakfasts, soup fests and FundScrip
- **sales of various items:** DIY soup kits, baked goods, preserves, gift cards, chocolates, spring annual flowers, poinsettias, books and Christmas planters
- **annual events:** sales of flowers, chocolates, pies, butter tarts, soups, home preserves, books and crafts
- **other:** raffles, 50/50s, bingos, auctions, freewill donations, grants, personal member donations

Many chapters continued with their annual activities and the funds raised were donated to:

food banks	adopted schools
breakfast programs	long-term care homes
women's shelters	museums
legions, poppy funds	Christmas food hampers
hospices	youth sport teams
hospitals	YMCA
youth centres	Memorial Park upkeep
libraries	literacy programs
literacy programs	church programs
sleep mats for developing countries	

Grooming bags were assembled and donated to remote northern communities, hospitals, shelters and the homeless. Donations also included educational awards at all academic levels and assistance for literacy and mental health programs in the communities. The primary chapters' generosity also supported Provincial and National IODE programs such as Canadian Disaster Fund, Toys for the North, Snack Pack, Footwear for Kids, Services Shipping, Donors Circle, Together for Tomorrow and IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education.

Across the province, primary chapters became known generally for their good works and what they do in their communities.

The following list highlights activities or events that were *distinctive*.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, members celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the 48th Highlanders of Canada monument. Some funds raised were used to send deployment care packages to Highlanders overseas.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, [90th Anniversary](#), primarily raised funds from their Op Shop for which they were well known in the community.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, [105th Anniversary](#), collected food for the foodbank as part of King Charles III "The Big Help Out". They hosted a concert and dance to kick-off the 105th Anniversary. Part of the proceeds were donated to the local hospital's CT Scanner campaign.

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham, had members volunteer to teach water safety to grade school children during the Chatham-Kent Water Festival. Free Skating was sponsored to allow students to attend four free weekend skating sessions. During a Socktober Project members donated paired new socks for women, men and superhero socks for children. Through the School Library Books project the chapter donated to five secondary schools, *Weird Rules to Follow!*, the IODE Violet Downey Award book and 17 grade schools received *Professor Goose Debunks Goldie Locks & the Three Bears*, the IODE Jean Throop Award book.

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, gave some of their donations to a therapeutic riding program. Christmas cards were sent to those receiving Meals on Wheels.

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, supported the Dresden Virtual History Group with grants for equipment for archiving memorabilia and the history of Dresden and area.

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, owns the Memorial Park, and they maintained the grounds. A bench and a new sign were purchased for the park. The chapter also maintained the gazebo in the Kiwanis Park. Guest speakers were present at each monthly meeting and each speaker signed a children's book for the public library.

IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton, [45th Anniversary](#), was awarded with a certificate for 45 years of service.

IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay, supported Quilts of Valour and Quilting Friends for batting / backing / machine quilting. They celebrated 80 years of their Victory Thrift Shop in the community.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, received funding from '100 Women Who Care' to assist 'Guardians of the Children' Toronto Chapter that helps children dealing with abuse.

IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter, Windsor, celebrated their [55th Anniversary](#).

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London, supported Hekima Place Orphanage and School and the White Oaks Baby Food Bank.

IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, held a bridge marathon fundraiser for the first time.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, provided Christmas dinner for the women of the Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre. They donated to the Canadian Mental Health Association of Lambton Kent which purchased necessities for the Mobile Care Service. They recognized member Edna Braithwaite, a charter member who had served over 32 years as chapter treasurer.

IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing, fundraised with Vista Gift Cards.

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, supported and sponsored a local shelter by participating in the Canadian National's Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Hundreds of beer cans, wine and liquor bottles were collected from family, friends and neighbours for a very profitable return.

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, supported 'Youth Without Shelter' through the 'Stay in School' program. Each graduate was honoured with a medallion and their name placed on a plaque at the residence. Prom tickets were provided for several students.

IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham, 110th Anniversary, purchased a Remembrance Day Banner from the Legion's Memorial Banner Program honouring Cpl. Marshall C. DeJaegher of the 1st Hussars Regiment in WWII.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, held their 'Every Member Counts Campaign' over the first three months of 2023. Members were encouraged to donate funds themselves and seek donations from family and friends for a specific cause. The 14th annual Linden House Theatre Benefit Night was held. This year, during the Street Fest event three homes were open to the public.

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, donated substantial funds to update one palliative care room at a local hospital. The chapter commemorated 123 years of IODE by offering chocolates to customers and staff at the Op Shop. They also presented years of service pins to 11 members for 50, 30 and 5 years.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, hosted a Quilt Show that was attended by people across south-western Ontario. A quilt raffle raised substantial funds for the chapter's 75th Anniversary project in 2024. They worked collaboratively with the Legion for the Veterans' Christmas dinner.

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, celebrated their 75th Anniversary and donated to many organizations including the YMCA and a museum.

IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge, laid a wreath on behalf of IODE at the cenotaph that was built in 1935 with funds raised by the first IODE chapter in Uxbridge. Local bookstore gift certificates were presented to grade 8 graduating classes of six elementary schools along with the presentation of letters of congratulations.

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, Virtual, was chartered June 2023. The first virtual chapter in Ontario had ten members. The initial project was sending 200 Christmas cards to Canadian Armed Forces overseas.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, celebrated their 25th Anniversary. Four members received Ontario Volunteer Services Awards. Years of service pins were presented to five members for 25 and 40 years. One member was awarded a Provincial Life Membership. Pill bottles were collected for Doctors Without Borders. Some members volunteered at the VON blood pressure clinic. Slings made for children and adults were donated to the hospital. One member trained in pet therapy spent time at local hospitals and nursing homes to brighten clients' day.

IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph, donated to the Kiwanis Music Festival and the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets. As the oldest chapter in the city, founded in 1909, they are known for the Cross of Sacrifice cenotaph donated to the city in 1925.

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, celebrated their 35th Anniversary. Most of the founding members were present and recognized with a certificate and a rose. They gathered donations from two large stores and sorted, redistributed and delivered items to numerous charities.

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton, was the recipient of the 2023 Ontario Volunteer Service Award from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. They also received Certificates of Recognition from the Bruce Grey Owen Sound MPP and MP. They made 23 quilts of which 15 were bed size and others that were crib and lap sizes.

IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville, was known for their library basket fundraiser.

In summary, across the province, IODE members continued to have tremendous accomplishments in their communities.

103rd Provincial Annual Meeting (PAM)

In 2023, the annual meeting was held on Saturday, April 22, as a one-day event from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Once again, due to COVID concerns, the meeting was held virtually by Zoom. This year's theme was 'Celebrating You'. The meeting was well attended by 58 members from 21 primary chapters including nine first time attendees.

Highlights

Guest Speaker: Detective Constable Phil Poirier of the Crimes Against Seniors Unit, Hamilton, spoke about Fraud and Cybercrime against older members of society. His detailed and informative presentation explained how unfortunately, women are the main targets.

Helpful Hints Workshop for Small Chapters: presented by Provincial First Vice-President and Membership Officer, Michelle Batty.

Membership is a crucial factor in keeping a chapter healthy. Sometimes, however, recruiting new members is difficult. The majority (35 of 45) primary chapters in Ontario had less than 20 members.

IODE's main focus is community involvement. By partnering with other service clubs or sharing meetings with another chapter, Presidents may take turns chairing the meeting. Chapter projects can be modified, reduced or retired while members still help their community.

Valuable contributions by chapter members change over the years. Giving of time is a precious gift, i.e. knitting and sewing items, preparing meals in food kitchens, reading to pre-school children, visiting seniors, delivering magazines to long-term care homes and participating at citizenship court receptions.

Provincial Life Memberships

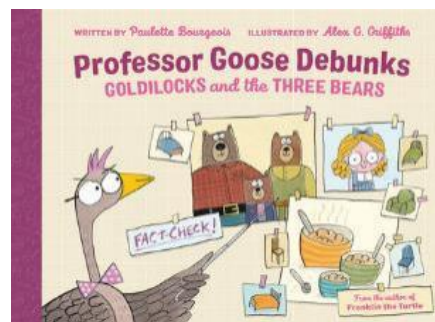
These awards are granted for outstanding service to the Provincial Chapter of Ontario over a number of years. A life membership is the highest honour bestowed upon a member by their peers. In 2023, two members, Aileen Reid and Gloria Saunders were chosen to receive a Provincial Life Membership. A complete citation of each member was included in the 2023 Provincial Annual Meeting minutes.

Aileen is a charter member of the IODE Val Griffiths Chapter in Dorchester and has been in IODE for 30 years. She became a member of the Provincial Executive Committee in 2016. In 2017, Aileen became the Area Vice-President for Mid-Central Ontario and continues to serve in this capacity. She became the Adopted Schools Officer in 2019.

Gloria was elected to the Provincial Executive Committee of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE in 2016. She continues to be an active member of IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, since being installed in 2007. Gloria brings her energy, efficiency and superb organizational skills to her position as Services Co-Officer.

IODE Jean Throop Book Award

The 48th Anniversary of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award was presented by Catherine Moore, IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter to author Paulette Bourgeois and illustrator Alex G. Griffiths for their book titled *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Mother Goose's fairy tales are NOT based in science. Join Professor Goose in this STEM-filled picture book as she fact-checks classic fairy tales and shares the science behind these flawed stories. Jammed with jokes and wonderfully silly illustrations, this book entertains while it introduces basic scientific laws and rules to young readers.



This choice is an excellent reflection of the quality of children's literature that the award has come to represent.

IODE Police Community Relations Award



The Provincial Chapter Ontario Police Community Relations Award recipient was Constable Elana Durtnall of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Southern Georgian Bay Detachment. Elana could not be present therefore she recorded an acceptance speech which was viewed during the meeting. Over the years, Constable Durtnall volunteered in many community organizations. By volunteering, she felt that she fulfilled a need to make a difference and give back to the community. Her volunteering centered around groups like Rotaract (an organization that she started), Youth Mental Health, and speaking engagements

regarding pregnancy and infant loss.

At the closing of her speech Constable Durtnall stated, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an action but a habit."

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Debbie Button

Chapters continue to raise impressive amounts of money, which they use to generously support projects that impact their community as well as National and Provincial funds.

	Number of Chapters	Number Reporting	Total Revenue	Total Expenditures
Primary Chapters	45	40	\$809,074	\$776,749

There were 740 paid-up members in Ontario at 31 December 2023.

The Finance Committee met March 12, 2024 to review the 2023 audited financial statement and in November 2023 to prepare the budget for 2024. The committee endeavoured to be realistic in anticipating both revenue and expenditures. The Provincial Executive Committee approved the 2024 budget at the March 14, 2024 meeting. The 2024 Provincial Budget is on page 20 in this report for your information.

IODE Ontario is grateful for the generous donations from individuals and chapters to the IODE Donors Circle during 2023. Those donations of \$11,958 along with the investment income kept the operating deficiency of revenue over expenses to a minimum.

The Provincial Executive Committee continues to monitor operating expenses and implement cost savings where possible.

The investment portfolio of The Provincial Chapter of IODE Ontario realized an increase of \$49,106 in fair market value at 31 December 2023. The balance in the investment account was \$624,891 at 31 December 2023. We continue to receive excellent advice from investment advisor Yves Apel of CIBC Wood Gundy.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Revenue

Provincial per Capita \$25 (710 members)	17,750
Chapter Annual Fees (43 chapters)	1,075
PEC Fees (45 councillors)	1,575
Annual Meeting	1,000
Donors Circle	2,500
Administration fees	10,491
Total Operating Revenue	34,391

Expenditures

Rent	35,226
Property Tax Rebate	(1,600)
Insurance	730
Computer	2,000
Office Supplies	500
Photocopier Maintenance	500
Postage	250
Bell Canada	2,500
Bookkeeping	-
Salaries and CPP/EI	23,000
Audit	7,750
Bank Charges	200
President's Account	2,500
Delegate to NAM	500
Annual Meeting	1,000
Total Operating Expenses	75,056

Income / (loss) over Expenditures (40,665)

Transfer from investments 40,665

Net funds after transfer -

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Provincial Chapter of IODE Ontario

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of IODE Ontario (the "organization"), which comprise the as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of revenue and expenses, statement of changes in net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2023, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the organization derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising or donation revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, current assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

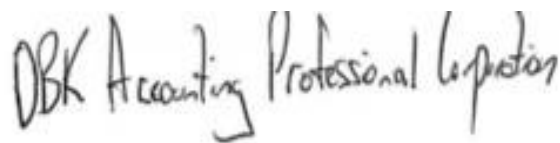
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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Hamilton, Ontario
March 14, 2024

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Operating fund 2023	Internally Restricted 2023	Endowment 2023	Externally Restricted 2023	December 31 2023	December 31 2022
ASSETS						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 21,761	-	-	-	\$ 21,761	\$ 10,574
Accounts receivable	1,634	-	-	-	1,634	4,799
GST/HST receivable	3,978	-	-	-	3,978	2,242
Prepaid expenses	2,788	-	-	-	2,788	2,026
	30,161	-	-	-	30,161	19,641
INVESTMENTS (Note 3)	82,708	49,568	334,627	157,989	624,890	625,784
	<u>\$ 112,867</u>	<u>\$ 49,568</u>	<u>\$ 334,627</u>	<u>\$ 157,989</u>	<u>\$ 655,051</u>	<u>\$ 645,425</u>

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities (Note 4)	\$ 7,981	-	-	-	\$ 7,981	\$ 12,674

FUND BALANCES

BALANCE						
	104,868	49,568	334,627	157,989	647,070	632,751
	<u>\$ 112,887</u>	<u>\$ 49,568</u>	<u>\$ 334,627</u>	<u>\$ 157,989</u>	<u>\$ 655,051</u>	<u>\$ 645,425</u>

Approved on behalf of the board

President, 

Treasurer, 

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Operating fund 2023	Internally Restricted 2023	Endowment 2023	Externally Restricted 2023	December 31 2023	December 31 2022
REVENUE						
Investment income (loss)	\$ 6,797	\$ 3,752	\$ 25,522	\$ 13,035	\$ 49,106	\$ (7,632)
Fees	20,331	-	-	-	20,331	20,679
Donations	19,918	-	-	-	19,918	10,656
Restricted funds	-	-	-	11,095	11,095	17,791
Administration fee revenue	8,273	-	-	-	8,273	5,043
Toronto legacy fund income	-	-	-	2,420	2,420	5,075
Provincial annual meeting revenue	1,230	-	-	-	1,230	1,305
Other revenue (loss)	581	-	-	-	581	599
Play it Forward revenue	96	-	-	-	96	115
Government grants	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
	<u>57,226</u>	<u>3,752</u>	<u>25,522</u>	<u>26,550</u>	<u>113,050</u>	<u>55,631</u>
EXPENSES						
Grant	111	2,522	-	-	2,633	9,177
Insurance	715	-	-	-	715	713
Office and general	1,610	-	-	-	1,610	2,072
Office salaries	21,344	-	-	-	21,344	19,748
Postage and courier	295	-	-	-	295	475
Professional fees	7,382	-	-	-	7,382	10,534
Provincial annual meeting	1,302	-	-	-	1,302	760
Rent	16,248	-	-	-	16,248	16,289
Restricted expenses	290	-	-	25,730	26,020	27,337
Telephone and utilities	2,473	-	-	-	2,473	2,233
Toronto legacy fund expense	-	-	-	-	-	9,660
Travel and accommodation	7,931	-	-	10,778	10,778	5,794
	<u>59,701</u>	<u>2,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,508</u>	<u>98,731</u>	<u>104,812</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ (2,475)</u>	<u>\$ 1,230</u>	<u>\$ 25,522</u>	<u>\$ (9,958)</u>	<u>\$ 14,319</u>	<u>\$ (49,181)</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Operating fund 2023	Internally Restricted 2023	Endowment 2023	Externally Restricted 2023	December 31 2023	December 31 2022
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 87,609	\$ 48,338	\$ 328,857	\$ 167,947	\$ 632,751	\$ 681,932
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(2,475)	1,230	25,522	(9,958)	14,319	(49,181)
Fund transfers (Note 5)	19,752	-	(19,752)	-	-	-
BALANCE, ENDING OF YEAR (Note 7)	\$ 104,886	\$ 49,568	\$ 334,627	\$ 157,989	\$ 647,070	\$ 632,751

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 14,319	\$ (49,181)
Change in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	3,165	(3,199)
Prepaid expenses	(762)	692
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	(4,695)	(2,997)
GST/HST receivable	(1,736)	2,636
	<u>10,291</u>	<u>(52,049)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Change in investments	<u>896</u>	<u>25,170</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	11,187	(26,879)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>10,574</u>	<u>37,453</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 21,761</u>	<u>\$ 10,574</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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IODE ONTARIO
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The organization was established to improve quality of life for children, youth and those in need through educational, social service and citizenship programs. It is incorporated by letters patent as a corporation without share capital under laws of Ontario and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. IODE Canada holds both the letters patent and registered charity number for the organization.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant policies are detailed as follows:

(a) FUND ACCOUNTING RESTRICTED

The Operating Fund reports the organization's administrative activities and consequently reports the revenues and expenses related to the collection of unrestricted fees and contributions. The restricted funds report contributions for which the use is restricted by the municipal and local chapters, along with related investment income earned on these funds. The endowment fund reports contributions with the stipulation that the capital amount be permanently retained. Investment income earned on this fund is reported in the restricted funds.

(b) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenues are recorded on an accrual basis. Unrealized gains and losses on held-for trading financial assets are included as investment income and recognized as revenue in the statement of revenues and expenses.

(c) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from their date of acquisition, which are readily convertible into a known amount of cash, and are subject to an insignificant risk to changes in their fair value.

(d) INVESTMENTS

All investments are classified as held-for-trading. These investments are measured at fair value with gains and losses recognized in revenue in the statement of revenues and expenses. Any unrealized holding gains and losses related to held-for-trading investments are included in investment income. The quoted market price was used to record the fair value of the financial instruments held as investments.

(e) CAPITAL ASSETS

The organization expenses its capital assets. During the current year no capital expenditures were incurred (2022 - Nil).

(f) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments, and accounts payable. Unless otherwise noted it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(g) IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

The organization tests for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is assessed by comparing the carrying amount to the projected undiscounted future net cash flows the long-lived assets are expected to generate through their direct use and eventual disposition. When a test for impairment indicates that the carrying amount of an asset is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent carrying value exceeds its fair value.

(h) MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and as adjustments become necessary they are reported in income in the period in which they become known.

(i) DONATED MATERIALS AND SERVICES

The organization does not record the value of donated materials and services as the fair market value can not be reasonably estimated.

3. INVESTMENTS

	2023	2022
Mortgages and bonds, interest rates from 5.5% to 6.0%, due 2024 to 2025	\$ 119,260	\$ 119,864
Mutual funds	210,616	260,660
Principal at risk notes	295,014	245,260
	<u>\$ 624,890</u>	<u>\$ 625,784</u>

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 7,627	\$ 12,266
Government liabilities	354	408
	<u>\$ 7,981</u>	<u>\$ 12,674</u>

5. FUND TRANSFERS

In 2023, the Provincial Executive Committee approved a fund transfer of \$19,752 from the Hewitt Bequest Fund to the Operating Fund.

In 2022, the Provincial Executive Committee approved a fund transfer of \$2,972 from the Operating Fund to the Endowment Fund, a fund transfer of \$1,513 from the Lois Laughren Fund to the Operating Fund.

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6. DUE FROM NATIONAL TREASURER

The organization received funds from the primary and municipal chapters on behalf of the National Treasurer and then remits these funds to them. As a result, these cash receipts and disbursements are not included in the organization's financial statements.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Funds collected	\$ (67,516)	\$ (60,526)
Amounts remitted	67,516	60,526
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

7. ENDOWMENT, INTERNALLY RESTRICTED, & EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Internally Restricted:		
Lois Laughren	\$ 49,568	\$ 48,338
	49,568	48,338
Externally Restricted:		
Services Equity	13,626	15,931
Footwear Equity	5,353	6,257
Citizenship Equity	4,330	3,663
Communications Equity	728	2,228
Special Rep Equity	2,956	4,490
LMMF	8,136	8,945
Northern ON Equity	40	-
Christmas Toys	5,523	5,544
Services Shipping	4,086	8,076
Toronto Legacy Fund	113,212	112,814
	<u>157,990</u>	<u>167,948</u>
Endowment Fund:		
Hewitt Bequest	254,500	254,500
Gladys Raiter	80,126	74,357
	<u>334,626</u>	<u>328,857</u>
Total	<u>\$ 542,184</u>	<u>\$ 545,143</u>

8. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The organization's total commitments under a property lease agreement are as follows:

2024	\$ 42,068
2025	3,506
	<u>\$ 45,574</u>

9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The financial statements have been reclassified, where applicable, to conform to the presentation used in the current year. The changes do not affect prior year earnings.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments, which consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and portfolio investments.

(a) MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether the factors are specific to the instrument or all instruments traded in the market.

(b) CREDIT RISK

The organization does have credit risk in accounts receivable. Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The organization reduces its exposure to credit risk by performing credit valuations on a regular basis, granting credit upon a review of the credit history of the applicant and creating an allowance for bad debts when applicable. The organization maintains strict credit policies and limits in respect to counterparties. In the opinion of management, the credit risk exposure to the organization is low and is not material.

(c) LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk the company may not be able to meet its obligations. The organization has a comprehensive plan in place to meet their obligations as they come due which is primarily from cash flow from operations.

(d) INTEREST RATE RISK

The organization is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed and floating interest rate financial instruments held. Fixed-rate instruments subject the organization to a fair value risk while the floating rate instruments subject it to a cash flow risk.

It is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant risk arising from these financial instruments.

ARCHIVES

by Helen Danby

During 2023, the archivist updated many active chapter member databases. The most intensive work was the transfer of data from the *Globe and Mail* archived articles to the Toronto chapter database. This portion of the project provided an additional 5,000 names of Toronto IODE members. In 2022, the database contained 52,800 names, presently there are over 58,000 IODE members recorded.

Recording of all 12,000 entries that were downloaded last year from the *Globe and Mail* Archives from 1900 to 1965 continued. All information was sorted by chapter. There were 194 chapters recorded in Toronto, excluding the IODE Toronto Municipal Chapter. Presently the data for 137 Chapters are recorded. Many chapters continue to miss several years as their records are elusive. To date, over 9,900 members' names were recorded for these chapters.

The Provincial President continued to find the members' database invaluable when she was able to personalize letters of IODE service to primary chapter members who were recognized.

A display for the CNE attracted much attention on Military Day and was appreciated by many veterans. The display showed the efforts of IODE women during the wars, as well as the cenotaphs and hospitals that they built after WWI.

In October, an IODE display at the 'Celebrating Women in Business' event held in Forest brought interest to the retired **IODE Trillium Chapter** in Forest, that was active from 1935 to 1990. Former members were able to assist with the completion of the chapter's member database by supplying first names of the women.

Archive Inquiries:

- Bob Everett contacted IODE Ontario regarding a silver plate that was donated to his grandmother Mrs. J.S. Everett by the members of the Jeffery Hale Barland Chapter in 1926. The plate is displayed in the National Office and is in excellent shape.
- A lamp that had been 'a gift from Alexander Graham Bell Chapter', Brantford, was purchased from a person living in Ottawa and now is showcased at the Provincial Office.

The archivist encourages chapters and members who have past membership lists prior to 2000 to contact her to assist in completing the database for their chapter or any past chapters to which they may have belonged.

CITIZENSHIP

by Kathryn Weston

Totals for all chapters that responded:

Total Volunteer Hours:	114,332
Canadian Forces Bar:	1
Promoting Cultural Events:	\$5643
Presentation of flags:	1
Presentation of flags: (dollar value).....	300
Donations to Indigenous Communities:	\$10,865
Number of Other Citizenship Activities:	141
Dollar Value of Other Activities:..	\$9,801
Number of Donations to Local Community Services:.....	31
Dollar Value of Donations to Community Services:.....	\$4375
Donations to Provincial Citizenship Fund:	\$1989
Donations to National Citizenship Fund:	\$195
Assistance to Canadian Forces:	\$200
Number of Presentations of Wreaths:	22
Value of Wreath Presentations:	\$1,559
Number of Community Fire, Police and EMT Awards:	2
Value of Community Fire, Police and EMT Awards:	\$1009
Number of Good Citizenship Awards:	18
Value of Good Citizenship Awards:	\$1516
Chapters Participating in Provincial Volunteer Service Awards:	14
Chapters Participating in National Volunteer Service Awards:	1
Total Dollar Value of Citizenship Programs.....	\$37,452

Forty-one chapters responded by sending report forms, some of which were marked 'no report'. Chapters continue to underestimate or not track at all, their volunteer hours. Chapters did a much better job of tracking their volunteer hours which were over 16,000 more than last year.

Provincial Chapter of IODE Ontario, Hamilton

The IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award for 2023 was presented to Constable Elana Durtnall of the Southern Georgian Bay Detachment who has been working in the Community Safety Officer/School Officer position since October 2021. In this assignment, she interacted with community partners and key stakeholders, communicated effectively to build trust and confidence in policing, and promoted and improved programming with local schools, groups, and committees. Elana did this successfully by immersing herself in the community she polices and resides in, both on and off duty.

A brief Remembrance Day service was held at the November meeting. A letter was read from the mother of a service man who died after returning from a Peacekeeping mission. Two minutes of silence was held at 11:00 a.m. The service concluded by reading the 4th stanza of the poem 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon.

*'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.'*

A wreath was laid at the Gore Park Remembrance Day Service by Christina Junega of **IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**, Hamilton, on behalf of the Ontario chapter and President Helen Danby.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, had 4,112 volunteer hours. One United Nations Peacekeeper bar was given in 2023. A wreath was laid at the Regimental Remembrance Service. Many members have volunteered at the 48th Museum, the Ontario Regiment Tank Museum, the Warriors Day Parade Council of Toronto, many church functions, and the Ontario Model Soldier Society. Donations were sent to northern communities and activity kits were given to the Barrie Native Friendship Centre. Soldiers deployed overseas received Christmas parcels. A family newly arrived in Canada received small appliances through individual members' donations.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, had 5,410 volunteer hours. Friends of the chapter recorded 1,826 hours to IODE. Members attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Oakville cenotaph and laid a wreath.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, had 6,368 volunteer hours. Christmas carolling at a local long term care facility provided entertainment to the residents. Other activities included sending Christmas cards to troops overseas, giving activity bags for young children to the local hospital, donations of books to the local library and school, connecting with shut-ins, driving citizens to appointments, working at two food banks, maintaining the IODE Parkette along the Trent Canal at the entrance to Campbellford and many other activities. A wreath was presented at the Remembrance Day service. For the first time, six members were nominated for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (OVSA). Lisa Cossar was given an OVSA for her work by the Norwood Horticultural Society.

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Newmarket, had 500 volunteer hours. A wreath was presented at the Remembrance Day Service.

IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto, had 313 volunteer hours.

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham, had 787 volunteer hours. Money was given to support the Kiwanis Music Festival and the annual Water Festival which teaches grade 4 and 5 students about environmental awareness regarding water. A wreath was laid at the local Remembrance Day Service.

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, had 3,910 volunteer hours. The chapter is a member of the Carleton Place & Beckwith Historical Society. A wreath was laid at the Remembrance Day Service at the Carleton Place Cenotaph on November 11th. Christmas cards were distributed to 110 people through the Meals on Wheels program.

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, had 2,165 volunteer hours. The chapter continued to support a large number of Thai migrant workers at two local greenhouses to make them feel welcome and a part of the community. A major development was the establishment of a Buddhist Temple in nearby Thamesville. The workers were also included in Dresden Shines, a Christmas celebration. Members supported the migrant workers to learn English and thereby facilitate permanent residency.

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, had 1,560 volunteer hours. The chapter was active in the community again this past year. Good citizenship awards were given to students graduating from grade 8, the chapter members maintained the grounds in Cenotaph Park, and laid a wreath on Remembrance Day. Financial support was provided for several community agencies including Four Counties Health Services, The Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation, the Public Library summer reading program, and providing eyeglasses for seniors. Guest speakers were booked for five chapter meetings on a wide range of topics from horticulture to health services.

IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton, had 2,225 volunteer hours. The chapter displayed the table standards at meetings and many members flew the Canada flag at their homes and cottages.

IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay, had 5,619 volunteer hours. Donations were made to several local organizations including the Canadian Forces Base North Bay Family Resource Centre to help military staff transition to civilian life, the St. Brice's Friday Teen lunch program and the Youth Food Pantry. Good citizenship awards were given at five local secondary schools.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, had 846 volunteer hours. The chapter donated to a local Indigenous community.

IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter, Windsor, had 1,795 volunteer hours.

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London, had 812 volunteer hours. The chapter supported Youth Opportunities Unlimited with hats and mitts among other items. Assistance was given to SunFest, a well-known annual music and culture festival. Members helped look after the cenotaph and laid a wreath for Remembrance Day.

IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, had 2,858 volunteer hours. Citizenship activities within the chapter included senior safety measures and awareness of scams, the importance of vaccines, the importance of socialization to prevent isolation and improve mental health, and the importance of the Green Bin program and recycling.

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury, donated to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 564.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, had 7,961 volunteer hours. One hundred and fifty cards were signed for the Canadian Armed Forces overseas. Magazines and books were provided for the Family Court waiting room. The five finalist books for the IODE Jean Throop Book Award were donated to the YMCA Learning Centre and Literacy Lambton. A wreath was laid at the Camlachie cenotaph for Remembrance Day. At a chapter meeting a guest speaker talked about environmental issues and biodiversity in Sarnia.

IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton, had 1,079 volunteer hours. Donations were made to the Balaclava Elementary School, a games night fundraiser, the local food bank and an adopt-a-senior program.

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, had 1,407 volunteer hours. The chapter donated to several area agencies including the food bank, an early years' program, a Christmas in the Park fundraiser and Stockings for Seniors. IODE Jean Throop Book Award winning books were donated to local libraries.

IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing, had 570 volunteer hours. Chapter members delivered boxes of groceries to families in need, raised money for a temporary shelter through raffles and 50:50 draws and volunteered at local schools.

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, had 4,048 volunteer hours. The chapter donated scarves to Indigenous communities. Funding was given to Nightlight Sarnia, a drop-in centre for unhoused people where they can receive food, clothing, companionship and shelter for a few hours. Toys, books, magazines and colouring books were donated to the Family Court waiting room. Guest speakers from the community increased awareness of needs and provided the chapter with ideas for supporting areas of greatest need. Over 300 Christmas cards were sent to troops overseas. A wreath was laid at the cenotaph and a donation made to the Poppy Fund.

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, had 3,894 volunteer hours. For the 12th year, Citizenship Awards consisting of a certificate and a book about the youth movement on climate change were presented to four grade 5 students at a local school. The awards were presented at an assembly where the grades 4, 5 and 6 students witnessed the presentation and learned about IODE. The students were very interested during the question-and-answer section. Many members volunteered outside of IODE and resumed doing so as COVID restrictions were removed.

IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham, had 3,000 volunteer hours. Chapter members are no longer able to do active fundraising, therefore they contributed through volunteer activities. These activities included driving people to appointments, getting groceries for shut-ins, comforting those who are dying, making funeral lunches and helping the local priest with masses at nursing homes. A banner was purchased from the Legion to honour the service of Cpl. Marshall C. DeJaegher of the 1st Hussars Regiment, who was among those who landed on Juno Beach on D-Day, June 06, 1944. The banner was hung in downtown Chatham from Labour Day to Remembrance Day. A wreath was presented at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day. The 'Gathering our Heroes' project continued to be updated with new information.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, had 12,282 volunteer hours. In April, the chapter staged a 'Lady Grey Tea' which raised money for a women's shelter through a silent auction. In September, the second annual StreetFest raised a substantial amount of money for the Inuuqatigiit charity which supports Inuit families in Ottawa. These funds supported the Childcare and Youth Programmes with clothing, gift cards for food and the purchase of cultural material from the North.

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, had 1,991 volunteer hours. The chapter's annual award went to the man who runs the local theatre. He helped members of the community feel empowered through theatre.

IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa, had 2,256 volunteer hours.

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, had 8,000 volunteer hours. A citizenship award was given to a local veteran for his long service to the Legion and his service during WWII. A local man who has been instrumental in setting up the chapter's gmail account and on-line community funding was given a gift as he declined a citizenship award. Members laid a wreath during the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the town cenotaph. Money was donated to the IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, had 10,281 volunteer hours. In November, 465 white crosses were displayed at the cenotaphs of three local cemeteries in honour of the veterans buried there. At a monthly meeting, a veteran spoke about the often-difficult transition back to civilian life after time in the armed services. Members of the chapter assisted in providing a Christmas dinner at the local Legion for local veterans and their caregivers. On Remembrance Day, a wreath was laid at the Petrolia cenotaph in Victoria Park. A banner was hung downtown in honour of veteran Sonny Moore the late husband of a member. Many local sports and cultural organizations for youth were supported by chapter donations. Hot chocolate with marshmallows and cookies were served at the Christmas in the Park celebration.

IODE Rouge Valley Chapter, Ajax, had 149 volunteer hours.

IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter, Guelph, had 804 volunteer hours. The chapter attended the Remembrance Day Service at the IODE Cross of Sacrifice with members of IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter and local politicians. A donation was made to the Guelph Legion Poppy Fund. The ongoing exploration of Provincial IODE Chapters across the prairies and Ontario was concluded, and chapter members appreciated the stories of achievements and challenges that are part of the IODE story. Meetings focused on topics such as cyber-security for seniors and how to help maintain mental processing abilities for a long and active life.

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, had 2,094 volunteer hours. The flag was carried, and a wreath laid at the Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph. Donations were made to community services and the local music festival through money raised at the bingo hall.

IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge, had 750 volunteer hours. The chapter applied twice to the local 100 Women Who Care organization but were not successful. Food was prepared for the local soup kitchen and the money raised was donated to the Food Bank. Baby clothes and supplies collected by members were donated to the Sunrise Pregnancy and Family Support Services. The chapter Citizenship Officer marched in the Remembrance Day parade and laid a wreath at the cenotaph that was built in 1935 with funds donated by the first chapter in Uxbridge, **IODE John Peel Chapter**.

IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener, had 1,100 volunteer hours. A Canadian flag donated by a member was presented at the Kitchener cenotaph during the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Local IODE chapters contributed to the construction of the cenotaph in the early 1900s.

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, Virtual, had 918 volunteer hours in the first six months since the charter was granted on June 23, 2023. Two hundred Christmas cards were sent to Canadian troops via the Military Family Resource Centre in Belleville. Some of these cards were also signed by women who visited the IODE booth at the 'Celebrating Women in Business' event held in Forest.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, had 2,726 volunteer hours. The chapter is committed to environmental issues and solicited community support to reduce the environmental footprint by supporting a Canadian business that makes environmentally friendly laundry and cleaning products. The chapter fundraised by selling these products. Members turned milk bags into child bed mats which were sent to Africa. Wreaths were laid at the Dorchester Cenotaph and the cenotaph at Parkwood Hospital in London during Remembrance Day Ceremonies. The ceremonies in London, Dorchester and Goderich were attended by many members. Cards were made and delivered to the veterans in Parkwood Hospital.

IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph, had 1,354 volunteer hours. Members laid a wreath at the IODE Cross of Sacrifice on Remembrance Day with the assistance of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps. Local dignitaries and members of the public also attended. A donation was made to the Sea Cadets and to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 234 in Guelph.

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, had 4,240 volunteer hours.

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford, had 500 volunteer hours. One Community Citizen award was presented.

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton, had 1,456 volunteer hours. A wreath was laid at the Remembrance Day Ceremony and a donation was made to the Girl Guides.

IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville, had 2,192 volunteer hours. A wreath was laid at the local Remembrance Day Ceremony in Orangeville.

ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS (OVSA) 2023



Each year, the Province of Ontario honours and celebrates people who make Ontario a better place to live. This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization in five-year increments from 5 to 65 years. Each chapter may nominate up to six adults for this award. Thank you to the 2023 recipients for their long-standing volunteering with IODE and who were recognized by the Ontario Government for their years of service.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, members: Kathryn Boyden (5 years), Tracey Bradford (5 years), Sue Lake (5 years), Gwen Walker (5 years), Kirsty Hanson (10 years), and Marjorie Harding (50 years).

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, member Lisa Cossar recognized for 10 years from the Norwood Horticultural Society.

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham, members: Donna Koppers (10 years), Marianne Johnstone (40 years), and Sandra Smith (40 years).

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, members: Janet McGinnis (5 years), Elizabeth Docker (5 years), Beverly Shepley (15 years), Brenda Mattey (20 years), Karen Brunton (20 years), and Julie Sadler (30 years).

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, members: Linda Dennis (25 years), Roseanne Dumitru (15 years), Sue Boudreau (15 years), and Myra Boag (10 years)

IODE Freelon Chapter, Freelon, members: Pat Will (10 years), Mary Frost (10 years), Barb Kenny (20 years), and Flo McPherson (20 years).

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, members: Carol McCall (30 years) and Catherine Moore (30 years).

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, members: Anne Collett (10 years), Marion Craig (10 years), Deborah Fraser (10 years), Lorna King (10 years), Morna Paterson (10 years), and Barbara Potts (10 years).

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, members: Terry Boa-Youmatoff (25 years), Alice Clement (25 years), Ilene Hamilton (30 years), Nancy Hughes (25 years), Roberta Machan (30 years), and Margo Morris (25 years).

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, members: Margaret Dee (15 years), Marybelle MacFarlane (15 years), Monica Deighton (10 years), Suzanne Nijak (15 years), Linda Shannon (20 years), and Barb Stewart (20 years).

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, member Jeannette Boyd recognized for 50 years from the Government of Canada.

IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener, Bonnie Rees received the OVS Award (35 years) in 2022. This was not previously recorded.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, members: Joyce Brower (10 years), Rosemary Zubot (10 years) Koas Huizenga (15 years), and Norma Chicoine (40 years).

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, members: Kate Calhoun (5 years, youth), Tatyana Grandmaitre (2-4, youth), Linda Price (10 years), Linda Smiley (15 years), Barbara Adair (20 years), and Sue Ellwood (30 years).

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Warton, members: Audrey Lane (10 years), Dorothy Pynn (10 years), Heide Arnold (15 years), and Gena Van Dyke (15 years).

IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville, members: Linda Coleman (20 years), Barbara Howard (10 years), and Janice Sullivan (10 years).

COMMUNICATIONS

by Betsy Thompson

2023

Total Value of Communications	\$1,006,871
Advertising Value in Kind	\$1,000,185
Actual Costs	\$6,685

Connecting via Zoom enabled established and new IODE members to attend their meetings regardless of geographic location. Through website promotion, the province's first virtual chapter IODE Trillium 2023 was chartered. The second edition provincial bookmarks were widely distributed to primary chapters whose members handed them out locally and when travelling. This simple gesture and the ever enthusiastic conversations that ensued sparked interest to join IODE. Primary chapters used their Facebook and community pages as well as those of their community partners to advertise and report their events and ongoing projects. Community partners were thanked through emails, hand-written notes and social media. Many primary chapters distributed free National and Provincial brochures at events including education awards and cheque presentations, community fundraisers and celebrations. Most chapters no longer have a brochure because of expensive printing, and because of the proven success of free promotion of IODE membership and events on social media. Websites were valued using www.siteprice.org.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, actively promoted their activities on their Facebook account and through their Regiment's website, the 48th Highlanders of Canada. The Regiment, which is their community partner, was thanked via donations to their messes and through invitations to chapter events. Photos and articles were regularly submitted to the 48th Highlanders of Canada for their Regimental Family newsletters.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, promoted their popular Opportunity Shop largely through their Facebook and Instagram pages. They displayed business cards and provincial brochures in the shop window for distribution to customers.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, made greater use of community and chapter Facebook pages, local newspapers and radio to promote their activities. The local Hospital Foundation and Legion Facebook advertisements were instrumental in increasing attendance at a major fundraiser. Community partners and charitable organizations were invited to their 105th Anniversary Tea as thanks for their many years of support. The chapter was deeply honoured to have the National and Provincial Presidents present along with their guests.

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Newmarket, used their minutes as their written history.

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham, used their two chapter Facebook pages, three local newspapers and the charitable gaming partner Facebook page to promote and advertise their fundraising events such as bingo nights. Their many donations to local food and youth programs were highlighted regularly on all three social media pages.

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, advertised their craft sale through Facebook, posters, emails and one of their community partners *Your Community Voice* newspaper. In the winter, members met via Zoom and kept in touch through emails and Facebook. The chapter distributed IODE brochures to guest speakers and at fundraising events.

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, used numerous community partners including River View Gaming to promote and contribute to their activities. Their Tree of Tribute at the Dresden Shines tree lighting ceremony, school awards given at graduation night, donations to school projects and presentations for children's special programs at the library were acknowledged on site. All events were posted on the chapter and community partner Facebook pages and published in several local news outlets. They received further advertising on the town website and digital sign in the town centre.

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, used their Facebook page to advertise fundraisers, events, and meeting activities. Acknowledgements of donations were posted on Facebook as well. Donations from charity gaming funds when promoted on their Facebook earned the chapter additional funds. The chapter advertised frequently in their local newspaper, the *Ridgetown Independent*. The press was invited to events and donation presentations where they took photos for publication, including those submitted by the chapter.

IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay, took advantage of their Victory Thrift Shop to highlight their 90 years of working together in their community through an eye catching window display of photos and chapter items. They received positive comments and questions from their customers. Military cadet groups assisted with material for a Remembrance Day window and were pleased with the community exposure given to them. The chapter included business cards with their donations such as afghans to the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, liaised with and received funding from '100 Women Who Care', Markham, which they used to support the 'Guardians of the Children' Toronto Chapter, a group that helps children dealing with abuse.

IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter, Windsor, gave each member provincial bookmarks to distribute to others. They met monthly via Zoom and in person.

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London, maintained its volunteerism working with **IODE Eldon House Chapter** to meet the needs of those at the South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre.

IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, held their annual book sale which was well advertised with posters, Facebook notifications, and a digital billboard sponsored by Royal LePage Treyland Realty. The South London Neighborhood Resource Centre's appreciation for assistance from the chapter was written up in their annual report and on their Facebook page. The National Service Dog program acknowledged the support of the chapter as a sponsor on their website. Whenever they were in public or recruiting a member, they distributed brochures to individuals to inform them of the good works of IODE, with a specific emphasis on their chapter.

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury, launched a chapter website in October which they used along with their Facebook page to boost promotion of their activities. They partnered with the Legion as well as a semi-pro basketball team that donated tickets to help raise money for chapter projects. All sponsors received thank you cards. The chapter used electronic storage for their chapter history.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, made excellent use of free advertising through Facebook, radio broadcasts, and newspaper articles and photos which promoted upcoming events. They were recognized on the City of Sarnia website for a 'Go Green Spotlight Award' received on Earth Day from the city. They used in-person opportunities such as the IODE booth at the CNE with junior IODE members present, and the 'Celebrating Women in Business' event in Forest to advertise IODE. The public was invited to participate in Citizenship's acts of kindness initiative by signing Christmas cards for the troops overseas.

IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter, Stratford, utilized their website to raise money annually with the click of a few buttons.

IODE Freerton Chapter, Freerton, got together twice for lunch and allowed time to socialize at each of five meetings held. They partnered with **IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**, Hamilton, for a game night fundraiser at the provincial office where they shared the proceeds.

IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing, promoted their activities on Instagram. The chapter members corresponded through email and stayed connected via Zoom meetings.

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, promoted their activities through several Facebook pages, including IODE Friends and those of nearby chapters. The advertising drew a wide audience for attendance at their events. Personal phone calls and emails furthered the awareness of their many activities. They partnered with nine businesses that were thanked for their assistance.

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, activities were promoted in part on the website of 'The Redwood', a safe haven for women, to which the chapter donated.

IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham, was named a partner of the 'Gathering Our Heroes' website. With the added help of a newspaper article in *Chatham This Week*, a researcher from France, made a remarkable connection with the family of a Chatham Kent hero. Through the website, the family was notified of a memorial planned for 2025 for airmen who lost their lives in northern France in World War II. The chapter's history which included scrapbooks and 1960s copies of *Echoes* was archived with IODE Ontario.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, utilized all forms of media to advertise and promote their events. A Facebook boost ad for the second 'StreetFest' helped increase attendance. This resulted in greater financial returns, a portion of which was put towards their communal project. The chapter tagged the social media pages of their community partners and beneficiaries which increased awareness of IODE. They made a point of publicly thanking sponsors and donors on their website and in social media. The sponsors were named using their company logo in event brochures for each IODE activity.

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, had four promotional stories published in the local newspaper about fundraisers and donation presentations to three charities which they support; the local hospital, food bank, and library. The chapter partnered with the Rotary Club to sell water and pop at the club's annual Ribfest. The local theatre donated seats for members to sell which allowed for an in-person opportunity to talk to theatre goers about joining IODE.

IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa, was known in the community for its charitable services. Money was raised at luncheons and auctions. Members had their minutes sent electronically and one member received them in the mail. They kept in touch through email, phone, meetings, and worked together on 'sew' days.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, extensively used numerous community partners, IODE brochures and bookmarks to promote and advertise their activities. Printed articles about events and presentations, and ads with meeting information and contacts were published in *The Independent*, *Sarnia Observer*, *Daytripper*, and *Coffee News*. The chapter's donations were promoted through social media, such as the Facebook pages of the Community Refrigerator and the Town of Petrolia.

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, used a variety of media platforms such as Facebook, (updated daily), Instagram, newspapers, a new magazine *Goderich Sun* and banners in their Op Shop to advertise events. The *Goderich Sun* published an article about the chapter's cheque presentation for the Palliative Care Unit of their hospital. They had a dedicated page on Facebook to promote membership with a clear message regarding IODE, what they do, when they meet, and the expected time commitments. Their community partners such as the Legion were acknowledged on the chapter Facebook and Instagram pages. The IODE flag was flown at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

IODE Rouge Valley Chapter, Pickering, held a bingo licence with the City of Pickering. The members volunteered at Pickering Delta Bingo to raise funds for their charitable projects each of which required annual approval by the city. The chapter shared the bingo revenue from their community partner equally with **IODE Bridlewood Chapter**, Toronto.

IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter, Guelph, distributed their minutes via email to their members. They gathered at meetings and when there was not a formal meeting, they enjoyed getting together at arranged social events.

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, partnered with Charity Bingo Jackpot Time to raise money each month for their donations to local charities. Photos were taken for the Charity Bingo Facebook page and website to promote the chapter's cheque presentations. At each of these events, the chapter distributed national and provincial brochures.

IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge, promoted their activities in the Uxbridge news media, including the local newspaper which highlighted the work of volunteers in the town's service clubs. The chapter inserted IODE bookplates in the books that won the IODE Jean Throop Book Award and the IODE Violet Downey Award. These books were donated to the local library. The chapter's school awards were viewed by wide audiences at graduation and commencement ceremonies. Members set up a chapter display in the Fantasy of Lights in Elgin Park, Uxbridge as part of a fundraiser for the local Optimist Club.

IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener, met in person at four meetings. Several members took part in various Zoom meetings held by jurisdictional chapters. The chapter's annual donation of the Canadian flag at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Kitchener was noted in the program.

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, virtual, the first provincial virtual chapter, signed their charter application electronically. It was granted in June via Zoom and announced in the Fall IODE Ontario Newsletter. Their motto, 'Making a Difference Virtually', was scripted into the newly launched Facebook page where photos of their initial citizenship and services projects were posted. To promote the new chapter, members at large were invited to the bestowal ceremony where National President Jane Cushing presented the first **IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, President Michelle Batty with the gavel.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, used their media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and a chapter email address to advertise and promote their activities. They also partnered with the weekly community news publication, *The Signpost*. They posted their community partner fundraisers such as Purdy Chocolates on their Facebook page which allowed donors to directly purchase products online, with a percentage of proceeds going to the chapter. The IODE chapter banner was present at all community functions.

IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph, maintained a scrapbook and written history.

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, promoted their annual garage sale on their Facebook page and a community representative promoted it in his weekly newsletter. They also advertised in a local magazine and put up posters. They distributed every type of IODE marketing material at their fundraiser event and meetings.

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford, preserved the chapter's history through their minutes.

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Warton, had two significant community partners that supported the chapter's activities. A photo and article of the chapter's 70 years of service in the community was published in the magazine, *Connecting the Sound*. The Warton Salvation Army Facebook page highlighted the donations made by the members which included 86 seniors Christmas gift bags. White Cloud held Zoom meetings which enabled all members to attend.

IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville, advertised charitable events through the local newspaper, chapter and local garage sale Facebook pages, personal emails and signs provided by a local real estate agency. One of the community partners, 'Orange Threads', acknowledged Yellow Briar's benevolent gifts to seniors on their website.

IODE Ontario Provincial Chapter, Hamilton, quarterly newsletter was distributed via email to all primary chapter members. The section 'Chapters in the News' became very popular. A significant increase in primary chapter social media posts enabled the provincial chapter to capture many significant events such as celebrations, fundraisers and presentations for publication. Members were delighted to see chapters celebrated in photos and write-ups, which encouraged more members to submit articles for publication. Friday Facts were published on the IODE Ontario Facebook page as a means of hooking readers into the fascinating history of IODE women in Ontario and how their past connected to present day successes.

IODE Ontario's activities were also promoted and advertised through the newsletters. These included articles about the Services annual project and Provincial Annual Meeting details and inspiring reports from the officers of the Provincial Executive Committee such as Education scholarships which are funded by primary donations.

The IODE Ontario website enabled anyone to explore what IODE is about and inquiries into membership netted new members. The provincial Facebook page facilitated connections among members with up-to-date notices of primary chapter activities and photos so one could get to know faces and friends in IODE. News about primary chapters appeared in the IODE Ontario Instagram and X (formerly known as Twitter) pages as more chapters established accounts. Provincial President Helen Danby attended many chapter events to present service awards, celebrate chapter milestones and support their fundraisers.

Provincial bookmarks and brochures were a highly popular means of distributing IODE information in person. Over 500 bookmarks were given out in one day at the CNE IODE booth. In December, virtual Christmas cards were sent to all members from the office of IODE Ontario.

IODE Ontario Social Media:

www.iodeontario.ca

<https://www.instagram.com/iode.ontario/>

<https://mobile.twitter.com/IODEOntario>

EDUCATION

by Lisa Cossar

Education Donations:

Assistance to local students (<i>scholarships, bursaries, grants, awards</i>)	\$114,099
Assistance to local schools (<i>equipment, literacy programs, camps, school trip</i>)	\$ 8,821
Other Education work (<i>community centres, libraries, local shelters, agencies</i>)	\$ 10,117
'Share a Story-Bring a Book'	\$ 1,320
Other Education work outside of schools	\$ 31,387
Donations to Provincial Funds: Provincial Education	\$ 50
Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education	\$ 3130
Donations to National Funds: National Education	\$ 835
100 th Anniversary Grant Program	\$ 0
Labrador Bursary Fund	\$ 1110
Labrabook Fund	\$ 295
Second War Memorial Fund	\$ 125
Total Value of Education Programs for 2023	\$171,289
Adopted Schools (Labrador and Northern Ontario)	\$ 16,656
Total including Adopted schools	\$187,945

Education Summary

2023 was another amazing year for the primary chapters' education projects. There was an incredible array of ways that the local communities were supported. Over 180 individual students were awarded bursaries, scholarships or graduation awards, not including the classes and school libraries that were supported with new books for the students. Many youths were supported through IODE donations to camps, music festivals, libraries, museums, art programs, community outreach programs such as mental health, recreation and leadership activities. Chapters continued to donate to Provincial and National Funds such as IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund, Labrabook, Labrador Bursary, Second War Memorial, and 'Share a Story-Bring a Book'.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, enjoyed presenting 20 activity kits to the Barrie Native Friendship Centre.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, supported 10 students from high schools in Oakville with a bursary. Students at Sheridan College (Oakville Campus) received a Music/Theatre Award and Student Assistance Bursaries. Members also chose to support the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, presented nine graduation awards to grade 8 students at five area elementary schools. Their annual secondary awards consisted of two English awards and two bursaries. An extra bursary was awarded this year to commemorate the 105th Anniversary. Thirty-two 'Born to Read' bags with three books each were distributed to the three local libraries.

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Newmarket, generously donated funds to Provincial and National projects such as the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund, National Education and the Labrador Bursary Fund.

IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto, donated funds to the Pickering Library for the Summer Reading Program. They also donated 20 books by Ontario authors to the Pickering Library.

IODE Captain Garnett Brackin Chapter, Chatham, supported five grade 12 graduating students with scholarships. A donation to the Chatham-Kent Milner House Museum allowed 100 students to tour this turn-of-the-century home at Christmas. They also sponsored the Chatham-Kent Secondary Students Choir to attend local and regional music festivals. The choir won gold at a MusicFest in Windsor!

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, presented two bursaries to graduating students from Notre Dame Catholic High School and Carleton Place High School at the June graduations. The chapter also donated to the Lanark County Therapeutic Riding Program to purchase new helmets for their participants. The 2023 IODE Jean Throop Book Award winning book, *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, was donated to the Carleton Place Public Library.

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, supported the purchase of t-shirts for the entire student body at Dresden Area Central School for a school initiative to give all the students a sense of belonging. The chapter also supported the school healthy snacks program by donating grocery gift cards. The Dresden Library received a donation for their Summer Reading Program and two craft programs. Eighteen Awards of Excellence were presented to graduating students at the local elementary school, as well as a General Proficiency Award and a Geography Award. A wide variety of awards and IODE certificates were presented at the 56th Annual Lambton-Kent Composite School graduation ceremonies.

IODE City of Lakes, Sudbury, donated a bursary to the Nursing Program at Cambrian College and the chapter also donated books for children in a grade 3/4 class in memory of a chapter member.

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, awarded the Isabel R. Pow Award and the Second World War Award to two graduating high school students. A student studying finance at the University of Guelph also received an award. The chapter supported several activities beyond the classroom, including the Kiwanis Music Festival and the high school curling team.

IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton, presented the Grade 8 Award at the graduation ceremony.

IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay, donated to the North Bay Regional Science Fair which supported students attending the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton. The chapter donated travel books to the local library in memory of a past member and was pleased to continue to offer scholarships and bursaries at Nipissing University and Canadore College.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, recognized a graduating student from Markham District High School with a History award.

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London, focussed their support for Hekima Place, a loving home for girls orphaned due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Kenya. The chapter also supported MI Understanding which partners with parents to navigate school education for a child with mental health challenges. Seniors and youth at the South London Community Resource Centre were supported with books and video games funded by the chapter.

IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, continued the tradition of presenting IODE History Awards to grade 8 graduating students of the schools within the City of London. In 2023, 43 awards were given. The chapter also supported two IODE Achievement Awards, with recipients receiving a 'FlipGive/IODE Shop to Give' Indigo gift card. The chapter awarded its Nursing Award to a graduate of Laurier Secondary School. A one-time Wellness Scholarship was given to a deserving student pursuing post-secondary studies in Niagara College's Broadcasting – Radio, Television and Film program with a goal of promoting youth advocacy. The chapter's 'Book for Every Child' initiative was able to contribute 43 books for children up to 14 years old.

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury, presented two students from the Sudbury Learning Disabilities Association with awards to assist with their post-secondary studies.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, presented a grade 8 History award to a student at a local elementary school. The award included an Indigo gift certificate, IODE Award Certificate, letter of congratulations, IODE brochure and an IODE bookmark.

IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter, Stratford, provided awards to individual students who have overcome a personal adversity during their time at school. Three awards were given to high school students and the fourth was given to a Stratford Chef School graduate. The chapter also purchased taxi vouchers for a family who needed rides to and from school.

IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton, donated snack bars, crackers and juice boxes to the local elementary school for the emergency snack program. They also donated winter boots and clothing to a school in the community of Pangnirtung, on Baffin Island, making use of Canada Post's free shipping Tuesdays.

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, purchased four books for the four local libraries, *Birds on Wishbone Street* and one book of *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, which were the IODE Jean Throop Book Award winners. They also purchased a Chromebook for a student.

IODE Holland Landing, Holland Landing, awarded a scholarship to a grade 12 student at Dr. Denison Secondary School. Two graduating grade 8 students received Chapters/Indigo gift cards. A donation was made to the Terry Fox Foundation in the name of the graduate who received the Holland Landing Public School Sheahan Hurricane Character Award.

IODE Honourable Malcolm Chapter, Sarnia, presented five awards/scholarships to seven secondary school graduates for exemplifying leadership, academic excellence and general proficiency. In honour of retired member Grace Moore, two bursaries were presented to graduates of the Adult School Within A College (SWAC) Program. Literacy initiatives were supported in Sarnia-Lambton with the donation of 90 books to the Literacy Lambton's 'Give a Book' campaign. The chapter also supported the Visiting Artists in Local Schools (VALS) project.

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, provided a bursary to a student proceeding into a health field from the adult learning centre at Burnhamthorpe Collegiate.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, was pleased to hear the winner of the Kiwanis Music Festival Award will be applying the award to his university tuition. The bursary funds for a community organization called Banff Avenue Community House allowed for two recipients in 2023. Four more students studying in a variety of programs at Carleton University also received bursaries.

IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa, presented bursaries to St. Mary's Home and Algonquin College again in 2023.

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, financially supported the graduation ceremonies at the two local elementary schools. The chapter also supported a graduate from the local high school who completed their major studies in Social Sciences and is entering a post-secondary institution with a bursary. These three schools also received financial support each year for education related expenses.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, presented three graduation awards to each of the four local elementary schools. At the local secondary school, the chapter recognized excellence in grades 9 to 12 in Art, History, Geography, and Senior Mathematics. An award was given for most improved student. The IODE Dora MacFarlane Award is named after a former member and was given for excellence in music. The Dr. Philip Dee Award for Biological Science was given to a student entering the Science field. The family of a former member donated funds to the chapter for any needs that grade 8 students had at the school where their mother had taught. IODE Jean Throop Book Award winning books were donated for the library at each of the four elementary schools.

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, presented two bursaries to graduating students. They also supported their local museum's educational programs, a local children's summer camp and music festival.

IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge, presented Awards of Achievement in English, Mathematics and Science to the elementary schools' graduates. They also presented scholarships for Mathematics, English and School Citizenship with IODE congratulation letters and IODE certificates at the local high school commencement in June. Members were pleased to receive letters of appreciation from each recipient. Each of the six local elementary schools received a gift certificate to purchase books in honour of the grade 8 graduating classes including IODE letters of congratulations. One chapter member purchased and donated the winning books of IODE Jean Throop Book Award and IODE Violet Downey Book Award to the local library.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, continued to support graduates at the local high school and two elementary schools. The chapter presented a book to every child entering junior kindergarten in September. Another fun project was supporting a drop-in centre called *The Playroom Experiment*, where youths can gather to play board and electronic games in a supervised space.

IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph, presented an award to a graduating student at each of the city's seven secondary schools. In addition, funds were received in memory of a member, Annie Armstrong, and a special music award was presented to a graduating student at one of the secondary schools. Chapter members enjoyed receiving letters of appreciation from several recipients. Donations were also made to the Kiwanis Music Festival and to the Guelph Public Library.

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, continued support of a graduate Communication Award at Sir Guy Carleton High School. The IODE Charlotte Parry Nursing Award was presented to a second-year nursing student at Algonquin College. This was the fourth year for the award.

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton, presented two elementary graduation awards, one for English and one for Community Service. Two grade 12 students from Peninsula Shores District School pursuing post-secondary education were awarded bursaries, and one grade 12 student received a university level English award.

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford, offered two scholarships each at Bradford District High School and Holy Trinity Catholic High School. The chapter also donated a variety of books to Empower – Bradford Early Learning Centre.

LEGACIES OF RETIRED CHAPTERS

IODE Hamilton Municipal Legacy

When the IODE Hamilton Municipal Chapter disbanded in 2012, the chapter turned its funds over to McMaster University to administer the following awards:

The Municipal Chapter of Hamilton IODE Legacy Bursary, \$5,063

This bursary was established in 2012 by IODE Hamilton Municipal Chapter in honour of their national women's charitable organization established in 1900, dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, youth, and those in need through educational, social service and citizenship programs. These bursaries are granted to students enrolled in Level III of any program with preference given to students who have graduated from a Hamilton secondary school.

The recipients for the 2022-23 school year were:

- Stanley Nguyen, Software Engineering Co-op – Faculty of Engineering, \$1,350
- Jordan Anderson, Nursing – Faculty of Health and Sciences, \$263
- Nagam Idreis, Bachelor of Commerce – DeGroote School of Business, \$1,150
- Matthew Lech, Civil Engineering and Society – Faculty of Engineering, \$1,150
- Milos Djuricic, Radiography – Faculty of Science, \$1,150

The Municipal Chapter (Hamilton) IODE Muriel Skelton Award, \$2,000

The Municipal Chapter of Hamilton, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, established this award in 1944. It is awarded to the student who attains the highest standing in a Level I History course.

The recipients for the 2022-2023 school year were:

- Norah Wilson, Justice, Political Philosophy & Law, \$1,000 (September 2022)
- Sara Marentette-Budgell, History, \$1,000 (September 2022)

The IODE Hamilton Martha Serrels Academic Grant, \$2,000

Established in 2010 by IODE Hamilton in memory of Martha Serrels. A variable number is awarded to students registered in a Commerce program in the DeGroote School of Business who attain a high sessional average and demonstrate financial need.

The recipients for the 2022-2023 school year were:

- Mohammed Abbas, Commerce Internship, \$1,000
- Ibrahim Hasan, Integrated Business and Humanities, \$1,000

The Daughters of the Empire Club, Hamilton Limited Bursaries, \$5,826

Established in 1996 in honour of The Daughters of the Empire Club, Hamilton, Limited (1911-1996) in support of its belief that all students should have the opportunity to pursue their educational aspirations. A variable number of bursaries are granted to students in financial need. Preference is given to women enrolled in the Faculty of Business, DeGroote School of Business.

The recipients for the 2022-2023 school year were:

- Kayla Kifumbi, Bachelor of Commerce \$1,150
- Aamna Kashif, Commerce Internship \$1,150
- Student, Commerce Internship \$ 76
- Danielle James, Commerce Internship \$1,150
- Student, Business 1 \$1,150
- Meital Sogaokar, Business 1 \$1,150

IODE Randolph Churchill Chapter, Blenheim, upon disbandment gave the Lambton-Kent District School Board approximately \$21,000. This money was invested and \$2,000 is awarded annually to a student from Blenheim District High School who is going to post-secondary education. Niya Brown was the **Randolph Churchill Chapter IODE Bursary** recipient for 2022 – 2023.

IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Chapter upon disbandment in 2020, donated \$90,000 to the Lambton-Kent District School Board to provide funding for ten bursaries or scholarships valued at \$1000 each for the next ten years to secondary school graduates within Lambton County who are pursuing a post-secondary education at a college or university.

Recipients for 2022 – 2023 were:

- **Honourable Pauline McGibbon Scholarship** – Elizabeth Mark, Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School
- **IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Scholarship** – Bryce Koolen, North Lambton Secondary School
- **IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Bursary, eight at \$1000 each:**
 - Emily Cain, Northern Collegiate & Vocational School
 - Mya Griffin, North Lambton Secondary School
 - Ella Jackson, Lambton Central Collegiate & Vocational Institute
 - Kaija Laakes, Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School
 - Jesse Morgan, Great Lakes Secondary School
 - Diego Pena Macias, St. Patrick's Catholic High School
 - Bethany Hornblower, SWAC award (School Within a College)
 - Taylor Owens, SWAC award (School Within a College)

Toronto Legacy Committee

At the end of 2013, the IODE Toronto Municipal Chapter disbanded. Chapter funds were transferred to IODE Ontario, the jurisdictional chapter, with funds administered through the Toronto Legacy Fund. Margo MacKinnon was the convenor for 2023. The members of IODE Toronto chapters met several times to discuss the continuance of the Toronto Legacy Committee. It was decided that the committee be retired, and the funds disbursed as per the Toronto members' approval. A motion has been prepared and will be announced at the Provincial Annual Meeting in April 2024. The IODE Jean Throop Book Award and the 'Tech is Central' Award fell under the Toronto Legacy Committee (TLC) and were funded in 2023.

IODE Ontario Jean Throop Book Award, \$5,000

The IODE Jean Throop Book Award is given annually in recognition of quality children's literature. The author and/or the illustrator must be a Canadian citizen residing in Ontario. The value of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award is \$5,000. The recipients for 2022 were author Paulette Bourgeois for her book *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and the book's illustrator Alex G. Griffiths. Professor Goose is Mother Goose's great-niece and takes the reader on a fun journey through a familiar fairy tale, but with a STEM focus. *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears* was published by Penguin Random House.

'Tech is Central' Award/ Central Technical Trade and Apprenticeship Award

Currently referred to as the 'Tech is Central' Award by the school, this award is valued at \$2,000 and is to be divided between two students enrolled in a recognized trade or apprenticeship program. The recipients of this award are chosen by the school. The names are forwarded to IODE and announced to the PEC each November. This award was not given in 2023.

DONATIONS TO IODE ONTARIO FUNDS

IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education

This fund was established in memory of a beloved IODE Provincial President. Thanks to the generosity of the IODE chapters who donate to the Lucy Morrison Memorial Education Fund, the bursaries are possible. Ontario chapters donated \$2,795 to this fund in 2023. Bursaries up to \$1,000 are awarded to post-secondary students at colleges and universities in Ontario who demonstrate financial need, have completed one full year of study and are Canadian citizens.

During 2023, five students received funding totaling \$3,500.

- **Colton Eddy**, in Honours Bachelor of Arts with a major in Indigenous studies in fourth year in the Teacher Education Stream at Trent University, \$1,000
- **Jessica Brar**, in Honours Bachelor in Business Administration in third year at the Schulich School of Business at York University, \$500
- **Jaime White**, in Bachelor of Arts, Honours Social Psychology in second year at McMaster University, \$500
- **Krystal Gray**, in Early Childhood Education in second year at Conestoga College, \$750
- **Josiah Heath**, in Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Biblical Studies and Theology/Philosophy in third year at Tyndale University, \$750

IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education: *Special Awards*

Annually, Special Awards are made to students in specific fields. The appropriate universities, colleges and schools are asked to nominate students for these awards.

Ontario College of Art and Design University (OCADU): \$1,000

This is awarded to a second or third year student selected by the school. In 2023, the recipient was **Mahir Siraj**, a third-year student in the Drawing and Painting program.

IODE ONTARIO AWARDS

Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE Bursary in Sociology, \$475

This bursary was established in 1997 as part of a Building Trust Endowment Campaign at Nipissing University in North Bay. The provincial government matched our contribution of \$5,000. The annual income is offered as a bursary to a full-time student in the third year of Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Program. The 2022 - 2023 recipient was Peter Wynne.

IODE Gladys Raiter Bursary for Graduate Study, \$5,000

This bursary, endowed by the Raiter family, is given to honour the memory of Gladys Raiter, an IODE member from the Kitchener-Waterloo region. It is offered to a graduate student at the University of Waterloo or Wilfrid Laurier University, or a resident of Kitchener-Waterloo studying at an accredited university elsewhere in Canada. Not awarded in 2023.

IODE Ontario William Barrott Bursary, \$1,000

In 2018, IODE Ontario received a letter from Mr. William Barrott who lives in Anacortes, Washington, U.S.A. He reported that as an engineering student at Queen's University about 1958/59, he received a \$1,200 bursary from an IODE chapter in Windsor. He wrote, "Needless to say this was like a million dollars at the time and helped immensely with the costs of my education." He thought that it would be nice to help a student from the Windsor area with his/her education. A cheque of \$5,000 was enclosed.

IODE Ontario is grateful to Mr. Barrott who donated another \$2,000 in 2021 to continue the award to 2025. Arrangements with the Greater Essex County District School Board were completed to present this award beginning in 2019 to a graduating student from a Windsor secondary school who is enrolled in an engineering program at a Canadian university. The award was presented in 2023 to Sean Holmes, a graduate from Walkerville Collegiate Institute.

IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM, \$10,000

Lois G. Laughren was President of IODE Ontario from 2001 to 2003. She had been a member of IODE since 1959 until her death in November 2010. As Lois and Ken had no children of their own, she gave generously to IODE. This donation allowed IODE Ontario to establish the STEM Award at Ryerson University for Women. This award is given to women who have completed at least one year of university and are pursuing a post-secondary education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM was a donation of \$25,000 that was matched through Toronto Metropolitan University's PACE (President's Awards to Champion Excellence) fund, giving a total of \$50,000. The award is offered to five women at \$2,000 each (\$10,000 annually) for a period of five years. The first STEM awards were presented in September 2019.

The award recipients chosen by the university for 2023, expressed their gratitude as follows:

- Mariam, 4th year, Biology, "As a woman in STEM, I have faced many challenges, but my passion for STEM and life sciences has allowed me to persevere... Once again, I greatly appreciate this award and am very thankful for the IODE Ontario."
- Sakina, 4th year, Business Technology Management, "Receiving the IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award not only validates the importance of women in STEM but also provides invaluable support. This recognition fuels my determination to contribute meaningfully and utilize technology as a catalyst for positive change in our communities."
- Mursal, 4th year, Business Technology Management, "Your scholarship has made a profound impact on my time at TMU. It has relieved financial burdens, allowing me to fully immerse myself in my studies, extracurricular activities, and internships."
- Samra, 4th year, Biomedical Engineering, "I extend my deepest thanks to the late Mrs. Lois G. Laughren, whose generosity not only opens doors for my academic growth but also serves as a beacon of inspiration."
- Raya, 4th year, Business Technology Management, "Thank you for investing in my potential and supporting women in STEM at TMU. I am eager to pay it forward through mentorship and advocacy."

WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

by Sandra Smith, Convenor

IODE Canada initiated the first War Memorial scholarships in 1918, honoring Canadians who sacrificed their lives for freedom and peace. Since the first scholarships were awarded in 1921, the IODE War Memorial scholars have made important contributions to Canada, in the world of medicine, science, business, politics and academia.

Today's applicants are reviewed on academic excellence, potential, in their second year of a PhD program at a Canadian or Commonwealth university and are Canadian citizens.

IODE Ontario War Memorial selection committee considers applications of scholars who received their first degree from an Ontario university. Seventeen Ontario universities were notified of this offering by email to their Graduate offices.

The internal committee reviewed 45 applications and 20 were forwarded to the committee professors for input. The committee recommended the top 10 candidates to the National War Memorial Committee for final selection which included other provincial chapter candidates. The committee was impressed with the calibre of Ontario PhD scholars forwarded to IODE Canada 2023.

The War Memorial Committee was thanked for the intense time given to read and review the applications for the scholarships. The committee members were Helen Danby, Michelle Batty, Lisa Cossar, Jo Brodie, Professors Drs. Stephen Veldhuis, Robert Fraser and Kara Smith.

At the 2023 National Annual Meeting, IODE Canada announced the winners of the three recipients for the IODE War Memorial Scholarships. The value of the awards was \$15,000 each. The recipients were:

- Bianca Bondi, studying at York University, Ontario, finishing a PhD in Clinical-Developmental Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology
- Rohit Singla, currently pursuing an MD/PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of British Columbia
- Karen Lok Yi Wong, finishing second year in PhD at the University of British Columbia School of Social Work

ADOPTED SCHOOLS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

by Aileen Reid

In 2023, schools in Northern Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador resumed classes. Sadly, because of the pandemic, some principals commented that the students were two to three years behind. As in past years, chapters in Ontario as well as individual members stepped up to meet the needs of these schools. Chapters continued to use Canada Post's free/discounted shipping every Tuesday in October to send their packages. Several classrooms bought supplies and then sent the bill to the IODE chapter. In return, chapters e-transferred or sent a cheque to the school for those items, thereby reducing the cost of shipping. Chapters continued to look for companies that offered free shipping before sending supplies. One company, called First Book Canada, offered books at a discounted rate to children in need and First Nations schools along with free shipping. Education Officers were encouraged to buy a membership, free of charge, to help offset the cost of books and shipping and to let their schools know about this company so they too could sign up and receive discounted books. All these cost-saving measures helped chapters give needed school supplies to the children in both Northern Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador.

IODE Ontario was this year's recipient of National's 'Share A Story...Bring A Book' project. All donations for this project went to three schools in Northern Ontario, namely Moosonee Public School in Moosonee, Thomas Fiddler Memorial School in Sandy Lake, and Samson Beardy Memorial School in Muskrat Dam. A variety of books including First Nations authors and stories were bought by these schools. One teacher thanked IODE by saying, "We are so excited about the prospect of new books to add to our school library and classroom libraries for the students to enjoy."

Fifteen chapters across Ontario, as well as two individuals supported forty-seven classes and 746 students in total for Northern Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador, at a cost of \$16,657 in 2023.

Here is a breakdown of the Ontario chapters and individuals who have Adopted Classes and/or schools in both Northern Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador in 2023.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, supported two grade 3 classes, totalling twenty-six children at Mushuau Innu Natuashish School in Newfoundland and Labrador. The chapter bought teacher supplies and educational materials that could be used for more than one year and that could be shared by the two teachers, such as high interest, low vocabulary books and a two-year subscription to *National Geographic for Kids*. In addition, the chapter sent thirty pairs of waterproof mitts, socks, hand knitted colorful hats and balaclavas. The chapter shipped seven boxes and took advantage of Canada Post's free shipping in October.

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Newmarket, supported a Kindergarten class of eight students at Labrador Straits Academy, Labrador.

IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Hamilton, sent a shipment of school supplies to Deer Lake but lack of communication with this school forced the chapter to adopt a new grade 3 class of twenty students at Kattawapiskak Elementary School in Attawapiskat, Ontario. Two parcels were shipped containing school supplies, Christmas snacks, treats and activities for the

children as well as a gift for the new teacher. This teacher sent pictures back to the chapter displaying the hats and holding the gifts.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, supported a grade 3 class of twenty-three students at Peacock Elementary School, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador. This year, the chapter shopped in August and took advantage of the back-to-school sales. The teacher confirmed receipt of twenty-three pencil boxes filled with coloured pencils, erasers, glue sticks, crayons, pencil with sharpener, markers, and tissues. Other school supplies along with seven scarves were also sent. Two Christmas boxes full of cookies, hot chocolate, crafts, and decorations rounded out the shipment for 2023. Canada Post's prepaid boxes reduced the cost of shipping for the chapter.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, continued to support twenty-two students in a grade 2 class at Amos Comenius Memorial School in Hopedale, Labrador. Five parcels were shipped in 2023, taking advantage of Canada Post's free shipping every Tuesday in October for two of the shipments. The Fall parcel included a 10 lb. bag of apples, cookies, Halloween candy, Rice Krispie squares and assorted treats. Christmas stockings, chocolates, crayons, colouring books, note pads, pencil crayons, markers, glue, rulers, stickers, construction paper, exercise books, paints, paint brushes, craft items, seasonal socks, toques, and mitts were also included in the packing. The teachers also received an IODE calendar, teacher notebook, sticky notes, and a scarf and toque set, a copy of *Echoes*, IODE bookmarks and IODE brochures.

IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter, Stratford, supported the grade 1 class of sixteen students at Lake Melville School, Northwest River, Labrador. The chapter sent four parcels to the school, one at Easter, Christmas, and again at the beginning and end of the school year to the children. These parcels included items such as colouring books, crayons, toques, gloves and socks, silly putty and other toys, buckets and shovels and candy.

IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton, struggled to communicate with the John C. Yesno Education Centre in Eabamet Lake. The chapter had hoped to send one parcel to the school with balls, skipping ropes, and clothing and delivered by the Ontario Provincial Police but was unsuccessful. The chapter will decide what to do in 2024.

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, supported a grade 1 class at Peacock Elementary School in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. In May, a box containing outdoor play items such as a Frisbee, sidewalk chalk, foam balls, markers and games was sent. The November packing included donated socks, mitts and some books. French books, bought by a member, were sent and shared with another school in that area.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, supported two classes at Lawrence Wesley School at Cat Lake, Northern Ontario, a grade 2/3 class, and a grade 5/6 class, totalling fifty-two students. A parcel was sent by the chapter in March and included packets of seeds and starter kits, outdoor equipment, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. In addition, three Christmas parcels were shipped. Photos have been requested by the chapter. For the second year in a row, a daughter of one of their members donated funds to help with shipping costs and another member continued to pay the National Geographic subscription for the grade 5/6 class.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, supported a K-12 school of eight students at St. Peter's School, Black Tickle, Labrador. The chapter sent nine parcels throughout the year. Five of those parcels were sent in October, taking advantage of Canada Post's free shipping Tuesdays. Parcels included school supplies, books, puzzles, games, snacks, classroom holiday decorations, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Hoodies, hats, gloves, and socks were also sent. Two large Christmas parcels included small gifts, treats, and flannel pajama pants for each child. There were two preschool-aged children on the island who received items in the Christmas parcel as well.

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, supported a kindergarten class of eleven students at Labrador Straits Academy, Labrador. Three packages were sent in March, September, and November. The parcels held many craft and art items for the students as well as items for the classroom that related to the appropriate season, treats, story books, pencils, erasers, markers, and a large floor puzzle of the map of Canada. Mittens and socks were included in the packing. There was good interaction between the kindergarten class and the chapter.

IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener, supported a grade 1 class of thirty-four students at Sheshatshiu Innu School in Newfoundland and Labrador. The parcels that were sent were acknowledged in writing and were needed. The chapter sent sixteen boxes of supplies over the past year to their class. These boxes included basic school supplies such as glue sticks, stickers, pencils, crayons, pens, paper, binders, paint, erasers, colouring books, magnets, toys, and white board markers, as well as craft materials, and games. Granola bars, candy, Ziploc bags, seeds, toothbrushes, Band-aids, and decorations were also sent for special occasions. In addition, toques, mittens, and socks that were requested were also sent.

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, virtual, adopted a grade 1 class of seventeen students at Kattawapiskak Elementary School in Attawapiskat, Ontario. Three parcels were shipped with items that were requested by the teacher. These items included motivational pencils, coloured pencils with sharpeners, cloth pencil cases, toothbrushes and toothpaste and water bottles for each student, and stickers. The chapter also wrote pen pal letters at Christmas to each of the seventeen students and the teachers shared some pictures of the students with the items.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, supported two schools in Northern Ontario. The first was Martin McKay Memorial School in Sachigo Lake and the other was Moosonee Public School in Moosonee. There were twenty-four classrooms and 363 students serviced by the chapter. Gift cards from Indigo Books, through IODE Canada's FlipGive program, were used to buy library books, particularly for younger students at Moosonee while Martin MacKay used the gift cards to buy computer programs for online books and educational resources.

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford, supported seventeen students in a grade 7 class at Jens Haven Memorial School in Nain, Labrador.

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton, supported Samson Beardy Memorial School in Muskrat Dam, Ontario, a K-8 school with fifty students by providing them with two yearly subscriptions, one for the *National Geographic Kids* edition and the other was the *National Geographic* for the library.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, member Lisa Cossar, continued to support a grade 1 class of twenty-two students at Peacock Primary School, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador. Canada Post's free shipping allowed Lisa to ship four parcels to the school for \$14.39 instead of \$127. These four parcels held school supplies, granola bars, hat/mitt/slipper sets for each student and teacher, as well as blank Christmas cards, stickers and IODE Jean Throop Award books. A letter was included with each parcel along with personal photos of life in Ontario.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, members Michelle Batty and her three granddaughters, (Amber, Bryauna, Eralyn Batty), supported a grade 2 class at Kattawapiskak Elementary School in Attawapiskat, Ontario. Three parcels were sent for Easter, Halloween, and Christmas which included 10 lbs. of apples, cookies, candy, craft items, twine, beads, feathers, glue, wire, exercise books, construction paper, pencil crayons, markers, crayons, rulers, stickers, socks, and toques. The teacher received a teacher's notebook, gloves, sticky notes, a copy of *Echoes*, IODE bookmarks and IODE brochures.

In total, \$16,657 was spent by chapters and two individuals (and their families) to support our Adopted Schools in Northern Ontario and in Newfoundland and Labrador. The cost of shipping these supplies was \$3,548, and even though the cost of shipping continued to rise and communication with schools and staff remained an issue for several chapters, the IODE women in Ontario were determined to help children. Members continued to ask for help in their communities, accepted donations and took advantage of Canada Post's free shipping every Tuesday in October to provide support for students. One IODE member reached out to her local school to partner with a class or two and asked the parent council if they would pay the shipping costs.

Primary chapter Adopted School officers met via three Zoom meetings in 2023. Education officers were able to share their stories, discuss difficulties, obtain information about shipping/cost savings and network. It is always so nice to hear what chapters have been doing for their adopted schools.

Hopefully, in 2024, IODE can continue to support the schools and that more chapters and/or individuals might like to adopt a class. Congratulations to all chapters and individuals who contributed to these Adopted Schools programs.

MEMBERSHIP

by Michelle Batty

Number of Paid-up Members as of 31 December 2022 (*per Treasurer*) — 747

Membership Activity In 2023:

Number of Members who did not renew	56
Number of Members Transfer FROM a Chapter	1
Number of Members Transfer TO a Chapter	3
Number of Paid-up NEW Members	47
Number of Paid-up Members as of 31 December	740

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, (26 members) membership is restricted to those who have a clear connection to the 48th Highlanders of Canada Regiment. The members hosted regular events including a Coronation and Chapter birthday parties and a Christmas luncheon.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, (32 members) have a thrift shop where new members are often recruited. They invited potential members and friends of IODE to meetings, especially when there was a guest speaker.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, (23 members) promoted membership by handing out bookmarks, brochures and flyers at events including the food drive, 105th Chapter Anniversary Tea, annual New-To-You clothing sale, Founder's Day lunch, IODE Awareness Week and the Ian Roy concert.

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Newmarket, (7 members)

IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto, (8 members)

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham, (12 members) had four lunch and field trip meetings.

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, (14 members) participated in a fall craft fair and FundScrip.

IODE Captain Nicola Goddard Chapter, Toronto, (4 members)

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, (16 members) worked together at bingos, the library programs, and the historical society. They participated in the month-long Dresden Christmas celebrations.

IODE City of Lakes Chapter, Sudbury, (13 members)

IODE Claremont Chapter, Hamilton, (8 members)

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, (29 members) promoted membership at the annual book sale. The chapter gave out IODE bookmarks and had a photo of the chapter with the caption, “Put Yourself in This Picture”.

IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton, (11 members) always had fun meetings and valued the long-time friendships. Each member’s input was valid.

IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay, (24 members) had a summer event at the Rotary picnic shelter, North Bay waterfront. Members decorated picture frames that were displayed in the Victory Thrift Shop window to celebrate 90 years of working together.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, (12 members)

IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter, Windsor, (9 members) met monthly by Zoom and in person. Friendship has kept the chapter going for 55 years strong.

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London, (3 members) volunteered at Ronald McDonald House and South London Community Resource Centre. Members engaged in knitting and quilting parties and had lunch and coffee meetings.

IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, (20 members) members stayed connected attending bi-weekly coffee at a local café. Members believed being visible in the community and in the media promoted IODE at events such as the book sale at Cherryhill Mall.

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury, (18 members) promoted membership at fundraising events such as bingo, Facebook and word of mouth.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, (27 members) found that the most successful way to increase membership is to personally invite new members to join and attend a meeting. Members were active at community events such as IODE Awareness Week display booth ‘Celebrating Women in Business’ and Alton Winery’s Soup Fest. Facebook posts tracked both chapter events and member achievements.

IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter, Stratford, (14 members)

IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton, (10 members) held five business meetings and two lunches. They participated in an evening fundraiser with **IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**.

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, (9 members) invited women to their social nights which was a great way to generate interest and recruit new members. A donation to the highschool sparked interest in a teacher considering joining the chapter.

IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing, (6 members) held all meetings by Zoom.

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, (17 members) held many events and participated in a large variety of activities and fundraisers where handouts are given. Guests were invited to the monthly meetings.

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, (22 members) kept members engaged by social events and working together on projects such as the garage sale and grooming bags.

IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham, (12 members) engaged members by sending regular emails and two to three luncheons per year, enjoyed by all.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, (45 members) handed out recruitment postcards at their four major fundraisers; Lady Grey Tea & Silent Auction, The New Edinburgh StreetFest, New Edinburgh Café & Treasures Sale and Linden House Theatre Company/IODE Laurentian Benefit Night. The chapter continued to work on the recommendations from the membership analysis and survey recruitment strategy.

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, (15 members) shared information on IODE at their successful geranium sales with about 300 customers and at the Rotary Ribfest and library.

IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa, (12 members) engaged members through service projects.

IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay, (11 members)

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, (68 members) shared on social media a professionally prepared chapter video. The chapter used local newspaper and radio to promote the Opportunity Shop features and highlights of community donations and awards such as the IODE House Tour, and a large donation to the Alexander Marine General Hospital.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, (39 members) promoted membership throughout the year at many events and fundraisers such as the spring flower sales, butter tart making and sales, placing memorial crosses in honour of veterans, and serving hot chocolate and cookies at Christmas in the Park.

IODE Rouge Valley Chapter, Pickering, (4 members) participated in social lunches and shared duties at bingo fundraising sessions.

IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter, Guelph, (9 members)

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, (12 members) members were engaged as many participate as officers. New members received a chapter booklet with member list, officer duties, chapter policies and by-laws, mission statement and summary sheet for each monthly meeting.

IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge, (6 members) highlighted the work of volunteers in the local newspaper and promoted that the chapter welcomes new members. IODE is the oldest service club in Uxbridge and remained active with the soup kitchen, Christmas display and grade 8 commencement awards.

IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener, (8 members) members gathered at in-person meetings and learned more about IODE activities across Canada.

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, virtual, (9 members) the new chapter, received referrals from both National and Provincial website inquiries. IODE Ontario newsletters were forwarded to prospective members who were invited to attend meetings to learn more about IODE. A Facebook page was developed and used to promote chapter activities.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, (33 members) activities and photos were covered by the weekly newspaper which included the Canada Day pancake breakfast, Pet Fest and Renaissance Festival. Members enjoyed getting together to make soup mixes and write cards to seniors.

IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph, (11 members) appreciated the support and assistance received from the Area Vice-President and Services Co-officer during the year.

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, (21 members) promoted IODE at a yard sale and celebrated the 30th Anniversary at a luncheon.

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford, (11 members)

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton, (10 members) dedicated members met by Zoom and had two lunch meetings.

IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville, (10 members) had a successful garage sale with great IODE signage.

IODE Ontario Membership Committee

The 2023-2024 Membership Committee was established in May and held three meetings. Introductory letters were sent to primary chapter membership officers.

Membership articles were included in the newsletters.

A special Zoom meeting for primary chapter membership officers was held on November 28, 2023 with 19 participants. Information was shared on forms, process for submitting new member forms, and completing annual reports. A robust discussion was held on recruitment and retention of members.

Much appreciation is extended to the membership committee members for their active participation and support in the development of the new virtual chapter, **IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**. The charter was granted on June 23, 2023 and a special bestowal event occurred on December 12, 2023. The chapter motto is 'Making a Difference Virtually'.

IODE Welcomed 45 New Members In 2023!

Lindsey	Lake	IODE 48 th Highlanders Chapter
Susan	Novak	IODE Angela Bruce Chapter
Rosemarie	Buzmion	IODE Angela Bruce Chapter
Ling	Chen	IODE Angela Bruce Chapter
Deanna	Baker	IODE Bemersyde Chapter
Andrea	Conte	IODE Bemersyde Chapter
Lyndsey	Davis	IODE Bemersyde Chapter
Mary Jane	Dickenson	IODE Captain Hooper Chapter
Carol	Tomaszewski	IODE Captain Hooper Chapter
Melissa	Brown	IODE Catherine McVean Chapter
Shala	Sayer	IODE Catherine McVean Chapter
Delia	French	IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter
Elise	Denis	IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter
Olivia	Lobban	IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter
Rosanne	Waugh	IODE Freelton Chapter
Lori	Ashdown	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter
Carol	Dunseith	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter
Maureen	Grimwood	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter
Samantha	Dira-Vanden Branden	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter
Barb	Dobson	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter
Susan	Carruthers	IODE Laurentian Chapter
Pamela	Mackenzie	IODE Laurentian Chapter
Janice	Dampier	IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter
Robyn	Kirkpatrick	IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter
Elizabeth	Smith	IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter
Wendy	Smith	IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter
Nancy	Connor	IODE Manitou Chapter
Lynn	Bidner	IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter
Jennifer	Love	IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter
Wendy	Petersen	IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter
Brenda	Bricker	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Penny	Errington	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Gloria	Hedley	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Kimberley	Payne	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Mary Lou	Pizzey	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Eveleen	McDonagh	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Irena	Przybyła	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Marilyn	Turner	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter

Heather Joy	Ross	IODE Maple Leaf Chapter
Janet	Anstead	IODE Stirling Chapter
Catherine	Bates	IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter
Karen	Murray	IODE Val Griffiths Chapter
Sandra	Quick	IODE Val Griffiths Chapter
Diane	Gilbertson	IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter
Eloise Kim	Bateman	IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter

2023 Membership Awards

First Place with **9** new paid-up members:

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich

Second Place with **5** new paid-up members:

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

Third Place with **4** new paid-up members:

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville

Honourable Mention to Chapters who installed one to three new members in 2023 were:

- Three Members: IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville
 IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford
 IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia
- Two Members: IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place
 IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden
 IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa
 IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester
- One Member: IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto
 IODE Dr. Mary Innis MacDonald Chapter, Markham
 IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton
 IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay
 IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas
 IODE Trillium Chapter, virtual
 IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph
 IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford

2023 Life Memberships

IODE Ontario Chapter, Hamilton, presented Provincial Life Memberships to Services Co-officer Gloria Saunders, and Aileen Reid, Assistant Education Officer (Adopted Schools), at the Provincial Annual Meeting.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, presented Shirley Ann Elms with a Primary Life Membership in February, 2023.

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, presented Alia Klein with a Primary Life Membership in October, 2023.

Chapter Anniversaries

*The following chapters celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2023.
IODE Ontario recognizes them with a congratulatory letter and certificate.*

IODE Kent Regiment, Chatham	April 1913	110 yrs.
IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford	April 1918	105 yrs.
IODE Angela Bruce, Oakville	June 1933	90 yrs.
IODE Stirling, St. Thomas	May 1948	75 yrs.
IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick, Windsor)	Dec. 1968	55 yrs.
IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Hamilton	May 1978	45 yrs.
IODE Walter Baker, Nepean/Kanata	June 1988	35 yrs.
IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester	April 1998	25 yrs.

IODE Members' Years of Service

Throughout the year, IODE primary chapters recognized members for various years of service. IODE Ontario, when notified, sent letters and certificates of congratulations to primary chapter members. We celebrated and thanked members for their dedication to IODE and their communities. (Years of service pins are available from IODE Canada for 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years.)

IODE Years of Service Pins were presented to:

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, members:

- 10 years: May Surtees, Lynda Thomson
- 20 years: Gail Cherrington, Wendy Cato
- 50 years: Maureen Campbell

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Bradford, members:

- 30 years: Janice Langlois
- 10 years: Cathy Andrews and Amy Seilis

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, members:

- 30 years: Sheila Peters
- 45 years: Diane Splaine
- 50 years: Dee Sinclair
- 55 years: Teresa Shaw

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, members:

- 10 years: Marie Carter, Karen Melton, Emma Richards
- 20 years: Kris Kearney-Richards and Laurie Dunlop

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, members:

- 5 years: Robin Chamberlain, Janet Fisher, and Margaret Macklin
- 10 years: Michelle Batty, Georgette Parsons and Sharon Prouse
- 20 years: Linda Gryner and Norma Hains
- 30 years: Sheila Brown, Linda James and Mavis Schmid

- 40 years: Edna Braithwaite, Pat Charpentier, Ann Hitchins and Betty Stephenson
- IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, members:
- 30 years: Jo Brodie, Jeannette Maule, and Susan Sibbitt
 - 20 years: Barbara Adair, Valerie Blais, Elanor Brodie, Elizabeth Dale-Harris, Pippa Halliday, Jose Hamilton, Mary Tyler, and Ros Weeks
 - 5 years: Binda Amorim, Katie Burke, Sheila Collins, Cheryl Dudley, Bea Hampson, Me Hong, Karen Leslie, Susan Lillico, Liz Roberts, Deborah Shortt, Dorothy Stanyar, and Laura Young

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, members:

- 40 years: Marilyn Maxwell and Sandra Voisey

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, Barbara Nauss for her 30 years.

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, members:

- 5 years: Haroldeen Sandercock and Judy Watson
- 25 years: Debbie Button
- 30 years: Mary McFadden

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, members:

- 5 years: Kelly Campbell, Rosemary Carson-Rees, Jeanette Dawitschek, Shelley Doherty, Kim Ferris, Eda Greydanus, Tracy Maguire, Susan Pye, Jane Shelter, and Kathy Wilson
- 30 years: Ilene Hamilton
- 50 years: Johnie Strickland

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia members:

- 5 years: Laura Black, Joanne Brand, Connie Moore, Annette Parker, Ginny Williams, and Janet Hext
- 10 years: Angela Sheppard
- 20 years: Barb Stewart, Linda Shannon, Pat Traichevich, Phyllis Sutherland, and Suzanne Sutherland
- 30 years: Helen Danby, Jane Stevenson and Wendy Loosley
- 40 years: Jean Windover
- 50 years: Eula Evans

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, members:

- 10 years: Stephanie Meyer
- 20 years: Sue Stephens
- 40 years: Norma Chicoine
- 25 years: Sharon Haffner, Ann Halsema, Jane Ledgley, Anna Marie Thorn

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, members:

- 5 years: Linda Price and Kate Calhoun

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford, members:

- 15 years: Aynsley McMillan
- 20 years: Courtney Elliott
- 25 years: Pat Winnacott
- 30 years: Margaret Canavan
- 35 years: Marcia Gaudet

SERVICES

by Virginia Reade & Gloria Saunders

TOTAL VALUE OF SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR 2023	\$564,850
Equipment and Furnishings	63,959
Clothing/Bedding/Towels/Layettes (Provincial & community donations)	200,777
Camperships/Sports Equipment	5,400
Service Animals/Animal Shelters	8,689
Books, Toys, Computers	13,520
Medical, Dental, Vision and Emergency Aid	10,341
Food	142,435
Miscellany	38,766
Services Work Not Reported Elsewhere	52,307
Donations to Provincial Funds	
Provincial Services Fund	2,327
Footwear For Kids	1,375
Christmas Toys	905
CARD	4,100
Provincial Shipping	1,590
Donations to National Funds	
National Services Fund	1,160
Snack Pack	16,049
Canadian Disaster Relief	1,150

The value of Services work in 2023 increased by \$73,000 over 2022. One main focus of chapters was food insecurity. Financial and tangible donations to food banks, school breakfast programs, homeless shelters, etc. doubled from that of 2022.

IODE Ontario primary chapters were generous once again to the provincial packing room with donations of knitting, clothing and footwear. Seventeen primary chapters donated items valued at \$41,833 and were packed into 103 boxes for sending to remote Northern Ontario Indigenous nursing clinics and schools. On behalf of IODE Canada, 30 boxes were packed for Nunavut and Labrador communities. The OPP Indigenous Team and NAPS (Nishnabee Aski Police Services) Officers took 33 boxes on behalf of IODE and also distributed 20 bags of winter clothing, boots, medical supplies and bedding in communities where there was a need.

Clothing and medical supplies were donated to Ukrainian refugees and some supplies given to a Ukrainian Church that was collecting supplies and clothing to fly to Ukraine. It was a heart-warming experience to meet a family that assisted refugees getting settled in Canada. Donations of knitting, toys, yarn and clothing were also received from the public who found out about IODE Services work on the IODE Ontario website and asked about needed donations.

In September, more than 350 art kits for children and youth were put together by provincial officers and convenors to go into the Christmas parcels. Also, 57 Christmas gift bags were crocheted/sewn by chapter members and friends of IODE. These bags were filled with hair brushes, lotions, jewellery, etc. for the Christmas parcels.

At the 2023 Provincial Annual Meeting, the 2023/2024 Services project was announced; 'New Beginnings, A Mom and Baby Shower'. Since that announcement, chapters have delivered filled gift bags for babies, baby blankets/quilts, baby clothing and grooming products to the provincial office. The new moms are also receiving gift bags, lotions, soaps and hair accessories. The project will wind up at the 2024 Provincial Annual Meeting.

Communicating with primary chapter services officers remained a high priority. A Services Newsletter was sent in May which included the 2022 Services Annual Report, announcement of the 2023 Provincial Services project and other pertinent information. In the Fall of 2023, a new initiative was undertaken which was the emailing of items of interest to primary chapter services officers. This email contained excerpts from the Services reports presented to the Provincial Executive Committee each month.

After reading the primary chapter Services annual reports, it was clear that chapters had resumed their busy service activities with the relaxation of COVID restrictions. Listed below are some of the many projects chapter members participated in.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, donated pajamas to a women's shelter in North York.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, focused on helping to alleviate food insecurity by donating to multiple food banks and shelters.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, donated funds to several community organizations; food bank, hospice, shelter, church and Community Care for their programs.

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Newmarket, focused on alleviating food insecurity.

IODE Bridlewood Chapter, Toronto, provided funds to the Agincourt Community Centre Services Association to support the lunch program, food bank and replenish the IODE clothing cupboard (socks, underwear, toiletries).

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham, recognized the increased need for food assistance in the community, took the organizer of a pantry feeding program shopping, and filled half a pickup truck bed with food.

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, purchased new helmets for a therapeutic riding program.

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, worked on many special projects including a trail restoration, provision of lights and materials for a 'Tree of Tribute', assistance to the local archives and a local Legion program.

IODE City of Lakes Chapter, Sudbury, provided toiletry items for a hospital emergency department, a mental health organization and a hospice.

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, assisted a local family that had a house fire by providing gift cards from Home Hardware.

IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton, donated clothing, toys, household items and good grooming bags to the Salvation Army, Interval House and the provincial office for shipping to northern communities.

IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay, created 185 quilts, of which 97 were given to veterans and 88 were donated to the local Health Centre Foundation.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, with a donation from '100 Women Who Care', supported the 'Guardians of the Children Toronto Chapter' which assists children who have been abused, by attending court cases and providing clothing, food, outings and counselling.

IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter, Windsor, focused on food insecurity.

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London, provided assistance to food programs, including a baby food bank, breakfast programs, community kitchen and a Christmas party for young moms.

IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, focused on homelessness and food insecurity by providing 20 tents for those needing shelter and donating to multiple organizations for food provisions.

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury, donated to five different food banks in the Sudbury area.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, donated to a summer snack program organized by two high school students and to breakfast programs in area schools.

IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton, focused on filling good grooming bags which were delivered to the provincial office for distribution to the nursing clinics in Northern Ontario, Nunavut and Labrador.

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, focused on donating clothing.

IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing, made several donations to the Salvation Army which included appliances, kitchen equipment, clothing and bedding.

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, donated 74 pairs of gym shoes to elementary schools.

IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, continued support for The Redwood, a women's/children's shelter with food vouchers and the Youth Without Shelter's Stay in School program with an annual dinner, medallions and prom tickets for graduating students.

IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham, created 131 wheelchair caddies which were given to long-term care residences, a retirement home and a community living home.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, provided equipment and furnishings to a women's shelter for children's programs, to Banff Avenue House which provides programs and services to a social housing community, and to the Youth Services Bureau to fund an apartment for youth at risk.

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, addressed food insecurity with donations to Salvation Army hampers, a food bank and snack packs.

IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa, dedicated many hours to making quilts, donating 35 children's quilts to a daycare, 18 baby quilts to an unwed mothers' home, two quilt tops to a quilt guild and several tiny quilts for new babies to a hospital.

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, donated books and toys to the local library, a women's shelter and a Christmas program.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, donated proceeds from the sale of 1500 knitted catnip pouches to the local Humane Society. These pouches were knitted by one chapter member living in a long-term care residence.

IODE Rouge Valley Chapter, Pickering, provided food donations to local food banks and shelters.

IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter, Guelph, focused on food insecurity in the community, bringing non-perishable food items to chapter meetings and purchasing grocery gift cards.

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, donated equipment, furnishings, clothing and food to several organizations in the community.

IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge, made a donation for baby clothes and supplies to the Sunrise Pregnancy and Family Support Services.

IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, Kitchener, donated large quantities of food to the local food bank.

IODE Toronto Legacy Fund, under the auspices of IODE Ontario, supported the Community Association for Riders with Disabilities (CARD) with funds to care for and feed the horses.

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, virtual, donated a large quantity of medical supplies (bandages, gauze, scissors, abdominal pads, etc.) to IODE Ontario. These supplies were distributed to the OPP for nursing clinics in Northern Ontario and to a Ukrainian church for shipment to Ukraine which is in desperate need for medical supplies.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, interacted with seniors in the community by playing piano at long-term care homes, spending many hours visiting and making Valentine cards for the seniors in the area plus volunteering at many community events.

IODE Victoria Guelph, Guelph, participated in the Adopt-A-Family Program through the Children's Foundation of Guelph, providing clothing, toys and gift cards for a family of three.

IODE Walter Baker Chapter, Nepean/Kanata, received clothing and household items from two major stores which the chapter then sorted and distributed to several charities in Ottawa.

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Warton, provided Christmas gifts for seniors through the Salvation Army.

IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville, filled 46 Christmas bags which were delivered to seniors who do not have family or visitors.

STANDARD BEARER

by Kathryn Weston

IODE Province of Ontario Chapter, Hamilton, has the Canadian flag, which was present at all hybrid and Zoom meetings, as were the table standards. The Union Jack was present but not displayed.

Thirty-five chapters submitted reports. The details are provided below:

Number of chapters with table standards:	33
Number of chapters with Canadian flag:	29
Number of chapters with Union Jack:	18
Number of meetings at which flags were present:	219
Number of other occasions the flags were displayed:	36

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, has table standards and those were present at the three meetings held in the Officers' Mess at the Moss Park Armoury.

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. All flags were in place for the nine monthly meetings held at Maple Grove United Church.

IODE Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. The Canadian flag was present at all eight chapter meetings and at the chapter's 105th Anniversary celebration held at St. John's United Church Hall along with the Union Jack. The two floor standards were also in place for the funeral of a chapter member.

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Newmarket, has table standards and the Canadian flag, which were present at the three chapter meetings.

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham, has table standards which were present at six chapter meetings.

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, has table standards which were present at eight chapter meetings and at the chapter information table during the Craft Fair on October 28th.

IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack which were present at seven chapter meetings. The Canadian flag and the Union Jack were present at the Remembrance Day Service and the funeral of a chapter member.

IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgeway, has table standards and the Canadian flag which were present at eight chapter meetings. The Canadian flag was present at four events during 2023; the funerals of two chapter members, the community Remembrance Day memorial service and the Remembrance Day parade.

IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Markham, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack which were present at three chapter meetings.

IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter, Windsor, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. The table standards have been displayed at eight chapter meetings.

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, London, has table standards and the Canadian flag. They were present at four chapter meetings.

IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. The standards were present at most of the nine meetings held in 2023 and also present at the chapter pie making events.

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. The table standards were present at eight chapter meetings.

IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack, which were present at five chapter meetings.

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, has table standards and the Canadian flag which were present at eight chapter meetings.

IODE Holland Landing Chapter, Holland Landing, has table standards and the Canadian flag. The table standards were present at all four chapter meetings.

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, has table standards, the Canadian flag, the Corporate flag and the Union Jack which were present at 11 chapter meetings and at the Founder's Day luncheon organized for the three Sarnia-Lambton chapters. The IODE Corporate flag was displayed at the funeral of a long time member. The standards were also on display when chapter members gathered to pack backpacks for local schools.

IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham, has table standards, the Canadian flag, the Corporate flag and the Union Jack. The flags were not present at chapter meetings which were presently being held in local restaurants.

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa, has table standards which were present at five chapter meetings and the Lady Grey Afternoon Tea fundraiser. A Union Jack was present at the Annual General Meeting and at the Lady Grey Afternoon Tea which was named after the woman who founded the chapter.

IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack which were present at ten chapter meetings.

IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack which were present at eight chapter meetings.

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, has table standards, the Canadian flag, the Corporate flag and the Union Jack which were present at eight chapter meetings and five events. The IODE and Canadian flags were used at the Goderich Volunteer Recruitment Fair. The IODE

Corporate flag was used during a citizenship award presentation. All flags were displayed at a D-Day celebration which featured a meal typical of what would have been served during WWII. In November, the Canadian flag was displayed at a Remembrance Day church service and at the cenotaph.

IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the IODE Corporate flag. The table standards were present at nine of the 11 meetings held, including the Annual Meeting. The Corporate flag was flown twice at the Town Hall, for Volunteer week (also the Chapter Anniversary month) in March and in October for IODE Awareness Week.

IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter, Guelph, has table standards and the Canadian flag which were present at six chapter meetings.

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack which were present at ten chapter meetings and the two events of Decoration Day at a cemetery in June and Remembrance Day at the Veterans' Memorial Park.

IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter, Uxbridge, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. They were present at the seven virtual meetings held in 2023.

IODE The Princes Michael & Richard Chapter, Kitchener, has table standards and the Canadian flag. The table standards were present at five chapter meetings.

IODE Trillium 2023, Virtual, has table standards which were presented to the new chapter at the bestowal meeting by IODE Ontario Standard Bearer Kathryn Weston on December 12, 2023.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, has table standards and the Canadian flag. The table standards were present at 10 chapter meetings. The Canadian flag was present at the Canada Day pancake breakfast, a fashion show and a Remembrance Day service.

IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack, which were displayed at ten chapter meetings and the 35th Anniversary meeting. The standards were conveyed to the funeral of a member but not put on display as it was a family affair.

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford, has table standards and the Canadian flag which were displayed at four chapter meetings.

IODE White Cloud Chapter, Warton, has table standards and the Canadian flag which were displayed at nine chapter meetings. At one luncheon meeting, the table standard was surrounded with flowers.

IODE Yellow Briar Chapter, Orangeville, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack which were on display at nine meetings and a garage sale.

**PAST PRESIDENTS
of
IODE ONTARIO**

Margaret Burkholder	1920 – 1928
Edith Griffin	1928 – 1931
Victoria Creet	1931 – 1932
Lucy Morrison	1932 – 1940
Mrs. W.K. Foucar	1940 – 1941
Mrs. Ryland H. New	1941 – 1944
Mrs. Lionel H. Millen	1944 – 1948
Mary Brown	1948 – 1952
Miss Jeanne Knapman	1952 – 1959
Elizabeth Morrison	1959 – 1969
Julia Craik	1969 – 1972
Evelyn MacKay	1972 – 1976
Cecila Furness	1976 – 1979
Jean Throop	1979 – 1982
Marcia Dalton	1982 – 1985
Catherine Christmas	1985 – 1987
Noreen Salari	1987 – 1990
Dianne Clarke	1990 – 1992
Marie Locke Westgate	1993 – 1995
Ruth Ann Butler	1995 – 1997
Patricia Fabian	1997 – 1999
Christine Bateman	1999 – 2001
Lois Laughren	2001 – 2003
Lynda Rivard	2003 – 2005
Sandra Smith	2005 – 2007
E. Anne Mason	2007 – 2009
Bonnie Rees	2009 – 2012
Karen Barker	2012 – 2015
Renate Schuetz	2015 – 2019
Linda Gryner	2019 – 2022