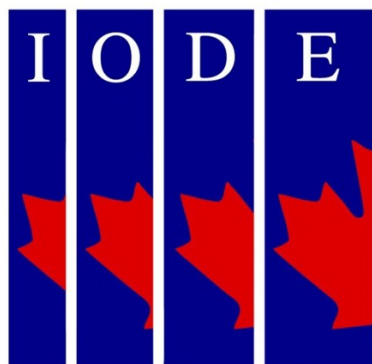




**IODE ONTARIO**

**2024 ANNUAL REPORT**



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**“Rockin’ the Decades”**

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## **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.”

## **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 Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) in the Provincial Chapter of Ontario, assembled in person and virtually in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, on the occasion of their 105<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting, once again affirm their loyalty to you, our beloved King.

We pray for the return to good health of Your Majesty as well as your beloved daughter-in-law, Her Royal Highness, Catherine, Princess of Wales. May God speed a return to full vitality for you both.

Warm wishes are extended to Her Majesty Queen Camilla, His Royal Highness, William, Prince of Wales, and all members of the Royal Family. May they continue to provide you with their undying love and support.

Our members celebrate and salute your commitment and dedication to lifelong service, however heavy the burden. Your Majesty is an inspiration to all of your subjects in the United Kingdom and across the Commonwealth of Nations. May your influence on many laudable issues, such as environmental awareness and world peace, continue to grow in favour among the leaders of the nations and peoples everywhere.

The members of the IODE Provincial Chapter of Ontario proclaim this Resolution of Loyalty to Your Majesty with utmost sincerity.

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 Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) in the Provincial Chapter of Ontario, assembled in person and virtually in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario, on the occasion of their 105<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting, once again affirm their loyalty to you as the 30<sup>th</sup> Governor General of Canada and as Representative of His Majesty, King Charles III, King of Canada.

Warm wishes are extended to your husband, His Excellency Whit Grant Fraser, your three children and all members of your family. May their love and devotion continue to uphold you in your desire to fulfil, nay, exceed the expectations of your formidable Office.

We are inspired by your mandated priorities of reconciliation, mental health, environment, youth and diversity and inclusion. May your influence in these matters continue to grow in favour among the people of Canada to the benefit of us all, but particularly Indigenous Peoples.

We commend your New Year's Message for 2025 to encourage "*Canadians to treat their mental health with the same care as their physical health*". This issue has resonated with IODE members for many years and resulted in several mental health initiatives, particularly among children and teens.

The members of the IODE Provincial Chapter of Ontario proclaim this Resolution of Loyalty to Your Excellency with utmost sincerity.



Greetings to

## **THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO**

**The Honourable Edith Dumont**

May it please Her Honour:

The members of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE) in the Provincial Chapter of Ontario, assembled in person and virtually in the City of Hamilton, on the occasion of their 105<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting, once again send fond Greetings to you as the 30<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and as Representative of His Majesty, King Charles III, in Ontario.

Warm wishes are extended to your husband, Tony Viscardi, your three children and all members of your family. May their love and devotion continue to uphold you in your desire to fulfil, nay, exceed the expectations of your formidable Office.

Your laudable career in education resonates with our members, as education is one of the cornerstones of IODE's aims and we count many teachers among our members. We commend your goals to build relationships, strengthen communities, create collaborative teams, and advocate for diversity, inclusion and the celebration of *la francophonie*. May your influence in these matters continue to grow in favour among the people of Ontario.

The members of the IODE Provincial Chapter of Ontario extend these Greetings with utmost sincerity and affection.

## **HONORARY PATRON TO IODE ONTARIO**

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario  
The Honourable Edith Dumont

## **HONORARY VICE – PRESIDENTS 2024 – 2025**

Marty Dalton	London
Marie Westlake	Norwood
Ruth Ann Butler	London
Patricia Fabian	Waterloo
Chris Bateman	Queensville
Lynda Rivard	Simcoe
Sandra Smith	Pain Court
E. Anne Mason	Vancouver
Bonnie Rees	Waterloo
Karen Barker	Toronto
Renate Schuetz	Owen Sound
Linda Gryner	Plympton-Wyoming

## **PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBERS 2024 – 2025**

Mary K. Anderson	Tory Garfat
Karen Barker	Linda Gryner
Chris Bateman	E. Anne Mason
Eleanor Bentley	Gail McDiarmid
Jeannette Boyd	Donna O'Reilly
Jo Brodie	Virginia Reade
Ruth Ann Butler	Aileen Reid
Debbie Button	Bonnie G. Rees
Marty Dalton	Lynda Rivard
Helen Danby	Caroline Rodgers
Sheila Dearing	Gloria Saunders
Sheila DeJaegher	Renate Schuetz
Shirley Ann Elms	Sandra Smith
June Elviage	Ruth Stokes
Eula Evans	Barbara Vivash
Patricia Fabian	Marie Westlake

## **PROVINCIAL OFFICERS 2024 – 2025**

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
Treasurer	Debbie Button, London
Citizenship	Kathryn Weston, Sarnia
Communications	Ashley Bonnell, Toronto
Education	Lisa Cossar, Norwood
Assistant Education	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 2024 – 2025**

Eastern Ontario	Susan Sibbit, 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	Karen Barker, Toronto

## **CONVENORS 2024 – 2025**

Archives	Helen Danby
2025 Annual Meeting	Michelle Batty, Betsy Thompson
Bylaw	Donna O'Reilly
Life Membership	Shirley Ann Elms
Nominating	Norma Chicoine
Social Media	Ashley Bonnell
Voting	Michelle Batty, Betsy Thompson
War Memorial	Sandra Smith



## PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS 2024 – 2025

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	CHAPTER	CITY
Pam	Ainscough	IODE Headwaters, Orangeville	Tottenham
Garna	Argenti	IODE Kent Regiment, Chatham	Burford
Karen	Barker	IODE 48 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders	Toronto
Jo	Brodie	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
Debbie	Button	IODE Confederation	London
Jan	Casbourn	IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron	Sarnia
Lisa	Cossar	IODE Bemersyde	Norwood
Karen	Dalton	IODE Eldon House	London
Helen	Danby	IODE Margaret Stokes	Petrolia
Susan	Davis	IODE Claremount	Hamilton
Sheila	DeJaegher	IODE Kent Regiment	Chatham
Shirley Ann	Elms	IODE 48 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders	Stayner
Jayne	Little	IODE Honourable 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
Kathy	Newnes	IODE Eldon House	London

Donna	O'Reilly	IODE Freelon	Hamilton
Virginia	Reade	IODE Freelon	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
Susan	Sibbit	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
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.*

Lorna Dean	National President 1972—1974
	Don Mills & Canadian Centennial, Toronto
Dailey Lee Anderson	Stirling, St. Thomas
Nan Brien	Kathleen Drope, Toronto
Patricia (Pat) Caldwell	White Cloud, Warton
Maureen Campbell	Angela Bruce, Oakville
Rosemary Carson-Rees	Maple Leaf, Goderich
Freda Dean	Victoria Guelph, Guelph
Lorraine Fraser	Angela Bruce, Oakville
Emily Elizabeth (Libby) Gibson	Dr. H. A. Bruce, North Bay & Haileybury, Haileybury
Audrey Harris-Gaunt	Walter Baker, Ottawa
Pat Harding	Kent Regiment, Chatham
Mavis Heming	Victoria Guelph, Guelph
Jean Hof	Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Hamilton
Marguerite (Marnie) Holloway	Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia
Suzanne Longpre	Royal Wyndham Chapter, Guelph
Iris Mary Lowe	Humber Valley, Toronto
Margo MacKinnon	Bridlewood & Rouge Valley, Toronto
Joyce MacTavish	Catherine McVean, Dresden
Margaret McRae	Dr. N. A. McCormick, Windsor
Daphne Mayne	Manitou, North Bay
Ulrike (Rikki) Miller	Kathleen Drope, Toronto
Diane Myre	City of Lakes, Sudbury
Helen Reid	Val Griffiths, Dorchester
Linda Shannon	Margaret Stokes, Petrolia
Patricia Stringer	Maple Leaf, Goderich
Geraldine (Gerry) Turner	48 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Toronto

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Helen Danby*

Over the past three years, I have had the honour of being your Provincial President. It was a pleasure to personally meet so many primary chapter members and experience the comradery of IODE members across the country through interaction at Annual Meetings on the Primary, Provincial and National levels and through the Provincial Executive Committee and the National Advisory Committee.

Thank you for the privilege of working closely with a great team of officers, convenors and councillors who guided IODE Ontario wisely and have moved forward through the years.

The year, 2024, was a year of change. IODE members met in-person and virtually at the Provincial Annual Meeting graciously hosted by IODE Maple Leaf Chapter in Goderich. It was wonderful to again personally meet members and socialize wearing our work-clothes for 'Building the Future'. IODE Ontario members took this to heart and in 2024 we had 53 new members. It was wonderful to have the National President Jane Cushing attend.

Special thanks are extended to the Provincial Officers who worked numerous hours in sorting, packing and moving the Provincial office items and information into storage as the IODE Ontario office moved to a virtual platform. Special mention is given to Lynn Hughes, the office Administrative Assistant who was key in assisting with this move, as well as Services Officer, Virginia Reade.

With the office being virtual, a change to Provincial Services was needed. Clothing and other items that were shipped to Northern Ontario and Labrador communities could no longer be stored. The Provincial Services Co-Officers and primary chapters were able to work together to 'connect' with remote nursing stations in Northern Ontario. This revision enabled IODE Ontario members' assistance to continue by sending requested items to the Northern Ontario communities directly.

IODE Ontario has proposed a modification to the voting process for our Provincial Councillors to allow any interested IODE member who wishes to be on the Provincial Executive Committee to be a councillor. The motion for the general membership consideration is part of today's agenda and will be finalized with the vote.

In 2024, IODE Canada offered workshops to all members. The National Officers listened to chapters officers' concerns regarding the annual reports and the role of each office. Primary chapters were well represented, and the exchange of ideas and solutions were helpful to all.

I leave you with a message to be IODE Proud and Loud. Tell your community and beyond about the difference your chapter has made for a better Canada through education support, community service and citizenship programs. Invite new members to join to keep IODE as an integral part in each community. As a member who believes in IODE, invite new members to ensure IODE's continuation for another 125 years.

I welcome Michelle Batty, our new Provincial President and wish her team success and all the best as they lead IODE Ontario forward into 2025 and IODE's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

# 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 2024. A special meeting was held in July to discuss the future of the Provincial office at 45 Frid Street in Hamilton. Most of the meetings were held as hybrid with two winter meetings as Zoom only.

A two day in-person/hybrid Provincial Annual Meeting (PAM) was held in Goderich. Four internal management and officer/convenor meetings were held. Numerous committees under the leadership of the Officers and Convenors also met several times by Zoom.

## At the IODE Ontario Office

The activity at the Hamilton office continued at a busy level. Many members utilized the premises to help organize Services donations and to pack for the northern communities. 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 written and circulated by President Helen Danby with the assistance of Lynn Hughes. These newsletters were 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.

## Messages

The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario agreed to serve as Honorary Patron of the Ontario Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE). The length of honorary patronage is for the duration of Madame Dumont's tenure as Lieutenant Governor. Past Provincial Presidents expressed appreciation for their appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter.

Messages of concern or sympathy were sent to members during their times of illness or bereavement. Letters of Congratulations and certificates were forwarded to members celebrating years of service in IODE.

## The President on the Road

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

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

- March: **IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- May: **IODE Confederation Chapter**, Ridgeway – 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- May: 124<sup>th</sup> National Annual Meeting, Lieutenant Governor Tea in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- June: **IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- September: **IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia – 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- November: **IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich – Christmas Home Tour
- December: **IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia – Christmas lunch meeting

## Primary Chapters

Thirty eight primary chapter secretary reports were received. The majority of chapters were able to participate in hybrid monthly meetings from four to twelve times throughout the year.

Most chapter's fundraising events were held frequently with many creative ideas on how to raise funds for their projects. The following are some of the ways and means they raised funds for their causes:

- **events:** garage sales, craft/bake sales, bazaars, Christmas home tours, BBQs, walk-a-thons, consignment shops, afternoon teas, game nights, fashion shows, pancake breakfasts, soup fests and FundScrip (online gift cards)
- **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, Purdy Chocolates, pies, butter tarts, soups, home preserves, books and crafts,
- **other:** raffles, 50/50s, bingos, auctions, grants, personal member donations

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

food banks	youth centres	museums
breakfast programs	libraries	Christmas food hampers
women's shelters	literacy programs	youth sport teams
legions, poppy funds	adopted schools	literacy programs
hospices	long-term care homes	church programs
hospitals		

Personal care 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, IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education and the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration Fund.

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 from the reports received.

**IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, raised some funds from the sale of IODE rings that were used to send deployment kits to Highlanders overseas. The chapter adopted the Swanson Mekanak Northern Ontario nursing station.

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, held two sales at their Op Shop for which they were well known in the community. A new endeavour this year was a Student Art Show and Sale.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, held an annual 'New to You' clothing sale and Christmas planter fundraiser. A donation was made to the Campbellford Memorial Hospital foundation which was matched and tripled. Two primary Life Memberships were awarded to President Betsy Thompson and Secretary Lisa Cossar. Six members were recognized with an Ontario Volunteer Service Award.

**IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter**, Chatham, supported 24 different projects in the county through funds raised from volunteering at Bingo. Guest speakers from Theatre Kent in Chatham spoke about the possibility of a partnership between the chapter and the theatre, however, this partnership was not attainable.

**IODE Captain Hooper Chapter**, Carleton Place, held an event to recognize the recipient of the IODE Provincial Police Community Relations Award – OPP Lanark County, Carleton Place Detachment. The chapter also partnered and donated to the Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society which runs the Beckwith Heritage Museum.

**IODE Catherine McVean Chapter**, Dresden, recognized members contributions from HVP Mary Whitson and Honorary President, Linda Weiss.

**IODE City of Lakes Chapter**, Sudbury, assisted the local Hospice with a substantial donation that was fundraised from the return of pop cans and metal items to the local metal recycling plant every two to three months.

**IODE Confederation Chapter**, Ridgetown, celebrated its 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and invited Provincial President Helen Danby to present several 10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 years of service pins. Annually in December the chapter makes and sells turkey pies and tourtieres.

**IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**, Hamilton, held their annual games night fundraiser to honour member Jean Hof, who knitted and sewed thousands of items for the northern communities as a long-time member of IODE. The chapter dedicated one meeting at the Hamilton office to assist in Provincial toy packing.

**IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter**, North Bay, received significant donations in memory of member Libby Gibson and funded two bursaries for Bachelor of Science Nursing students.

**IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter**, Markham, received funding in 2023 from '100 Women Who Care' to assist 'Guardians of the Children' resulting in private donations in 2024.

**IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter**, Windsor, had a member qualify for a volunteer grant from her place of employment. Annually funds were raised through Purdy's Chocolates.

**IODE Edith Benson Chapter**, London, supported the Hekima Place Orphanage and School with an annual donation, and the White Oaks Baby Food Bank.

**IODE Eldon House Chapter**, London, held a bridge marathon fundraiser from September 2023 to June 2024. Some of the fundraising supported March Break Camps and a Breakfast Program.

**IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter**, Sudbury, celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with members of IODE City of Lakes Chapter in Sudbury.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Lambton County chapters on a river boat cruise. Three local schools and a community centre received 45 native trees due to a chapter member's generous donation.

**IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter**, Stratford, held its Annual Planter Sale with the sale of 342 planters, 62 lettuce bowls and 69 herb tins available for Mother's Day. As a new fundraiser, 'Soup Surreal', the chapter in conjunction with a local restaurant sold 253 frozen soup containers.

**IODE Freelton Chapter**, Hamilton, continued to share Games Night with IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton. A guest speaker spoke about women in engineering and the Mechatronic Systems Engineering Program.

**IODE Headwaters Chapter**, Orangeville gave a substantial donation to the local hospital to help purchase a Mammography Specimen Radiography System. The chapter had a speaker from the Women's Shelter who spoke about the educational programs that they offer in the local schools.

**IODE Holland Landing Chapter**, Holland Landing, raised funds and promoted IODE through weekly drop in Pickleball during the months of May, June and September to December.

**IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and donated substantial funds to six women furthering their education in non-traditional trades. Once again, the chapter supported and sponsored a local shelter by participating in the Canadian National's Coldest Night of the Year event.

**IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter**, Toronto, presented Citizenship Awards to four grade 5 students who reflected excellent citizenship qualities in the classroom. The chapter continued to support their adopted class in Happy Valley Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador.

**IODE Kent Regiment Chapter**, Chatham, continued to support the 'Gathering Our Heroes' project, a school nutrition program and provided children's activity boxes to the local hospital.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, hosted Charlene's Tea which honoured Charlene Sibbit, a chapter member for over 60 years. Substantial funds were donated to the Inuuqatigiit Centre, IODE Canada's Snack Pack, the Banff Ave. Community Centre, Youth Services Bureau 'Room to Grow' program and the Cat Lake program.

**IODE Lorraine Chapter**, Ottawa, held fundraising luncheons to provide donations to assist St. Mary's Home for pregnant youth and young families.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, continued to operate its consignment shop. At a chapter meeting they enjoyed a presentation by Julie Sando from the University of Windsor who was in the process of making a film about IODE.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a fundraising luncheon attended by local chapters and dignitaries at a local theatre. Additional fundraising continued with the inaugural 'Hauntings and Historical Tour' of local homes.

**IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter**, Guelph, held its annual garage sale which the chapter is known for in the community.

**IODE Stirling Chapter**, St. Thomas, donated to many organizations including the YMCA and a museum. The chapter continued with yearly fundraising events of bingo, BBQs, card party night and garage sale.

**IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter**, Uxbridge, as an annual activity since 1935 laid a wreath at the Uxbridge Cenotaph which was built in 1935 with funds raised by the Susie Sorabji Chapter under the leadership of Mrs. Mabel Sharpe, widow of Colonel Sam Sharpe who died after WWI.

**IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter**, Kitchener, funded the construction of the statue of Queen Victoria in Victoria Park, Kitchener and cared for a bench in the same park. The chapter does not carry out any fundraising activities as the members make cash donations and goods in kind. Many hand-knitted items are donated by members. A Canadian flag was donated to the Kitchener Legion in the past for the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, virtual, had four new members join which brought the membership to 13. The chapter adopted both a classroom and a nursing station in the same northern community. One member is a retiree whose company participated in the Benevity program. Through this benefit, the company donated funds to a charity of the employee's choice when that person has completed volunteer hours that year.

**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, welcomed four new members and presented two members with their five year service pins and three members with Ontario Volunteer Services Awards (OVSA). The chapter continued to support their two northern community schools.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, continued to gather donations from two large stores and sorted, redistributed and delivered items to 10 different groups. A chapter member shared her pictures and spoke about her two month world trip/cruise with highlights from Kenya in Africa.

**IODE West Gwillimbury, Chapter**, Bradford, had four meetings on the second Tuesday of the month.



**IODE White Cloud Chapter**, Wiarton, donated a bench at the IODE garden in Bluewater Park to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022. The chapter continued to provide quilts that the Wiarton Salvation Army distributed with their Christmas Mission Program.

**IODE Yellow Briar Chapter**, Orangeville, was known for its library basket fundraiser. They continued to fundraise with a Mother's Day basket raffle and garage sale.

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

## **104<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting**

In 2024, the annual meeting was held Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, as a one-day event from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Goderich, Ontario as hybrid and hosted by IODE Maple Leaf Chapter. The theme was 'Building Our Future'. The meeting was well attended by 84 members from 26 primary chapters including 13 first time attendees and six guests.

Business was as usual during the morning session which included greetings from Co-Regent Heather Stewart of IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich and National President, Jane Cushing. Reports were presented by the Provincial Secretary and Treasurer. Both the National and Provincial Councillors voting results were given. As a very dedicated IODE member, Treasurer and Bookkeeper, Debbie Button was presented with a life membership. A slide presentation of the future of Provincial Services concluded the morning session.

The afternoon session included the presentation of the IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award, membership awards and the presentation and installation of the Slate of Officers for 2024 – 2025.

Something out of the ordinary this year was a membership panel of experienced officers from five IODE chapters across the province that provided their interesting personal information and thoughts about IODE by answering five questions given to them prior to the meeting.

## **Highlights**

### **Provincial Life Memberships**

These awards are granted for outstanding service to IODE over a number of years. A life membership is the highest honour bestowed upon a member by their peers. In 2024, one member, Debbie Button was chosen to receive a Provincial Life Membership.

Debbie Button joined IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgeway in 1998 holding numerous primary chapter positions including Secretary, Education Officer and President.

In 2018, Debbie was elected as a Provincial Councillor and after two years as an active member of the Provincial Executive Committee, she accepted the many challenges that the Treasurer's position presents. As an Accountant, she demonstrated her natural leadership skills as she chaired the Internal Management and Finance Committee meetings.

Her monthly travel to the office was a testament to her dedication to IODE. The Provincial Chapter is the beneficiary of Debbie's enthusiasm and expertise in the world of accounting.

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

The 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IODE Jean Throop Book Award was presented via Zoom by Convenor, HVP Karen Barker of IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto.

The \$5,000 IODE Jean Throop Book Award for 2024 was presented to *Odd Couples, A Guide to Unlikely Animal Pairs* written by author Maria Birmingham and illustrated by Raz Latif. *Odd Couples* is very interesting and informative, and the illustrations are vibrant and complement the text.

The author, Maria, who resides in Brampton attended the meeting in person. She is a longstanding contributor to the OWL and Chickadee Magazine and an award-winning author of several books for young people. Raz Latif, the illustrator was unable to attend and accepted his award by Zoom.



### **IODE Police Community Relations Award**

Since 1979, the IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award has recognized the contributions made, by outstanding members of the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) in communities across Ontario. Beyond the scope of their professional duties, they actively volunteer in their communities often initiating programs where they see a need.

Officers volunteer in many capacities including in fund raisers for specific projects. This year a detachment of eight members was chosen. Lanark County OPP – Carleton Place. The detachment has proved to be a wonderful asset to the community of Carleton Place through their dedication to providing activity space for youth in particular, to working collaboratively with the Parks and Recreation Department and for devoting many off duty hours to improve the relationship between the residents and the police.

To show the appreciation of IODE Ontario, the detachment received a plaque, certificates of appreciation and a cheque in the amount of \$750.00 to the chosen named charity, Lanark County Food Bank – The Hunger Stop. IODE Captain Hooper Chapter in Carleton Place held a reception in June and celebrated the community relations award.

## **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	40	38	\$967,237	\$974,097

There were 688 paid-up members in Ontario on 31 December 2024.

The Finance Committee met March 10, 2025 to review the 2024 audited financial statement and in November 2024 to prepare the budget for 2025. The committee endeavoured to be realistic in anticipating both revenue and expenditures. The Provincial Executive Committee approved the 2025 budget at the February 13, 2025 meeting. The 2025 Provincial Budget is on page 19 in this report for information only.

IODE Ontario is grateful for the generous donations from individuals and chapters to the IODE Donors Circle during 2024. Those donations of \$16,449 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 closing of the office will result in significant reduction of operating expenses.

The investment portfolio of The Provincial Chapter of IODE Ontario realized an increase of \$63,953 in fair market value on 31 December 2024. The balance in the investment account was \$590,807 on 31 December 2024. We continue to receive excellent advice from investment advisor Yves Apel of CIBC Wood Gundy.

**PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF IODE ONTARIO  
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**Revenue**

Provincial per Capita \$25 (650 members)	16,250
Chapter Annual Fees (2025 - 36 chapters)	900
PEC Fees and contingency (40 councillors)	1,400
Annual Meeting	1,000
Donors Circle - anticipated donations	3,000
Administration/Recovery fees	<u>9,335</u>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,885</b>

**Expenditures**

Rent	7,200
Property Tax Rebate	0
Meeting room rent	500
Insurance	250
Computer	1,000
Office Supplies	1,000
Photocopier Maintenance - no copier after office closed-	
Postage	1,000
Phone & internet	1,500
Bookkeeping	0
Salaries and CPP/EI	23,000
Audit	7,750
Bank Charges	100
President's Account	1,000
Representative to NAM	500
Annual Meeting	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$45,800</b>

**Income / (loss) over Expenditures** **(\$13,915)**

**Transfer from investments** **\$13,915**

**IODE ONTARIO**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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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 balance sheet as at December 31, 2024, and the statement of revenue and expenses, statement of changes in fund balances 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, 2024, 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, 2024 and 2023, current assets as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2024 and 2023 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 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.

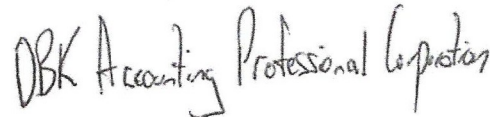
## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

### *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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## IODE ONTARIO

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Operating fund 2024	Internally Restricted 2024	Endowment 2024	Externally Restricted 2024	December 31 2024	December 31 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>						
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Cash	\$ 23,025	\$	\$	\$	\$ 23,025	\$ 21,763
Accounts receivable	2,047				2,047	1,634
GST/HST receivable	5,972				5,972	3,978
Prepaid expenses	2,053				2,053	2,787
	<u>33,097</u>				<u>33,097</u>	<u>30,162</u>
<b>INVESTMENTS (Note 3)</b>	85,612	52,163	342,826	110,206	590,807	624,891
	<u>\$ 118,709</u>	<u>\$ 52,163</u>	<u>\$ 342,826</u>	<u>\$ 110,206</u>	<u>\$ 623,904</u>	<u>\$ 655,053</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities (Note 4)	\$ 8,578	\$	!	\$	\$ 8,515	\$ 7,981
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
<b>BALANCE</b>	110,131	52,163	342,826	110,206	615,326	647,072
	<u>\$ 118,709</u>	<u>\$ 52,163</u>	<u>\$ 342,826</u>	<u>\$ 110,206</u>	<u>\$ 623,904</u>	<u>\$ 655,053</u>
Approved on behalf of the board						
President,		<u>Treasure</u>	<u>U</u>			

## IODE ONTARIO

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Operating fund 2024	Internally Restricted 2024	Endowment 2024	Externally Restricted 2024	December 31 2024	December 31 2023
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Investment income (loss)	\$ 8,465	\$ 5,073	\$ 34,246	\$ 16,168	\$ 63,952	\$ 49,106
Donations	22,339				22,339	19,918
Fees	19,069				19,069	20,331
Provincial annual meeting revenue	8,780				8,780	1,230
Restricted funds				11,325	11,325	13,015
Toronto legacy fund income						500
Other revenue (loss)	588				588	581
Administration fee revenue	5,491				5,491	8,273
Play It Forward revenue						96
	<u>64,732</u>	<u>5,073</u>	<u>34,246</u>	<u>27,493</u>	<u>131,544</u>	<u>113,050</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Grant		2,478			2,478	2,633
Insurance	773				773	715
Office and general	6,844				6,844	1,610
Office salaries	21,936				21,936	21,344
Postage and courier	407				407	295
Professional fees	7,435				7,435	7,382
Provincial annual meeting	7,622				7,622	1,302
Rent	30,430				30,430	16,248
Restricted expenses	158			35,551	35,709	32,369
Telephone and utilities	2,769				2,769	2,473
Toronto legacy fund expense				40,228	40,228	4,429
Travel and accommodation	<u>6,659</u>				<u>6,659</u>	<u>7,932</u>
	<u>85,033</u>	<u>2,478</u>		<u>75,779</u>	<u>163,290</u>	<u>98,732</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ (20,301)</u>	<u>\$ 2,595</u>	<u>\$ 34,246</u>	<u>\$ (48,286)</u>	<u>\$ (31,746)</u>	<u>\$ 14,318</u>



**IODE ONTARIO**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Operating fund 2024	Internally Restricted 2024	Endowment 2024	Externally Restricted 2024	December 31 2024	December 31 2023
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 104,886	\$ 49,568	\$ 334,626	\$ 157,992	\$ 647,072	\$ 632,754
Excess (deficiency) of revenues <i>over</i> expenses	(20,301)	2,595	34,246	(48,286)	(31,746)	14,318
Fund transfers (Note 5)	<u>25,546</u>		<u>(26,046)</u>	500		
BALANCE, ENDING OF YEAR (Note 7)	<u>\$ 110,131</u>	<u>\$ 52,163</u>	<u>\$ 342,826</u>	<u>\$ 110,206</u>	<u>\$ 615,313</u>	<u>\$ 610,072</u>

**IODE ONTARIO**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ (31,746)	\$ 14,318
Change in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	(413)	3,165
Prepaid expenses	734	(761)
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	600	(4,695)
GST/HST receivable	<u>(1,994)</u>	<u>(1,736)</u>
	<u>(32,819)</u>	<u>10,291</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in investments	<u>34,084</u>	<u>895</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	1,265	11,186
Cash, beginning of year	21,760	10,574
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 23,025</u>	<u>\$ 21,760</u>

# IODE ONTARIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 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 (2023 - 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.

## IODE ONTARIO

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 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

	2024	2023
Mortgages and bonds, interest rates from 5.5% to 7.25%, due 2025	\$ 193,908	\$ 119,261
Mutual funds	138,161	210,616
Principal at risk notes	258,738	295,014
	\$ 590,807	\$ 624,891

#### 4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	\$ 8,368	\$ 7,625
Government liabilities	209	356
	\$ 8,577	\$ 7,981

#### 5. FUND TRANSFERS

In 2024, the Provincial Executive Committee approved a fund transfer of \$26,046 from the Hewitt Bequest Fund to the Operating Fund, multiple fund transfers totaling \$500 from the Operating Fund to the Externally Restricted Fund, and approved a fund transfer from the Toronto Legacy Fund \$58,766 to the Jean Throop Book Award Fund and \$25,795 from the Toronto Legacy Fund to the Central Technical Award Fund.

## IODE ONTARIO

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

#### 6. DUE TO 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.

	2024	2023
Funds collected	\$ (47,383)	\$ (67,516)
Amounts remitted	47,383	67,516
	\$	\$

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

	2024	2023
Internally Restricted:		
Lois Laughren	\$ 52,163	\$ 49,568
	52,163	49,568
Externally Restricted:		
Services Equity	11,585	13,627
Footwear Equity	4,773	5,353
Citizenship Equity	3,821	4,331
Communications Equity	353	728
Special Rep Equity	1,862	2,956
LMMF	7,295	8,135
Northern ON Equity	94	40
Christmas Toys	4,738	5,523
Services Shipping	14	4,086
Jean Throop Book Award	54,873	
Central Technical Award	20,796	
Toronto Legacy Fund		113,211
	110,204	157,990
Endowment Fund:		
Hewitt Bequest	254,500-	254,500
Gladys Raiters	88,326	80,126
	342,826	334,626
Total	\$ 505,193	\$ 542,184

#### 8. LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

2025	\$ 6,990
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# IODE ONTARIO

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

### 9. 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*

This past year, there were several inquiries to the archivist regarding information relating to relatives and events in IODE history.

- The daughter of Mrs. M. Andrew Kavosi (Anne), inquired as to what role her mother had in the IODE Havelock Chapter in Woodstock.
- The great granddaughter of Florence Eastman was informed that she was a member of the IODE Colonel By Chapter, Ottawa.
- A daughter-in-law of Mary Withell, an IODE member, had an invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary Gooderham's Chapter signed by E. Margaret Bowlby.

Chapter information continued to be forwarded for recording and archival storage such as boxes of IODE information from the family of Worthy Kruspe who had joined IODE A.M. Overholt Chapter, Brantford in 1965 and had scrapbooks and information from the treasurer, secretary, and membership officers as well as the Brantford Municipal Chapter.

Dr. Donald Nicol had received an IODE award in 1963-64 in grade 6 from Orchard Heights Public School in Mississauga. He mentioned that he continued to get his PhD and was a professor of English at Memorial University, Newfoundland, for 40 years.

A cookbook, *Favourite Recipes, Book # 3* (1949) from the IODE Lady Grey Chapter, Fort William was sent to IODE Ontario by the daughter of Ruth Bastedo, who lived in Marathon.

Another cookbook, *Conservation Cookbook* (1918) compiled by IODE Valcartier Chapter, Saint John, New Brunswick, was donated by Penny Murray of IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich.

Chapter minutes are the permanent record of the proceedings of a general, executive or committee meeting and should be kept in a suitable book with numbered pages. They are to be kept in perpetuity and stored in local archive, museum, historical society or library.

Please don't forget to let your Provincial Chapter Archivist know where chapter information is stored.

The IODE Ontario database includes over 59,100 names of Ontario IODE members' names from 760 Chapters. Thank you to members who have submitted articles and membership lists that date back to the early 1900's.

# CITIZENSHIP

*by Kathryn Weston*

<b>Totals for all chapters that responded:</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Dollar value</b>
Total Volunteer Hours:	104,507 @ \$15/hr	\$1,567,605
Total Volunteer Hours by Friends of IODE:	2,434 @ \$15/hr	\$ 36,510
United Nations Peacekeeper Bar:	0	
Canadian Forces Bar:	0	
Promoting Cultural Events:		\$ 3,800
Participation in Citizenship Court:	0	
Presentation of flags:	3	\$ 120
Donations to Indigenous Communities:		\$ 8,200
Number of Other Citizenship Activities:	97	\$ 36,576
Donations to Local Community Services:	27	\$ 12,663
Donations to Provincial Citizenship Fund:		\$ 145
Donations to National Citizenship Fund		\$ 190
Assistance to Canadian Forces:	1	\$ 200
Number of Presentations of Wreaths	21	\$ 1,816
Number of Community Fire, Police and EMT Awards:	2	\$ 825
Number of Good Citizenship Awards:	13	\$ 1,426
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	0	
Chapters Participating in Provincial Volunteer Service Awards	10	
Chapters Participating in National Volunteer Service Awards	Not known	
<b>Total Dollar Value of Citizenship Programs</b>		<b>\$ 65,961</b>
<b>Total Dollar value with Volunteer Hours</b>		<b>\$1,670,076</b>

Report forms were received from thirty-five chapters. Some confusion remained about how to complete the various categories and at least one chapter put citizenship funds in the services report for their chapter. Chapters did a better job in tracking their volunteer hours; however, hours were lower by 14,000 this year as many chapter members are not able to do as much as they age. The value of Citizenship Programs this year was \$65,961 almost double the amount from last year. For interest's sake, the total number of volunteer hours was multiplied by \$15.00, and the value of those hours was \$1,567,605, plus non-members \$36,510. This makes the total value of Citizenship efforts \$1,670,076.

### **Provincial Chapter of IODE Ontario, Hamilton.**

The IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award was presented to the Carleton Place Detachment. Twelve years ago, members of the Detachment saw a need in the community for improving a patch of vacant land adjacent to the detachment. This space had become a site for loitering and vandalism. Several officers, including Provincial Constables Bob Hawn, Brent Stevens, Beth Hollihan, Joe Tereschuk, Paul Ross, Jean Marc Baronette, Steve Rothwell and Community Sgt. Robert Croth set up a temporary ice rink to provide a gathering place for members of the community, particularly the youth. It drew many community members who interacted with officers both on-duty and off-duty. The original intent was to promote physical activity with youth and positive team building within the detachment. This worked well for several years during the winter, however, during the rest of the year the problems resurfaced. The officers searched for ways to establish a permanent outdoor facility and in December 2021, the team prepared a detailed strategic plan and budget for a year-round, free outdoor recreation facility which would also promote a positive relationship with the police. Community stakeholders, including the Detachment Commander, Police Service Board, Council Members, Recreation Managers, corporate businesses, not for profit organizations and residents were



all eager to support this effort. No capital funding was available. Canadian Tire and the Jump Start program made a large contribution to the project. The community rallied behind the project through podcasts, community bingos, social media pages and media interviews. The team of officers sacrificed a great deal of personal and family time to see the project through. All officers contributed to the fundraising efforts. These efforts resulted in the raising of \$260,000 in just eight months. The park is now a permanent outdoor sports complex with rink boards, hockey nets, basketball nets, a pickle ball court, cameras, lighting and a shelter. It hosts a variety of events throughout the year, such as 'OPP skate with a Cop Day', basketball and hockey games, after school programs, community festivals and concerts.

This initiative enabled OPP officers to interact with the public on a grass roots level and ensured crime prevention using the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) model. It was a significant and well used landmark in Carleton Place and demonstrated the commitment by the OPP officers to the community in which they live and work. The award consisted of a plaque for the detachment, certificates for each of the named officers and the detachment, and a cheque for \$750.00 to be given to the charity of choice. The officers chose the Lanark County Food Bank - The Hunger Stop to receive this much needed donation.



**Remembrance Day:** Thanks were extended to Lori Graf, of IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter in Hamilton, who marched in the parade to the Gore Park Cenotaph and laid a new wreath on behalf of IODE Ontario. At the November meeting, two minutes of silence was held after which the Citizenship Officer read a poem written in 1918 by Moina Michael, an American who advocated for the poppy to be the symbol of remembrance. The poem was written in response to Lt-Col. John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields.

**Christmas Cards to Overseas Service Members:**

Several chapters sent Christmas cards to service members overseas: Postage is not needed. The address is: Any Canadian Armed Forces Member, PO Box 5004 Station Forces, Belleville, ON, K8N 5W6

**Note: Chapter members who received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (OVSA) in 2024 are listed separately following this report.**

**IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, had 4,263 volunteer hours. Volunteers met via Zoom. Many volunteer hours were provided to church functions, answering children's letters to Santa, assisting at military functions and museums as well as the Warriors Day Parade Council. One member volunteered with the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Acts of kindness included gardening, shopping, house cleaning and providing outings for seniors, knitting preemie hats, giving time to the Hamilton Police Service 'It's a Kids' Christmas event, and visiting veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital. A

wreath was laid on Remembrance Day at the Regimental Cenotaph on behalf of the Chapter. Four members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (OVSA).

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, had no recorded volunteer hours. Members attended the Remembrance Day Service at Georges Square and laid a wreath. The chapter invited two speakers from Sheridan College to talk about a newly created Indigenous student space on the Oakville campus. The membership approved a donation to the space by purchasing a Two Row Wampum Belt and a Hiawatha Wampum Belt which were significant to Sheridan College and requested by the College. Chapter members were invited to share in Truth and Reconciliation and art making workshops throughout the fall and into 2025. The chapter hosted a clothing swap in collaboration with Environmental Defence which also included a speaker talking about the problem with plastics and fast fashion. Some members and their spouses supported a performance of *Something Rotten* at Sheridan Theatre, which was enjoyed by all.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, had 6,110 volunteer hours and 24 non-member volunteer hours. Christmas carolling at two local long-term care facilities provided entertainment to the residents. Christmas cards were sent to troops overseas. The IODE Parkette along the Trent Canal was maintained along with many other activities. Donations of books were made to the local library and school. Acts of kindness included connecting with shut-ins, driving citizens to appointments and working at two food banks. Member Deanna Baker organized, crocheted, and sold hats for the local hospital foundation raising almost \$11,000. A wreath was laid by President Betsy Thompson at the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph. Six members were nominated for the 2024 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

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

**IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter**, Chatham, had 1,315 volunteer hours. One member worked at the annual Water Festival which taught grade 4 and 5 students about environmental awareness regarding conserving water. The chapter promoted health and safety through articles in the local newspaper five times a year. A wreath was laid at the local Remembrance Day Service. Two members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**IODE Captain Hooper Chapter**, Carleton Place, had 4,216 volunteer hours. The chapter continued to support the Carleton Place and Beckwith Museum as a member of the Carleton Place and Beckwith Historical Society. A wreath was laid at the Remembrance Day Service at the Carleton Place Cenotaph. It was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cenotaph. One hundred and fifty seniors received Christmas cards from the chapter that were distributed through the Meals on Wheels program. Mary Cook's 70 years of membership was celebrated with a luncheon attended by her family, chapter members, the Provincial Area Vice-President and members of the press. The Chapter held a reception for the Carleton Place OPP detachment to celebrate the IODE Police Community Relations Award. The local therapeutic riding program received a saddle and blanket. Six members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**IODE Catherine McVean Chapter**, Dresden, had 1,409 volunteer hours and 380 non-member volunteer hours. The chapter continues to support a large number of Thai temporary migrant workers at two local greenhouses to make them feel welcome and a part of the community. The workers were also included in Dresden Shines, a Christmas celebration. The migrant workers reported that they felt more welcomed and included in the community and they reciprocated by volunteering to decorate, provided dance demonstrations and invited members to their cultural celebrations at the local Buddhist Temple. The Dresden History Group was supported by the chapter through volunteer work, and three major research projects: a documentary film 'Dresden 1857', a book about women's recreation, *Pursuing Play* and a book on the Black History of the community entitled *In the Light of Dawn*.

**IODE Confederation Chapter**, Ridgetown, had 3,000 volunteer hours and 48 non-member volunteer hours. Good citizenship awards were given to students graduating from Grade 8. The grounds in

Cenotaph and Memorial Park were maintained by the chapter members. A wreath was laid on Remembrance Day. Financial support was provided for several community agencies including Four Counties Health Services for emergency room medical equipment, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance for diagnostic imaging, the Chatham-Kent Hospice and the Public Library summer reading program and a vacation bible school. The Christmas Purse project for women at the Chatham-Kent Women's Centre provided 20 new or nearly new purses filled with toiletries and treats. A local quilters group received money to support the making and donating of over 200 quilts to various charities. Guest speakers were booked for six chapter meetings on a wide range of topics from Rondeau Provincial Park to a card making workshop.

**IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**, Hamilton, had 2,964 volunteer hours. Many members either hosted or attended Canada Day celebrations and displayed the Canadian flag at their homes and cottages. It was a great honour for a member who laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day service at the Gore Park cenotaph in Hamilton on behalf of the Provincial Chapter.

**IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter**, North Bay, had 5,619 volunteer hours. Donations were made to several local organizations including the Canada 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 McCormick Chapter**, Windsor, had 1,365 volunteer hours.

**IODE Edith Benson Chapter**, London, had 1,210 volunteer hours and 48 non-member volunteer hours.

**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, had 100 volunteer hours and 15 non-member volunteer hours. The non-member volunteers helped with the delivery of Christmas wreaths and geraniums.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, had 6,575 volunteer hours and 10 non-member volunteer hours. One hundred and twenty-five Christmas cards were signed for the Armed Forces. Magazines and books were provided for the Family Court waiting room. A wreath was laid at the Camlachie Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. At the Founder's Day luncheon, the three Lambton County Chapters presented an award to the retiring Sarnia Fire Chief in honour of his years of service. Six members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**Festival Jubilee Chapter**, Stratford, had 1,029 volunteer hours. The chapter laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service attended by members.

**IODE Freulton Chapter**, Freulton, had 1,270 volunteer hours. Eighty dollars was given to the support of seniors. Three members attended a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Waterdown Legion and laid a wreath in memory of the fallen.

**IODE Headwaters Chapter**, Orangeville, had 4,240 volunteer hours. The chapter donated to several area agencies including Headwaters Health Care Centre, Dufferin Child and Family Services, the Orangeville food bank, the Upper Grand Learning Foundation and the Branching Out Support Services (a program for neuro-diverse adults). A wreath was laid at the cenotaph.

**IODE Holland Landing Chapter**, Holland Landing, had 440 volunteer hours. Chapter members delivered boxes of groceries to needy families in the school community.

**IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, had 3,243 volunteer hours and 733 non-member volunteer hours. The non-member volunteer hours were accumulated by one woman who knits items for the chapter. 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. Two hundred and ninety Christmas cards were sent to troops overseas. A wreath was laid at the cenotaph and a donation made to the Poppy Fund. Knitted mitts and hats, running shoes and winter boots were given to several elementary schools. Meals and food supplies were donated to several local food banks.

**IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter**, Toronto, had 3,918 volunteer hours. Citizenship Awards consisting of a certificate and a book about the youth movement on climate change were presented to one student in each of four grade 5 classes at John English Junior Middle School. After the presentation a 'Question and Answer' session about IODE was held which generated a lot of questions and enthusiasm about how to get involved. Many members volunteered outside of IODE. The chapter held a garage sale in the fall which took many hours to organize and yielded exceptional results. Combined with the annual holiday chocolate sale, the chapter was able to fulfill the holiday donations and plan well for 2025. The chapter met primarily by Zoom as it was most convenient in the members' busy lives. Several members hold positions at the Provincial and National level of IODE.

**IODE Kent Regiment Chapter**, Chatham, had 2,086 volunteer hours and 25 non-member volunteer hours. A wreath was presented at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day. The 'Gathering our Heroes' project continued to be updated with new information. The project now has the names of 10,038 heroes from Chatham-Kent who served in WWI and WWII. The hero profiles were continually updated and added to the website. The non-member volunteer hours belonged to the 'Gathering of Heroes' data entry specialist. Garna Argenti received a Certificate of Commendation (Non-Member) from the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem for ongoing work on the 'Gathering of Heroes' project.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, had 5,659 volunteer hours. In April the chapter held a fashion show which raised funds for Inuuqatigiit, the Ottawa based charity that provides a broad base of educational, cultural and economic support for Inuit families in the city. Ottawa has the largest Inuit population outside of Nunavut. Twenty-two people enjoyed the show with fashions modelled by chapter members. Raffles were held and the clothing business donated 10 percent of proceeds from selling clothes back to the chapter.

Non-member volunteer hours were accumulated by the owners of the clothing business and by families and friends of members who assisted at 'Charlene's Tea' which raised money for the IODE Canada Snack Pack program. Six chapter members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**IODE Lorraine Chapter**, Ottawa, had 1,541 volunteer hours and 100 non-member volunteer hours. The activities of the chapter centred around the provision of supplies to St. Mary's Home and Outreach, where a baby shower is held annually. Thirty crib quilts, baby clothing, crib bedding and more were donated.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, had 12,500 volunteer hours and 500 non-member volunteer hours. A citizenship award and a gift certificate were given to the husband of a deceased member for all the work he put into the Opportunity Shop while his wife was the convenor. Non-members helped at the Opportunity Shop and the annual Christmas Home Tour. The Chapter members participated in the Canada Day parade. Members laid a wreath during the Remembrance Day ceremony at the town cenotaph. Five members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, had 12,534 volunteer hours and 281 non-member volunteer hours. In November over 400 white crosses were displayed at the cenotaph in Hillsdale Cemetery to honour the veterans buried there. Members of the chapter assisted in providing a Christmas dinner at the local Legion Hall for veterans and their caregivers. On Remembrance Day, members marched from the Legion to the Cenotaph and laid a wreath. 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 are supported annually by chapter donations. Hot chocolate and cookies were served at the Christmas in the Park celebration. This was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the chapter and events were held almost every month, including the establishment of a Little Library. To assist with accessible renovations at the Victoria Park Playhouse and the building of a new band shell, the chapter donated a total of \$30,000 to the Town. An anniversary tea was held and enjoyed by all who attended. In October there was a 'Hauntings and Historical Tour'. On Canada Day, members participated in the town's parade with an IODE float. The non-member volunteers helped with tarts, pies and served hot chocolate among other things. One member received a Certificate of Appreciation from Petrolia Community Services for her outstanding contribution to the community. Six women received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter**, Guelph, had 1,123 volunteer hours. The chapter attended the Remembrance Day service at the IODE Cross of Sacrifice with members of IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter, Guelph, and local politicians. A donation was made to the Guelph Legion Poppy Fund. Meetings focused on topics such as mental health as we age, the pitfalls of estate planning, indications of when it's time to stop driving as well as surprising facts about Guelph and its history.

**IODE Stirling Chapter**, St. Thomas, had 1,986 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 50 volunteer hours. In September a lunch was organized for a member celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. The chapter's Citizenship Officer and three other members marched in the Remembrance Day parade and laid a wreath at the cenotaph, that was built in 1935 with funds donated by the first IODE chapter in Uxbridge. An IODE display was set up in December for the town's Christmas Lights display.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, Virtual, had 1,947 volunteer hours and 80 non-member volunteer hours. Five hundred and ninety-five Christmas cards were sent to Canadian troops via the Military Family Resource Centre in Belleville. The focus on acts of kindness included assisting blind women to play euchre, sending pen pal letters to a grade 1 class, driving sick people to appointments and teaching curling and golf to elementary and high school students. Members celebrated IODE Canada's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday early by committing to their favourite activity and logging 125 kilometres per month. To date, over 3,000 kilometres have been recorded. A collage of members' activities was submitted to *Echoes*.

**The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter**, Kitchener, had 1,370 volunteer hours. A Canadian flag was donated by a member and presented in person at the Kitchener Cenotaph during the Remembrance Day Service. Local chapters donated towards the construction of the cenotaph many years ago.

**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, had 2,771 volunteer hours. Members made 100 bed mats for children from milk bags which were sent to Africa. Members attended Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Dorchester cenotaph and the cenotaph at Parkwood Hospital in London and laid wreaths at both cenotaphs. On Valentine's Day seniors in Dorchester were treated to homemade Valentine's cards with a chocolate. Although non-member volunteer hours were not tracked this year, there were volunteers who helped with the Pet Fest fundraiser which supports animal rescues. Family members helped with the major fundraiser, a barbecue at the Renaissance Fair in partnership with the local Kinsmen Club chapter. Three members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, had 3,248 volunteer hours. The chapter did not have a Citizenship Officer this year. A wreath was laid at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day. Six members received Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter**, Bradford, had 300 volunteer hours. A wreath was laid for Remembrance Day.

**IODE Yellow Briar Chapter**, Orangeville, had 2,781 volunteer hours.

# ONTARIO VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS



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 2024 recipients for their long-standing volunteering with IODE and who were recognized by the Ontario Government for their years of service.

## **IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, members:

- 10 years – Marilyn Willis, Catherine Kent and Wilhemina (Wilma) Vander Laan
- 30 years – Quenda Stern

## **IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, members:

- 30 years – Sheila Peters
- 35 years – Lisa Cossar
- 40 years – Esther Keir
- 45 years – Diane Splaine
- 65 years – Marie Westlake

## **IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter**, Chatham, members:

- 40 years – Ruth Stokes and Cathy Reaume

## **IODE Captain Hooper Chapter**, Carleton Place, members:

- 5 years – Elizabeth Docker and Janet McGinnis
- 15 years – Brenda Matthey and Bev Shepley
- 20 years – Karen Brunton
- 30 years – Julie Sadler

## **IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, members:

- 5 years – Robin Chamberlain, Janet Fisher and Margaret Macklin
- 10 years – Michelle Batty, Georgette Parsons and Carleen Weaver

## **IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, members:

- 20 years – Lorna Collins
- 25 years – Muriel Thorne
- 30 years – Jo Brodie and Lee Smith
- 35 years – Jeannette Maule and Susan Sibbit

## **IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, members:

- 25 years – Peggy Cook, Martha Archbold, Dianne Allen, Kay King and Linda Kirkwood

## **IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, members:

- 5 years – Joanne Brand
- 10 years – Angela Sheppard, Dawn McNally, Lynne Butler and Madelyn Hayes
- 15 years – Margaret Freer

## **IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, members:

- 5 years – Sharron McMillan, Jen Ashby
- 10 years – Stephanie Meyer

## **IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, members:

- 10 years – Alia Klein
- 30 years – Caroline Rodgers
- 35 years – Marcia Buchanan, Ann Dyer, Dee Fawcett and Lee Gilmore

# COMMUNICATIONS

*by Ashley Bonnell*

Total Value of Communications.....	\$415,243
Advertising Value in Kind.....	\$410,160
Actual Costs .....	\$5,083

In 2024, IODE chapters across Ontario actively promoted their events through social media, local media, and community partnerships. Many chapters connected via Zoom, allowing both established and new members to participate regardless of location. Chapters leveraged platforms like Facebook and local networks to share events, thank partners, and raise awareness. Several chapters used Echoes to showcase their good works, while others highlighted community involvement through museum displays and local publications. Businesses were engaged for donations and recognition, and IODE Ontario utilized newsletters and social media to highlight events, member stories, and achievements, boosting visibility and fostering greater engagement.

**IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, actively promoted their activities on its Facebook page and through their Regiment's website, the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Canada. The Regiment, which is the chapter's community partner, was thanked by email and through invitations to chapter events. Photos and articles were regularly submitted to the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Canada for their Regimental Family newsletters.

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, updated its official website and Facebook page and launched an IODE thrift store on WeChat. The chapter partnered with the youth club Creative Canvas, hosting two successful art shows in their store. Young artists donated their work, and most pieces were sold, contributing to the chapter's fundraising efforts.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, promoted its activities through Facebook, printed flyers, word-of-mouth, and thank-you bookmarks in Christmas planters. Community partners played a key role in supporting events. Aspira Island Park provided meeting space and refreshments, while Campbellford Legion Branch 103 hosted the Christmas dinner. Scott Drummond, General Manager, matched a donation to Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation, and featured it in their newsletter. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church loaned clothing racks, the Masonic Lodge purchased 15 percent of the planters, and CKOL radio promoted events. Thank you letters were sent to all supporting partners in appreciation of their contributions.

**IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter**, Chatham, promoted its activities through five Public Service Announcements (PSA) submissions to *Chatham-Kent Voice* (newspaper), three cheque presentation photos to *Chatham Kent This Week*, and ten Facebook posts, each including a thank you to the bingo association. A newspaper acknowledgment was also published for the chapter's donation to the Water Festival.

**IODE Catherine McVean Chapter**, Dresden, promoted its activities through posters, Facebook posts, and features in *The Herald* newspaper. Presentation photos were shared on Facebook, and events were highlighted in *Coffee Times*, a leaflet distributed in Chatham-Kent and Lambton County. Community partners played a key role in outreach. *The Herald* listed honourees for the Tree of Tribute Lighting, while *What's Up Dresden* and *Coffee Times* provided complimentary event promotion. Union Block Bakery supported the House Tour by serving as a registration site.

**IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter**, North Bay, was the first service group featured in a rotating display at the North Bay Museum. The IODE display, developed by the chapter's Communications Officer in collaboration with a member of the IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay, was showcased in a second-floor display case starting in early Spring and remained on display for many months.



**IODE Eldon House Chapter**, London, promoted events through word of mouth, posters, Facebook pages, and a Royal Le Page-sponsored billboard advertising activities for the London Food Bank. Special invitations were sent by the Corresponding Secretary. The chapter supported the South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre (SLNRC) with donations of toys and knitted items, which were recognized in their annual report and on their Facebook page. The National Service Dog program also acknowledged the chapter's support online.

**IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter**, Sudbury, promoted activities through Facebook and their website. The chapter was featured in an interview with *Journeys* (Sudbury's online publication), celebrating the chapter's 80-year milestone. The article, titled "IODE Sudbury's IODE Going Strong After 80 Years," highlighted their ongoing contributions to the community. Community partners included the Sudbury Performance Group, which organized the weekly 'Porketta Bingo' at Trevi to raise funds for the chapter. A letter of thanks was sent to the Performance Group for their support.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, primarily promoted activities through their Facebook page, posting 13 times in 2024, and via email to members and local chapters. Community partners included St. Joseph's Hospice, Bluewater Health Foundation, Literacy Lambton, and Lambton County Public Schools, were acknowledged for their support. Bluewater Health shared information of their donation on Instagram, and St. Joseph's Hospice featured the chapter's contribution on their website. The chapter was also mentioned with area chapters for the Founder's Day lunch and award presentation in *The Sarnia Journal*.

**IODE Headwaters Chapter**, Orangeville, promoted activities through various social media platforms. When donations are made, the chapter posted about the program and the recipient, and these community programs often reciprocated by posting their appreciation on their sites. For example, the local hospital foundation had occasionally posted about the chapter's donations before the chapter could share the information. During the recent pajama drive for the 'Stockings for Seniors' program, the chapter partnered with two local businesses to collect pajamas. As customers dropped off donations, the chapter recognized the businesses in online posts thanking them for their support.

**IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, promoted its activities through personal phone calls, emails, and Facebook pages, including IODE Friends, the chapter's page, and support from two local chapters. They partnered with seven local businesses and three local nurseries—Prails, DeGroots, and Windovers. All businesses were personally thanked and received thank-you cards and letters.

**IODE Kent Regiment Chapter**, Chatham, partnered with the Chatham-Kent Museum Curator, Jerry Hind of *The Search Goes On, Abstract Marketing*, and the Kent Regiment Chapter for the 'Gathering Our Heroes' project that aims to compile all the names and stories of WW I and WW II veterans from Chatham-Kent. Partners and supporters were recognized on the 'Gathering Our Heroes' website for their contributions.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, promoted activities through social media, its website, and local media, including print, radio, and bloggers. The chapter tagged partners and beneficiaries to expand its reach, and community organizations expressed appreciation through thank-you posts. The chapter also partnered with sponsors and in-kind donors, who were recognized on the website, social media, event signage, and brochures. Direct outreach via phone and email further acknowledged their support.

**IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter**, Orangeville, had three promotional stories published in the local newspaper about fundraisers and donation presentations. The chapter partnered with the Rotary Club to sell water and pop at the club's annual Ribfest and were featured in their newsletter. The chapter was also featured in a garden magazine.



**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, took every opportunity to present any donations in person to increase community visibility. They 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*. A special feature covered the Mystery Tour in the senior publication. Public service announcements on cable TV were used. The Chair of the 'Hauntings and Historical Tour' was interviewed, and the information was used to promote the event on the radio for half hour intervals over three days. The chapter's donations were promoted through social media on the Facebook pages of the chapter, the Community Refrigerator and the Town of Petrolia.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, actively promoted its activities through Facebook and Instagram, with daily posts for the chapter store and engagement with customers. The posts were shared by the Goderich Downtown Business Improvement Association expanding their reach. The chapter also submitted free articles and photos to *The Goderich Sun* to highlight financial donations. Events like the Christmas House Tour were featured in local tourism brochures and online listings. Community partnerships were key to promotion. The Legion provided support for Remembrance Day, where the IODE flag was flown at the cenotaph and a wreath was laid. A video created for recruitment was used at volunteer events and IODE Awareness Week. The chapter also maintained a monthly newsletter, a scrapbook at the Goderich Library, and business cards and pamphlets at the Op Shop.

**IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter**, Uxbridge, gave presentation certificates to recipients of donations.

**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 The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter**, Kitchener, handed out IODE material and chatted about IODE. Members kept in contact through email and phone calls. A member in long term care was visited.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, virtual, shared chapter donations and activities through Facebook. The chapter participated in the Seniors' Fair in Port Hope, showcasing projects with an engaging display and promotional materials. A fair photo was featured in the IODE Ontario Christmas Newsletter. Community partnerships continued with Penguin Random House Canada, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Maada'ookii Committee, First Book Canada, and Royal Bank of Canada. Donation values were reported under Services and thank-you letters were sent to supporters.

**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, maintained a strong community presence through articles and photos in *The Signpost* and updates on Facebook, including the chapter's page and the Dorchester Community page. *The Signpost* regularly promoted their events. Appleland Station supported the chapter by displaying and selling soup mixes. They also partnered with the local Kinsmen group for their major fundraiser, a barbecue at the annual Renaissance Fair.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, promoted its July 2024 garage sale fundraiser through Facebook, a community representative's weekly newsletter, and posters placed in approved community locations. The event was also advertised on Rogers 22.

**IODE White Cloud Chapter**, Wiarton, promoted activities through donations, which included 33 quilts to the Salvation Army, Christmas gift bags for seniors, and knitted mitts and hats. The chapter's community partner, the Wiarton Salvation Army, recognized these contributions on its Facebook page.

**IODE Ontario Provincial Chapter**, Hamilton, distributed the quarterly newsletter 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.

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 chapter donations.

The IODE Ontario website enabled anyone to explore what IODE is about and to inquire into membership, which 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.

**IODE Ontario Social Media:**

[www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca)

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

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

# EDUCATION

by Lisa Cossar

## EDUCATION DONATIONS

Assistance to <b>local students</b> ( <i>scholarships, bursaries, grants, awards</i> )	<b>\$ 113,241</b>
Assistance to <b>local schools</b> ( <i>equipment, literacy programs, camps, school trips,</i> )	<b>\$ 17,844</b>
Other Education work ( <i>community centres, libraries, local shelters, agencies</i> )	<b>\$ 6,863</b>
<i>Share a Story-Bring a Book</i>	<b>\$ 1,590</b>
Other Education work <b>outside of schools</b>	<b>\$ 30,831</b>
<b>Donations to Provincial Funds:</b> Provincial Education	<b>\$ 40</b>
IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education	<b>\$ 5,860</b>
<b>Donations to National Funds:</b> National Education	<b>\$ 625</b>
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Program	<b>\$ 25</b>
Labrador Bursary Fund	<b>\$ 810</b>
Labrabook Fund	<b>\$ 670</b>
Second War Memorial Fund	<b>\$ 575</b>
IODE Violet Downey Book Award	<b>\$ 1,100</b>
<b>Total Value of Education Programs for 2024</b>	<b>\$ 180,074</b>
Adopted Schools (Labrador and Northern Ontario)	<b>\$ 19,272</b>
<b>Total including Adopted schools</b>	<b>\$ 199,346</b>

## EDUCATION SUMMARY

It is inspiring to see how primary chapters supported students across Ontario through creative Education projects. So many local communities benefitted from the dedication of IODE members. An incredible number of individual students were awarded bursaries, scholarships or graduation awards. Many classes and school libraries were supported with new books for the students, including copies of IODE award winning books. Many youths were supported through IODE donations to camps, music festivals, libraries, museums, art programs, community outreach programs including mental health, recreation and leadership activities, to name a few. Chapters continued to donate to Provincial and National Funds such as the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial for Education, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Program, Labrabook, Labrador Bursary, Second War Memorial, 'Share a Story - Bring a Book' and the IODE Violet Downey Book Award. Many students benefitted across Canada from the primary chapters' support for these Provincial and National Funds.

**IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, supplied 20 activity kits to the Barrie Native Friendship Centre which the organizers appreciated. The chapter purchased and distributed copies of the IODE Jean Throop Award winning book. The chapter also continued its support of students with two bursaries.

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, supported 10 students graduating from high schools in Oakville with a bursary. Criteria included the student's community involvement, needs and future plans. A reception was held for the students at the chapter's thrift shop. Four students at Sheridan College (Oakville Campus) received a bursary based on financial need, an additional bursary was awarded this year for a student identifying as Indigenous and a sixth bursary for a New Student

Entrance Award. The chapter's long time Music/Theatre Award was given to a second-year student at Sheridan College. The Sheridan College Connie Pappal Memorial Bursary was awarded to two deserving students.

**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 a bursary. A new secondary school scholarship was awarded in memory of the chapter's long-time member, Marilyn Murray. Three elementary schools' Public Speaking contests were also supported. IODE Jean Throop and IODE Violet Downey award winning books were donated to schools and the public library. Twenty-one 'Born to Read' bags with three books in each were distributed to the three local libraries.

**IODE Bertha Cane Chapter**, Newmarket, donated funds to Provincial and National projects such as the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education, National Education, the Labrador Bursary Fund and new this year, the IODE Violet Downey Fund.

**IODE Captain Garnett Brackin Chapter**, Chatham, supported five Grade 12 graduating students with scholarships. A donation to the Chatham-Kent Milner House Museum allowed students to tour this turn-of-the-century home at Christmas. They supported the Tilbury Library Children's Reading Program financially. The local library and elementary schools received donations of books.

**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 graduation ceremonies. The 2024 IODE Jean Throop Book Award winning book, *Odd Couples: A Guide to Unlikely Animal Pairs* was donated to the Carleton Place Public Library and to the Arklan Community School library.

**IODE Catherine McVean Chapter**, Dresden, supported the elementary school's healthy snacks program by donating grocery gift cards. The Dresden Library received a donation for their Summer Reading Program and a Christmas craft program. Twenty-eight Grade 8 students at the Dresden Area Central School, received Awards of Excellence plaques. The General Proficiency Award and Geography Award were also presented. At the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Lambton-Kent Composite School graduation, many students were supported with awards and bursaries in a variety of subject areas. Three students received a Lambton-Kent Composite School Undergraduate Award.

**IODE Confederation Chapter**, Ridgetown, awarded three bursaries, the Isabel R. Pow Award, Second World War Memorial Award and the Jubilee Award at Ridgetown District High School. A student studying financial management in her first year at the University of Guelph received an award. The chapter presented funds to three local schools to purchase needed items for Sensory Room equipment. 'Agriculture in the Classroom' which develops programs and resources based on the school curriculum to enhance agricultural studies at all schools in Kent and Lambton counties, received a donation.

**IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**, Hamilton, presented the Grade 8 Most Improved Student Award in person at the graduation ceremony. The chapter received a thank you for their participation in the ceremony and thanks from a student's parent saying how the award benefitted their child's confidence.

**IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter**, North Bay, continued their regular annual donations to North Bay Regional Science Fair and memorial books for the North Bay Public Library. Scholarships and bursaries at Nipissing University and Canadore College were presented. Two new one-time bursaries were funded by donations in memory of a valued member, Libby Gibson. Each was for a student entering 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program 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. The chapter donated IODE Award winning books to their local libraries and schools.

**IODE Dr. Norman McCormick Chapter**, Windsor, assisted students by supporting a local school's Breakfast Program and donated feminine supplies for the young girls.

**IODE Edith Benson Chapter**, London, focused on support for Hekima Place, which is a 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 with a child with mental health challenges. Seniors, youth and young moms' groups at the South London Community Resource Centre were supported with books and video games funded by the chapter.

**IODE Eldon House Chapter**, London, continued their tradition of presenting IODE History Awards to Grade 8 graduating students within the city of London. The chapter has many schools that access this award and 43 awards were given. The chapter also supported two IODE Achievement Awards in a Developmental program, with recipients receiving an IODE Shop to Give Indigo gift card. The chapter awarded its Nursing Award to a graduate of the Laurier Secondary School. The Eldon House Nursing Bursary was a welcomed support for this year's recipient to continue to pursue her goals. The chapter's 'Book for Every Child' initiative was able to contribute 39 books for children up to 14 years old. Members generously donated to 'Share a Story...Bring a Book' project at the time of the National Annual Meeting.

**IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter**, Sudbury, presented a music bursary this year to the Sudbury Music Festival.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, donated Grade 8 History awards to a student at two of the local elementary schools and a Lambton College bursary as part of the chapter's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A special anniversary project was planting 45 native trees at three local schools and the Lambton Centre, which is an Outdoor Outreach Facility dedicated to enriching the lives of children and their families through Camping and Nature Education. A retired landscaper assisted with the project and provided educational workshops to the students on tree planting and the importance of biodiversity.

**IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter**, Stratford, provided bursaries to three individual students who have overcome a personal adversity during their time at high school. A fourth bursary, in memory of one of their members, was given to a Stratford Chef School graduate. Two schools were given spare clothing for their students.

**IODE Holland Landing**, Holland Landing, awarded a scholarship to a Grade 12 student at Dr. Denison Secondary School for the most improved in History/Geography. A graduating Grade 8 student received an Indigo gift card also for the most improved in History/Geography.

**IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, presented six awards/scholarships this year to 12 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. Two students attending the Personal Support Worker Program received scholastic awards. The IODE Visual Art award and the IODE Music award were presented to two students. The IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award was presented to celebrate women in skilled trades and non-traditional occupations for women. This one-time award was bestowed to six female students to further their educational pursuits in one of the 14 underrepresented trades identified by the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) or non-traditional occupations where women are underrepresented.

**IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter**, Toronto, provided a bursary to a student proceeding into a health field from the adult learning centre at Burnhamthorpe Collegiate. Members met the recipient of the bursary and heard how thankful she was to receive it.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, received thanks from the winner of their Kiwanis Music award. The chapter supported a community organization called Banff Ave. Community House by giving a bursary to a student. At Carleton University, two students received the Mary C. Grant Bursary, and two students received the chapter's Duchess of Connaught Scholarship. A student studying Computer Programming at Algonquin College received the Katherine Y. King Bursary.

**IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter**, Orangeville, included three more schools for their graduation awards. The chapter presented awards at 14 elementary school graduations this year. They also contacted the local French secondary school and supported students at three secondary school graduations. They continued their support of the Orangeville Public Library with a donation that allowed the purchase of a wide variety of books.

**IODE Lorraine Chapter**, Ottawa, presented bursaries to students at St. Mary's Home and Algonquin College.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, actively supported the graduation ceremonies at their two local elementary schools with a financial contribution. This chapter also presented a bursary to a graduate from the local high school who completed their major studies in Social Sciences and is entering a post-secondary institution. The chapter received updates from the recipient regarding his progress at McMaster University. Goderich Public School received support for Science programs and the high school Visual Arts program received a donation that helped them buy a kiln for their pottery classes. The Goderich Little Theatre received five scholarships. The chapter continued to support literacy and arts in the Huron and Perth Communities.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, donated three graduation awards to each of the four local elementary schools, recognizing citizenship, history and all-round student. Twenty-seven students at the local secondary school were recognized for excellence in Grades 9 to 12 in Art, History, Geography, most improved student and two senior Mathematics. The IODE Dora MacFarlane Award is named after a former member and is given for excellence in Music. The Dr. Philip Dee Award for Biological Science is given to a student studying in the medical field. The family of a former member gave funds annually to the chapter for any needs that Grade 8 students may have at the school at which their mother had taught. The chapter partnered with the local Optimist Club to host a free astronomy event for the public.

**IODE Stirling Chapter**, St. Thomas, presented a bursary to a deserving graduating high school student.

**IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter**, Uxbridge, presented awards to graduates for Mathematics, English and school citizenship along with IODE congratulation letters and IODE diplomas at the local high school commencement in June. Each of the six local elementary schools received a gift certificate to purchase library books in honour of the Grade 8 graduating classes with IODE letters of congratulations to the graduating classes.

**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, continued to meet annual commitments to supporting graduates with a bursary for a graduating student at their local high school and two Citizenship Awards at the public elementary school. The Catholic elementary school received a donation to purchase books for their library. This chapter presented a book to every child entering Junior Kindergarten each September.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, continued their support of a graduate receiving the 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. The recipient of a bursary at the Youville Centre was accepted into the Indigenous Empowerment course at Algonquin College.

**IODE White Cloud Chapter**, Warton, presented an elementary graduation award to a deserving student for Community Service. Two Grade 12 students who are pursuing their post-secondary education, were awarded bursaries and one Grade 12 student received a University Level English Award. Their community school is JK to Grade 12 in one building. The school's library received copies of the IODE Jean Throop and IODE Violet Downey winning books.

**IODE Yellow Briar Chapter**, Orangeville, donated substantial funds so their local library could purchase Wonder Books.

## LEGACIES OF RETIRED CHAPTERS

### **IODE Hamilton Municipal Legacy**

When the IODE Hamilton Municipal Chapter retired in 2012, the Chapter turned its funds over to McMaster University to administer the following awards.

#### **The Municipal Chapter of Hamilton IODE Legacy Bursary, total \$5,161.00**

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.

- Sarah Bulushi, Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, \$1,400
- Kyanna Dagenais, Mathematics & Computer Science, Faculty of Science, \$1,400
- Hannah Marie Guit, Social Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, \$961
- Brianna Luciani, Social Psychology, Faculty of Social Sciences, \$1,400

#### **The Municipal Chapter (Hamilton) IODE Muriel Skelton Award, total \$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 1 History course.

- Tristan Gysling, Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour, Faculty of Science, \$1,000
- Andrew Luth, Mechanical Engineering CO-OP, Faculty of Engineering, \$1,000

#### **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.

- Matthew Letham, Commerce Internship, \$1,000
- Student data not released, Bachelor of Commerce, \$1,000

#### **The Daughters of The Empire Club, Hamilton Ltd. Bursaries, \$5,941**

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.

- Josilyn Emmanuel, Commerce Internship, \$1,141
- Areba Hasny, Bachelor of Commerce, \$1,200
- Hannah Hosein, Bachelor of Commerce, \$1,200
- Sara Khurram, Bachelor of Commerce, \$1,200
- Sukhmun Saggu, Bachelor of Commerce, \$1,200

**IODE Randolph Churchill Chapter**, Blenheim, upon retirement 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. Taylor Ions is the **Randolph Churchill Chapter IODE Bursary** recipient for 2023-2024.

**IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Chapter** upon retirement 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: **\$10,000**

Recipients for 2023 – 2024 were:

- **Hon. Pauline McGibbon Scholarship, \$1,000** – Anna McAuley, Great Lakes Secondary School
- **IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Scholarship, \$1,000** – Yoobin Kim, Great Lakes Secondary School

**IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal Bursary, eight at \$1,000 each:**

- Helena Barbosa, Northern Collegiate & Vocational School
- Nyla Hayes, Great Lakes Secondary School
- Emmerson Jaques, North Lambton Secondary School (SWAC)
- Lincoln Pollard, Northern Collegiate Institute & Vocational School
- Summer Ward-Tedball, Lambton Central Collegiate & Vocational Institute
- Alyssa Williams, North Lambton Secondary School
- Samantha Antila, SWAC award (School Within a College)
- Jessica Vegh, SWAC award (School Within a College)

**Toronto Legacy Annual Report**

At the end of 2013, when the IODE Toronto Municipal Chapter retired, the Chapter funds were turned over to IODE Ontario, its jurisdictional chapter with funds administered through the Toronto Legacy Fund (TLC). In February 2024 the remaining funds were given to IODE Ontario for the Central Technical Trade and Apprenticeship Award and IODE Jean Throop Book Award closing the Toronto Legacy Fund.

**Tech is Central Award/ Central Technical Trade and Apprenticeship Award:**

In February 2024, The Toronto Legacy met for a final meeting whereby, it was decided that \$20,000 be set aside for the Central Technical Trade and Apprenticeship, 'Tech is Central' Award in Toronto to be administered by IODE Ontario Education to five recipients selected by the high school at \$1,000 each.

The recipients for 2023 – 24 were:

- Modou Lamin Touray
- Jacob Medeiros-De Sousa
- Matthew Da Silva Costa
- Ahmaud Cockburn
- Sara Al-Areebi

**IODE 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 illustrator must be a Canadian citizen residing in Ontario. The value of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award is \$5,000. The recipients for 2023 were author Maria Birmingham for her book *Odd Couples: A Guide to Unlikely Animal Pairs* and illustrator Raz Latif. This informative and entertaining book features eight unexpected animal pairings, and gives readers an implicit lesson in empathy, highlighting that we are all more alike than we think. *Odd Couples: A Guide to Unlikely Animal Pairs* is published by Owl Kids Books. Maria Birmingham attended the Provincial Annual Meeting to speak to the members and sign her book.



## DONATIONS TO IODE ONTARIO FUNDS

### **IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education \$3,750**

This fund was established in memory of a beloved IODE Ontario Provincial President. Thanks to the generosity of the IODE chapters who donate to the IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Education Fund, the bursaries are possible. Ontario Chapters donated \$2,795 to this fund. 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 2024, five students received funding totaling \$3,750:

- **Jessica Brar**, in Honours Bachelor of Business Administration in her third year at the Schulich School of Business, \$750 (February 2024)
- **Cheyenne Schmidt-Harlick**, in Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology and Indigenous Studies at the Faculty of Health at York University, \$750 (February 2024)
- **Renee Ferlito**, in Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Studies at the University of Guelph, \$750 (February 2024)
- **Abdirahman Mao**, Graduate Diploma in Immigration & Citizenship Law at Queen's University, \$1,000 (September 2024)
- **Jessica Brar**, in Honours Bachelor of Business Administration in her final year at the Schulich School of Business, \$500 (September 2024)

### **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: \$1,000** to a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year student selected by the school. In 2024 it was awarded to Mariane Haché, a third-year student in the Drawing & Painting program.

## IODE ONTARIO AWARDS

### **Nipissing University- 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 2023 - 2024 recipient was Kaelin Dewar.

### **IODE Gladys Raiter Bursary for Graduate Study, not awarded for 2024**

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.

### **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 the IODE Windsor Chapter. 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 2024 to Esharib Hassan, a graduate from Walkerville Collegiate Institute.

## **WAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

*by Sandra Smith, War Memorial Convenor*

IODE Canada instituted the War Memorial Scholarship program in 1918 to remember Canadians who sacrificed their lives or were permanently disabled while fighting for Canada. Today, applicants must be Canadian citizens, in at least their second year of a doctoral program (PhD) at a university and are selected for academic achievement, potential and volunteerism. The value of the award is \$15,000 for each recipient.

The IODE Ontario War Memorial Committee met on January 26, 2024 to review 38 received applications for the award year 2023 /2024. President Helen Danby, Vice-President Michelle Batty, Education Officer Lisa Cossar, Josephine Brodie, Professors Dr. Stephen Veldhuis, Dr. Robert Fraser and Dr. Kara Smith and Chair Sandra Smith comprised the committee.

Ten of the 38 applications were selected to forward to the IODE National War Memorial Committee for the final selection of applications from all IODE Provinces for three \$15,000 scholarships presented at the National Annual Meeting 2024.

The three 2023/24 War Memorial Scholarship winners were:

- Erica Qureshi at the University of Waterloo studying for a MD/PhD in Pediatric Emergency
- Christina Robillard at the University of Victoria studying for a PhD in Adolescent Clinical Psychology,
- Kate Bourne at the University of Calgary studying a MD/PhD in the Leaders in Medicine program and Women’s Cardiovascular Health.

We congratulate these exceptional students. Thank you to the committee for their support and pride in the War Memorial, and to the PhD students for their contributions to our future and Canada.

## **ADOPTED SCHOOLS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

*by Aileen Reid, Assistant Education Office in charge of Adopted Schools*

Total cost of Goods.....	\$13,258
Donations. ....	\$3,007
Shipping.....	\$3,007
Total. ....	\$19,272
Number of Students.....	1,085
Number of Classes. ....	16
Number of Whole Schools. ....	4
Number of Chapters involved.....	18

In 2024, schools in Northern Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador resumed classes as normal. Chapters in Ontario as well as individual members have continued to help all Adopted Schools. 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 and sent books to Attawapiskat ON. These cost-saving measures helped chapters and individuals supply children and classrooms with books and other educational materials in both Northern Ontario and Labrador and Newfoundland communities.

Chapters took advantage of the five free shipping days from Canada Post every Tuesday in October to send their packages at a significantly reduced rate.

The following are summaries of chapters' reports:

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, sent nine boxes to twenty-four children in two Grade 3 classes at Mushuau Innu Natuashish School in Labrador. Based on the teachers' list of most needed items, the chapter sent Grade 3 appropriate Math and Science workbooks, dictionaries, flash cards, sentence strips, educational toys, school supplies, craft items, and easy-to-read chapter books. A two-year subscription to *National Geographic for Kids* was purchased. Members purchased waterproof mitts, socks, and warm winter hats, and thirty knitted colorful balaclavas. A local dentist donated 30 child size toothbrushes and toothpaste.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford supported William Gillett Academy's K-3 and 4-6 classes with twenty-four students in Charlottetown, Labrador. William Gillett received two boxes that included items the teacher had requested, such as school supplies, craft items like modeling clay, Play-Doh, activity, and sticker books. The items donated included games, IODE Jean Throop Award book titled, *Odd Couples: A Guide to Unlikely Animal Pairs* and age-appropriate books for each class. Both teachers responded by email when they received their boxes and mentioned how excited the children were. Twelve hand-knitted toques were sent to the K-3 class.

Chapter member, Lisa Cossar, continued to support a Grade 1 French Immersion class of sixteen students at Peacock Primary School, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador this year. Lisa sent letters and parcels containing back to school supplies, art supplies, the book *Odd Couples: A Guide to Unlikely Animal Pairs*, Halloween art activities, Christmas cards, and instructions on how to send them to Canadian troops and veterans. Two boxes contained Christmas gifts, including slippers, toques, mitts for each child, a copy of the *Hedgehog's Christmas*, French language Christmas books, and gifts of books for each student and a hat, mitts and socks for the teacher.

Chapter members, Lyndsey Davis and Katie Tulip, sponsored a Grade 4 class at Queen of Peace Middle School, Happy Valley-Goose Bay Labrador. The shipment of three boxes included school and craft supplies, vegetable seeds, apples, file folders, and treats.

**IODE Bertha Cane Chapter**, Newmarket, supported a Kindergarten/Grade 1 class of eight students at Labrador Straits Academy, Labrador.

**IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw**, Hamilton, supported a Grade 3 class of fifteen students at Kattawapiskak Elementary school in Attawapiskat, Ontario. They sent three parcels to their class this year. The teacher replied and provided pictures of the children with the items received. The chapter sent a variety of teaching aids such as flashcards and art supplies. Some hats and scarves were included, as well as a birthday cake mix and candies.

**IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter**, Markham, supported a Grade 3 class of twenty-five students at Peacock Elementary School, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador. School supplies and "*Chickadee*" magazine were sent to the school in August.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, continued to support twenty-six students in a Grade 2 class at Amos Comenius Memorial School in Hopedale, Labrador, and Newfoundland with ten students. Chapter members, Michelle Batty, and her three granddaughters, support a Grade 2 class at Kattawapiskak in Attawapiskat, ON with sixteen students. Three parcels were sent containing both

Halloween and Christmas items. Chapter members received thank you cards from the Hopedale students. Spring parcels included Easter colouring books and stickers, chocolate bunnies, classroom supplies, craft items, lined paper, and Oreo cookies. Fall parcels included 10-pound bags of apples, school supplies, Halloween coloring/activity books and candy, craft items, hand-knitted mittens, Christmas stockings, classroom supplies, toothbrushes, and Halloween furry ghost, bats and witch's keychains.

**IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter**, Stratford, supported their Grade 1 class of seven students at Lake Melville School, Northwest River, Labrador. The Chapter sent seventeen summer break mental wellness packages, and seven Christmas gifts which included a banner for the classroom and some items for the teacher.

**IODE Freelon Chapter**, Hamilton, was unable to support their school at John C. Yesno in Eabamet Lake, ON. The school was destroyed by fire in 2024.

**IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter**, Toronto, supported a Grade 1 class of twenty-five to thirty students at Peacock Elementary School in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Spring and fall parcels were sent. The spring parcel included balls, ropes, frisbees, sidewalk chalk, classroom supplies, and indoor games for rainy days. Warm mittens and socks were sent to the adopted school towards the end of October. Both parcels included gently used books. Personal and cheery cards/pictures were exchanged between the class and the chapter.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, continued to support two classes at Lawrence Wesley School at Cat Lake, Northern Ontario, a Grade 2/3 class, and a Grade 5/6 class, totaling forty-two students. The new Grade 5/6 teacher provided a list of items. In the spring, three large parcels were sent to Cat Lake. The list included kitchen supplies, pots for making soup, large skillets with lids, some cutting boards, chef/French knives, and peelers for vegetables. High interest, low vocabulary chapter books, art supplies and a class set of novels were also sent. The classes were keen to cook with the new tools and grow their own vegetables over the summer. Everyone appreciated this package which focused on the importance of healthy eating in children. In addition, the chapter donated toques and mittens. Two parcels were sent containing art supplies, winter items and a stand mixer.

**IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter**, Orangeville, reconnected with Bishop Belleau Catholic School with approximately 350 students. The new Principal and the Education Officer connected quickly and implemented a monetary amount for Grade 8 Citizenship awards and the Most Improved Student Award. Pictures were taken of the students and submitted to *Echoes*. The school sponsors a breakfast program for all students. The Principal noticed that some of the students were coming to school without a healthy lunch, and, as a result, IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter provided the funds for a 'Hot Lunch Tuesday', which was well received by students and parents.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, supported a K-12 school of eight students at St. Peter's School, Black Tickle, Labrador. Ten parcels were sent to the school throughout the year. Items included school and art supplies, books, holiday decorations for the classroom, snacks, cake, mixes, socks, toques, gloves, hoodies, games, toiletries, and individual Christmas gifts. Two preschool children that reside on the island also received a Christmas parcel. The chapter took advantage of the flat rate shipping by Canada Post, which was a less expensive way to ship to Labrador.

**IODE Stirling Chapter**, St. Thomas, supported a Kindergarten class of eight students at Labrador Straits Academy in Lanse Au Loop, Labrador and Newfoundland. In support of the kindergarten class, the chapter sent two packages of toys, crafts, supplies, school supplies, etc. The packages were scheduled to arrive around Easter and Halloween.

**IODE The Princes Richard & Michael Chapter**, Kitchener, supported a Grade 1 class of twenty-six students at Sheshatshiu Innu School in Newfoundland and Labrador. Eighteen parcels were sent and were acknowledged in writing. A variety of basic school supplies were sent, including craft materials, paint, paint brushes, safari animals, Ziploc bags, stickers and games. Candy and decorations were

also sent for special occasions. In addition, hats, mittens and socks were requested. Requested items were sent if possible. The school has requested only nut-free items and no popcorn.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, virtual, adopted a Grade 1 class of fifteen students at Kattawapiskak Elementary School in Attawapiskat, Ontario. Five boxes were sent.

At the teacher's request each child received their own water bottle, headset, and pencil case. In addition, the teacher asked for basic school supplies as well as Surprise Pack and Go packs, UNO cards, and dice. Two books, *Norman*, *Red Pup*, and *Professor Goose Debunks Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, and items for the teacher were sent.

An IODE member made bracelets that said, 'U R Loved' for each child and the teacher. Students and chapter members wrote and received pen pal letters. At Christmas, a box containing letters, two pairs of socks for each child, Marvel cards, and a sheet of stickers was sent.

The chapter supported the school library in celebration of the school's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in honour of Shannen Koostchin. Penguin Random House Canada and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Maada'ookii Committee donated books. In total, 132 books were sent to restock the school's library. IODE 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book plates and bookmarks were sent to be placed in these books.

**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. Martin McKay Memorial has had an enrolment of approximately 135 students divided into classrooms from JK to Grade 8. The Principal requested items such as awards, socks, hats, and other items that could be given out as prizes for the students.

Moosonee Public School currently has an enrolment of about 228 students and 14 classrooms, offering programs from JK to grade 8. This school requested outdoor sporting items for their students.

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

**IODE White Cloud Chapter**, Wiarton, supported Samson Beardy Memorial School in Muskrat Dam, Ontario, a K-8 school with approximately fifty students by providing them with two yearly subscriptions, one for the *National Geographic Kids* edition and the other was the *National Geographic* for their library. The chapter's long serving Education Officer, Pat Caldwell, sadly passed away in June 2024, leaving big shoes to fill and a big hole in the chapter.

In total, the cost of goods was \$13,258, donations were \$3,007 for a total of \$16,265 that was spent by chapters and four individuals (and their families) to support our Adopted Schools in Northern Ontario and in Labrador and Newfoundland. The cost of shipping these supplies was \$3,007. Even though the costs continued to rise and communication with schools' staff remained an issue for several chapters, the IODE women in Ontario continued to be determined to help children.

# MEMBERSHIP

*by Michelle Batty*

Number of Paid-up Members as of 31 December 2023 (per Treasurer.....	740
Number of Members who did not renew in 2023.....	108
Number of Members Transfer FROM a Chapter in 2023.....	3
Number of Members Transfer TO a Chapter in 2023.....	6
Number of Paid-up NEW Members in 2023.....	53
Number of Paid-up Members as of 31 December 2023 (per Treasurer).....	688

**IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, (21 members) conducted an anonymous member survey to gain insight into concerns, requests and ideas. The chapter explored loosening the restrictions to membership and changing the bylaws.

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, (37 members) engaged many new members through the thrift shop. The chapter invited guest speakers to the meetings.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, (19 members) promoted membership by distributing bookmarks and brochures at all chapter events including the food drive, annual New-To-You clothing and accessories sale, and with the sale of the homemade planters.

**IODE Bertha Cane Chapter**, Newmarket, (6 members)

**IODE Bridlewood Chapter**, Toronto, (0 members) chapter retiring.

**IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter**, Chatham, (10 members) engaged members by having guest speakers and social lunches.

**IODE Captain Hooper Chapter**, Carleton Place, (13 members) promoted membership at the October craft fair by staffing an IODE information booth.

**IODE Captain Nicola Goddard Chapter**, Toronto, (0 members) chapter retiring.

**IODE Catherine McVean Chapter**, Dresden, (16 members) kept IODE visible in their community and promoted membership at the annual Tree of Tribute, the newly re-launched Christmas home tour and the mobile health care clinic.

**IODE City of Lakes Chapter**, Sudbury, (11 members)

**IODE Claremont Chapter**, Hamilton, (0 members) chapter retiring.

**IODE Confederation Chapter**, Ridgetown, (27 members) promoted membership at the annual book sale, handing out bookmarks and staffing a membership recruitment table at the East Kent Hot Rods for Hospice event. Members are kept engaged after each meeting socializing and light refreshments. Each June, a special socializing event is held.

**IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**, Hamilton, (11 members) members collaborated with the members of **IODE Freelton Chapter** to support joint initiatives and fundraising efforts. The loss of a long-serving member was deeply felt by their small group.

**IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter**, North Bay, (11 members) promoted membership at the Victory Thrift Shop and engaged members through frequent emails.

**IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter**, Markham, (10 members)

**IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter**, Windsor, (9 members) friendship has kept the chapter going and strong.

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

**IODE Eldon House Chapter**, London, (20 members) promoted membership at the Bridge Marathon, book sale and through donations to community agencies. Many bookmarks and pamphlets were distributed. Members stayed connected attending bi-weekly coffee outings at a local café.

**IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter**, Sudbury, (17 members) engaged members by keeping them updated on new IODE developments.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia (30 members) invited friends and prospective members to meetings and events such as Founder's Day lunch at Huron Oaks Golf Club, 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cruise on the Duc D'Orleans II along the St. Clair River, and the Christmas luncheon at the Saw Mill Creek Golf Club. Members were active at community events such as an IODE Awareness Week display booth 'Celebrating Women in Business' and Alton Winery's Soup Fest. Facebook posts increased and a new member was recruited after seeing the fun activities on social media.

**IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter**, Stratford, (14 members) promoted membership by inviting friends and interested women to attend meetings.

**IODE Freelton Chapter**, Freelton, (13 members) recruitment efforts included the distribution of bookmarks, IODE bags and day planners.

**IODE Headwaters Chapter**, Orangeville, (8 members) partnered with local women owned businesses who promoted IODE on their websites.

**IODE Holland Landing Chapter**, Holland Landing, (5 members) promoted membership while participating in a pickle ball drop-in at a local school.

**IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, (18 members) kept members engaged by encouraging newer members to assist with chapter and community events such as Coldest Night of the Year, Lambton Literacy Day and Alton's Winery Soup Fest.

**IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter**, Toronto, (19 members) held chapter meetings by Zoom which allowed members who live at a distance to participate.

**IODE Kent Regiment Chapter**, Chatham, (10 members) kept members engaged by enjoying luncheons together several times a year. These were opportunities to review business, catch up and renew friendships.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, (42 members) promoted membership at a successful luncheon and fashion show held at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, garage sale, bake and cafe sale and at the special Charlene's Afternoon Tea and Silent Auction. Chapter meetings were held four or five times per year with social get-togethers to help in team building.

**IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter**, Orangeville, (14 members) kept members engaged by inviting speakers to meetings and involvement in community activities.

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

**IODE Manitou Chapter**, North Bay, chapter retired.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, (78 members) recruited members on social media by using their professionally produced video. Membership was promoted throughout the year at many events and fundraisers such as the June pizza dinner, coffee in the park, and the annual Christmas Home Tour. IODE membership was promoted at the Opportunity Shop and at the Christmas dinner with a presentation of a large donation to Huron Hospice. Members collected 163 pairs of socks which were distributed throughout the community.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, (43 members) kept members engaged by participation in fun events such as the mystery tour. Chapter members are visibly known in the community by actively engaging in many events like the selling of butter tarts at the market, planting daffodils in the cemetery, having a float in Petrolia's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade and hosting a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea at Victoria Playhouse.

**IODE Rouge Valley Chapter**, Pickering, (0 members) retired.

**IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter**, Guelph, (12 members)

**IODE Stirling Chapter**, St. Thomas, (10 members) members were engaged by holding officer positions and participated in a card party and barbecues to fundraise.

**IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter**, Uxbridge, (7 members) kept members engaged by emails and phone calls.

**IODE The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter**, Kitchener, (7 members) members enjoyed being together and wholly supporting the work and aims of IODE.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, virtual, (13 members) members were actively involved in all projects and pursued new and creative endeavours such as the purchase of over 125 children's books for the Kattawapiskak Elementary School in Attawapiskat. Members promoted IODE in their local communities such as the Seniors Fair in Port Hope and Celebrating Women in Forest. All web site inquiries were contacted, sent a recent IODE Ontario newsletter and invited to join the virtual chapter. Sixteen women were invited to participate in the chapter Zoom meetings.

**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, (33 members) members were engaged and enjoyed working together on many fundraisers and community projects. The chapter is very fortunate to be in a small community with a local newspaper that promoted events such as the annual fall fashion show.

**IODE Victoria Guelph Chapter**, Guelph, (0 members) chapter retiring.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, (17 members) members were engaged in making butter tarts and purchasing items for the northern nursing stations.

**IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter**, Bradford, (11 members)

**IODE White Cloud Chapter**, Wiarton, (10 members) members met over lunch and had lively discussions and shared stories of past events. Unfortunately, the passing of their membership officer left big shoes to fill and the impact of such a loss left a bigger hole in their small group.

**IODE Yellow Briar Chapter**, Orangeville, (10 members) had fun meetings and get-togethers for potluck suppers.

## **IODE Ontario Membership Committee**

The 2024 – 2025 Membership Committee was established in May and held three meetings. Introductory letters were sent to primary chapter membership officers with attachment of frequently used forms. Membership articles were included in the newsletters. A Zoom meeting was not held for primary chapter membership officers as an invitation was extended to attend IODE Canada's Membership workshop. Much appreciation is extended to the Membership Committee members for their active participation.



## IODE Welcomed 53 New Members

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, welcomed 11 new members. They are:

Jan Collins	Melanie McFarland
Lynn Briden	Audrey Mills
Shalini Desa	Jacquie Pollard
Theresa Dean	Susan Radice
Carole Findlay	Carolyn Rumble
Pam Manning	

**IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw**, Hamilton, welcomed Virginia Reade as a new member.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, welcomed four new members:

Jane Anema	Ruth Pedlar
Anna Bej	Barbie McBryan

**IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter**, Stratford, welcomed two new members:

Melissa Black  
Elaine Hamden

**IODE Freelton Chapter**, Freelton, welcomed Angela DeSimone as a new member.

**IODE Headwaters Chapter**, Orangeville, welcomed Laura Chiasson as a new member.

**IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, welcomed two new members:

Prabhjot Kaur  
Sharon Sharp

**IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter**, Orangeville welcomed Lucy Esposito as a new member.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, welcomed Moira Phillips as a new member.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich welcomed 12 new members:

Alecia (Allie) Anderson	Hilda Kraft
Marilyn Arscott	Lori Prehn
Sandra Brown	Arlene Sager
Kristy Daley	Karen Scott
Linda Durnin	Doris Springman
Charlotte Huxley	Eileen Wroot

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia welcomed eight new members:

Mary Colley	Kandy Hoven
Betty Crombeen	Catherine Leslie
Cathy Duff	Christie Tyler
Karen Douglas	Carolyn Smith

**IODE Stirling Chapter**, St. Thomas welcomed Linda Doan as a new member.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, virtual welcomed four new members:

Kathleen Byles	Barb Rowell
Natalie Botzang	Judy Yack

**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester welcomed four new members:

Stella Bailey	Deborah Stephen
Heather Slater	Laurie Thompson

**IODE West Gwillimbury**, Bradford, welcomed Aurora Elliott as a new member.

## Membership Awards

**First Place** with **12** new paid-up members:

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich

**Second Place** with **11** new paid-up members:

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville

**Third Place** with **8** new paid-up members:

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia

***Honourable mention to chapters who installed one to four new members in 2024 were:***

Four Members:

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia

IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, virtual

Three Members:

IODE Val Griffith's Chapter, Dorchester

Two Members:

IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

One Member:

IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter, Stratford

IODE Freelton Chapter, Freelton

IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa

IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas

IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter, Bradford

Note: In 2024, a returning member who was a non-member for two years and returning to IODE, is now considered a new member. Members who transfer chapters are not recognized as new members.

## Life Memberships

**IODE Ontario Chapter**, Hamilton, presented Provincial Life Memberships to Treasurer, Debbie Button, at the Provincial Annual Meeting.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, presented Primary Life Memberships to Lisa Cossar and Betsy Thompson.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, presented Primary Life Memberships to Lynn Baarschers and Michelle Batty.

**IODE Confederation Chapter**, Ridgetown, presented a Primary Life membership to Mary Margaret Branscombe.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, presented Janet Uren with a Primary Life Membership.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, presented a Primary Life Membership to Monica Deighton.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata presented a Primary Life Membership to Alia Klein.

## 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:**

- 5 years: Paula Aiken, Evelyn Kemp, Jan Krutzelmann
- 10 years: Sue Clark, Joan Holden, Christine Smith, Lynda Thomson
- 15 years: Lorraine Fraser
- 20 years: Pat Soden
- 25 years: Betty Geraghty and Wendy Cato
- 40 years: Betty Jane Young
- 60 years: Gail McDiarmid

#### **IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place, member:**

- 70 years: Mary Cook

#### **IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden, members:**

- 10 years: Leslie Jones and Rebecca Ritzer
- 30 years: Wendy Weston

#### **IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, members:**

- 10 years: Hannie VanderZanden
- 20 years: Carla Bouw
- 25 years: Barbara Dell
- 40 years: Anita McKinlay and Mary Wright
- 50 years: Mary Margaret Branscombe

#### **IODE Eldon House Chapter, London, members:**

- 5 years: Kathryn Michienzi and Brenda Innes
- 30 years: Maureen Graham

#### **IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter, Sudbury, members:**

- 5 years: Jo-Ann Glann, Constance Nolan, Peggy Soucie
- 20 years: Maria Binotto, Elaine Birmingham, Toulia Sakellaris
- 30 years: Muriel Anderson and Pamela Humphrey

#### **IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, members:**

- 5 years: Lisa Dajcbauer, Lesley Heap, Diane Martin, Charter members Sherry Ferguson, Marie Ferguson, and Elizabeth Stepanov

#### **IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia, members:**

- 5 years: Mary Gates, Deb Heaton
- 10 years: Mary Lou Falla and Jayne Little

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, members:

- 5 years: Marian McLennan
- 30 years: Lee Smith
- 35 years; Jeannette Maule

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, members:

- 5 years: Cheryl Smith
- 10 years: Heather Ball and Penny Murray
- 20 years: Lynn Bearden and Jerry Fowler
- 25 years: Dianne Allen and Kay King
- 40 years: Lynn Edwards
- 50 years: Roz Campbell
- 65 years: Pat Steel

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia members:

- 20 years: Margaret Dee, Marybelle MacFarlane and Kathryn Weston

**IODE Val Griffith's Chapter**, Dorchester members:

- 5 years: Thea Berdan, Sharon Christie

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, members:

- 25 years: Adrienne Alexander
- 30 years: Marcia Buchanan, Ann Dyer, Dee (Deryle) Fawcett, Joyce Mount, and Caroline Rodgers
- 40 years: Marnie Van Steen

## CHAPTER ANNIVERSARIES

*The following chapters celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2024. IODE Ontario recognizes them with a congratulatory letter and certificate.*

IODE Elizabeth Barret Browning, Sudbury	June 1944 .....	80 yrs.
IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia	Dec. 1979.....	45 yrs.
IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia	March 1954 .....	70 yrs.
IODE Lorraine Chapter, Ottawa	Feb. 1909.....	105 yrs.
IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia	March 1949 .....	75 yrs.
IODE Rouge Valley Chapter, Toronto	Feb. 1984.....	40 yrs.
IODE Susie Sorabji, Uxbridge	May 1934 .....	90 yrs.
IODE West Gwillimbury, Bradford	Nov. 1949.....	75 yrs.

# SERVICES

by Virginia Reade and Gloria Saunders

<b>TOTAL VALUE OF SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR 2024</b>	<b>\$626,691</b>
Equipment and Furnishings	47,277
Clothing/Bedding/Towels/Layettes (Provincial & community donations)	245,136
Camperships/Sports Equipment	15,142
Service Animals/Animal Shelters	14,592
Books, Toys, Computers	10,309
Medical, Dental, Vision and Emergency Aid	10,472
Food	110,936
Miscellany	27,703
Services Work Not Reported Elsewhere	87,720
<b>Donations to Provincial Funds</b>	
Provincial Services Fund	1,850
Footwear For Kids	725
Christmas Toys	650
CARD	40,000
Provincial Shipping	700
<b>Donations to National Funds</b>	
National Services Fund	1,475
Snack Pack	11,600
Canadian Disaster Relief	1,150

Throughout 2024, 14 primary chapters donated knitted clothing, footwear, toys and bedding to the Provincial packing room with a total value of \$17,425.

Thank you to helpers from **IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Angela Bruce, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw, Frelton and Margaret Stokes Chapters** for sorting donations and packing boxes. Thanks also to chapter members, friends of members and the OPP Indigenous Liaison Team for transporting boxes north to the Nishnawbe Aski Police Services (NAPS) who then delivered the boxes to the northern nursing clinics.

One hundred and twenty-eight boxes in total were packed during 2024, including Christmas parcels, and sent to nursing clinics, schools and resource programs in remote Northern Ontario communities. These boxes were valued at \$47,847. Postage costs for the boxes were \$25,849.

Nineteen boxes, valued at \$8,248, were packed on behalf of IODE Canada. The postage costs of \$1,486, for parcels sent to clinics and schools in Labrador and Nunavut, were paid for by IODE Canada.

As part of the Relocation Project, Services committed to emptying the packing room shelves and distributing unneeded kitchen items. Donations of baby clothing and blankets, valued at \$425, were provided to a young women's and baby shelter. Ukrainian refugees were given clothing and small kitchen appliances (donated by a friend of IODE) with a value of \$630. One hundred fifty-five dollars worth of clothing, mugs and cutlery were donated to St. Matthew's House café program. Clothing and office items valued at \$203 were given to the Salvation Army. Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, Birthing Centre received a box of baby clothing valued at \$190.

## Highlights from the Packing Room

March: Indigenous Liaison Officer Jason Richardson came to the IODE office and picked up \$1,080 worth of clothing for babies, children and adults to distribute to the Saugeen First Nations communities where he works.

April: Sgt. Gilles Lachance, from the OPP Indigenous Liaison Team, notified Services that families from Kasheshawan had been evacuated to Kirkland Lake and Kapuskasing due to flooding and could IODE Ontario assist with clothing for babies, children and men plus any activities that would help keep the children busy. Sgt. Gilles came to the office and his truck was filled with boxes for communities in Northern Ontario that the NAPS delivered on behalf of IODE Ontario. The rest of the space in the truck was packed with clothing, footwear, warm hand-knitted hats as well as a sewing machine, material and sewing accessories donated by friends of IODE and members. There were bags of stuffed animals, small cars and trucks, balls, skipping ropes and colouring sets to help keep the children busy.

May: An email request was received from the small school in Savant Lake for some bib aprons for children who would be starting a cooking class with their teacher in September. With donated quilted material, several lovely aprons were made for the children.

Summer: The prenatal nurse in Big Trout Lake submitted a request for items to be given to Moms at prenatal classes to encourage their participation. Some of the gift bags donated at the Provincial Annual Meeting Baby and Mom Shower were sent.

September: Sgt. Gilles Lachance arrived at the IODE Office with an empty truck which was then filled with nine boxes for northern communities and quilts, comforters, blankets and sheets, donated by members and community friends. Also included were baby seats and a stroller.

November: IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Hamilton, members came to the office and packed 20 boxes of Christmas toys and clothing with a value of \$5,925 to be sent to our remote northern communities.

## **Services Connections**

With the Provincial chapter relinquishing office space and moving to a virtual format as of the end of February 2025, a new process for supporting our remote Northern Ontario communities needed to be found. Primary chapters were asked if they would be willing to become the new contacts for these communities, with additional support from Provincial Services.

Thirteen primary chapters stepped forward to support nine Northern Ontario communities. This initiative began in October and, in the three months ending December 31, 2024, more than 40 parcels with a content value of more than \$10,500 were delivered north.

Chapters were creative in finding ways to minimize the cost of transportation. Parcels were driven to family who lived north and from there to OPP officers who assisted in getting the parcels to their final destinations. Many chapters took advantage of Canada Post's free/discounted shipping program on Tuesdays during October. Primary chapters not directly involved with the communities provided support by donating items to the Provincial Services department which were funnelled to the contact chapters. Enthusiasm for continuing this project remains high.

Due to elimination of the IODE Provincial office and packing facilities in February 2025, IODE Canada was informed that IODE Ontario would no longer be able to ship items to Nunavut and Labrador on behalf of IODE Canada.

A newsletter from the Provincial Services Officers was sent to all Primary Chapter Services Officers in 2024 instead of a Zoom meeting.

In 2024 primary chapters continued to find new and interesting ways to provide service to their communities. Below are excerpts from the primary chapter annual reports. These are only a few of the many projects undertaken by chapters.

**IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter**, Toronto, purchased and distributed copies of the IODE Jean Throop Award winning book.

**IODE Angela Bruce Chapter**, Oakville, made financial donations to local organizations including food banks, shelters and Dog Guides of Canada.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter**, Campbellford, became a Community Connection chapter, partnering with IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place. Bemersyde shipped personal care items, art supplies, toys and clothing to the Family Resource Centre in Moosonee.

**IODE Bertha Cane Chapter**, Newmarket, donated to several food programs and prepared good grooming kits.

**IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter**, Chatham, made financial donations to several local organizations: Goodfellows, Meals on Wheels, Empower Youth, Outreach for Hunger and Women's Centre.

**IODE Catherine McVean Chapter**, Dresden, provided funding for a fence around the Dresden Central Bark Dog Park.

**IODE City of Lakes Chapter**, Sudbury, donated toiletries throughout the year to the emergency department of Health Sciences North and the Northern Initiative for Social Action (NISA) as well as collecting pop can tabs to support the local hospice.

**IODE Confederation Chapter**, Ridgetown, donated to 'FreeHelpCK', a Chatham-Kent community group that provides an outdoor food pantry for those in need. They also provided Foodland gift cards to the Salvation Army food bank for birthday bags.

**IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter**, Hamilton, provided Christmas gifts to a local long-term care facility and Christmas goody bags to St. Matthew's House, a multi-service agency.

**IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter**, Markham, donated to the Guardians of the Children to provide counselling services for children who attend court to face their abusers.

**IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter**, Windsor, donated items for the homeless, young mothers, a hospice and shelter.

**IODE Edith Benson Chapter**, London, supported the South London Community Resource Centre's Baby Food Bank and Community Kitchen as well as providing a Christmas party and backpacks.

**IODE Eldon House Chapter**, London, provided support to the South London Community Resource Centre with donations to their Baby Food Bank, Breakfast Program and Summer Sports Activity Program.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter**, Sarnia, made donations to a local women's shelter for the purchase of groceries and to the local hospice for a kitchen mixer.

**IODE Festival Jubilee Chapter**, Stratford, donated to Simple Dreams, an organization providing beds to children without them and L'Arche Stratford which provides music therapy for stimulation to adults with intellectual disabilities.

**IODE Freelon Chapter**, Freelon, sent Christmas gifts to the twelve-student school and two infants at Savant Lake. Aprons were sewn by chapter members and sent to support the school's new cooking class.

**IODE Headwaters Chapter**, Orangeville, focused on providing new and used clothing.

**Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter**, North Bay, donated funds for batting and quilt backing to the community group 'Quilting Friends' which made 155 quilts, mostly given to a regional health centre.

**IODE Holland Landing Chapter**, Holland Landing, donated bags of used clothing and supported a food bank and snack programs.

**IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter**, Sarnia, celebrated holidays throughout the year by donating Valentine heart bags, Easter eggs, Halloween treat bags, candy and teddy bear bags, and cloth Christmas bags to different community organizations.

**IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter**, Toronto, had as their focus 'Youth Without Shelter' and The Redwood Shelter. Food vouchers, hats and socks were provided.

**IODE Kent Regiment Chapter**, Chatham, donated Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and St. Patrick's Day round tablecloths.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, donated funds for an apartment for youth at risk, the Interval House of Ottawa, a Caring & Sharing Exchange program, a generator fund at Banff Avenue Community House plus furniture for other charities.

**IODE Lorraine Chapter**, Ottawa, donated baby clothing and other necessities as well as children's clothing to the Young Parent Outreach and Program Centre of St. Mary's Home and the Foster Farm Family House.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, donated towards the addition of another room at the local hospice.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, knitted/crocheted 395 heart coasters which were delivered to residents of local long-term care homes in February along with Valentine's cards.

**IODE Royal Wyndham Chapter**, Guelph, focused on food insecurity by donating cash and grocery gift cards as well as food to a local food bank.

**IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter**, Uxbridge, donated backpacks for children went to the Salvation Army. The Sandgate Women's Shelter in Keswick received several boxes of toiletries and personal items. Baby clothes, layettes, blankets and toys went to the Sunrise Pregnancy Centre. Used clothing was donated to Chances Are, a thrift shop run by the Uxbridge Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

**IODE Toronto Legacy Fund**, Toronto, under the auspices of IODE Ontario, made a final donation to the Community Association for Riders with Disabilities (CARD) to care for and feed the horses.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, virtual, donated incandescent light bulbs for a Raptor Centre bird sanctuary.

**IODE Val Griffiths Chapter**, Dorchester, donated funds to help the Dorchester Fire Department purchase an inflatable safety house that children can walk through to learn about fire hazards, safe exits, etc.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, focused on food insecurity with the chapter making financial donations to several food banks and chapter members providing additional food and money.

**IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter**, Bradford, donated used clothing, baby clothing and sheets.

**IODE White Cloud Chapter**, Warton, worked with the Warton Salvation Army to provide personalized Christmas gifts to area seniors.

**IODE Yellow Briar Chapter**, Orangeville, held a Mother's Day basket fundraiser for local libraries.



# STANDARD BEARER

*by Kathryn Weston*

**IODE Province of Ontario Chapter:** The Canadian flag was present at all hybrid and Zoom meetings. The table standards were present but not displayed. For the first time in five years the Canadian flag was paraded into the hybrid Provincial Annual Meeting, held in Goderich Ontario. Twenty-five chapters submitted reports, three of which indicated that there was no report. Some Citizenship Officers completed the Standard Bearer report in chapters which did not have a Standard Bearer. The details from the chapters that submitted reports are provided below:

Number of chapters with table standards .....	24
Number of chapters with Canadian Flag:.....	21
Number of chapters with Union Jack .....	15
Number of meetings at which flags were present .....	171
Number of other occasions the flags were displayed:.....	9

**IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter,** Toronto, had the table standards for four in-person meetings. The mast for the Union Jack has broken and will be repaired. The chapter also has a Canada flag.

**IODE Bemersyde Chapter,** Campbellford, had table standards present at ten meetings. The chapter also has the Canadian flag and the Union Jack.

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

**IODE Catherine McVean Chapter,** Dresden, has table standards, the Canada Flag and the Union Jack. The table standards were present at ten monthly meetings and the Flag was carried at the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph.

**IODE Confederation Chapter,** Ridgetown, had the Canadian flag paraded at the cenotaph for Remembrance Day. An IODE Corporate Flag and flagpole were received from the Provincial Office for a donation.

**IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter,** Markham, had standards in place at three chapter meetings. They have a Canada flag, a Union Jack and table standards.

**IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter,** Windsor, has table standards, the Canada flag and the Union Jack. The table standards were present at the eight meetings held.

**IODE Edith Benson Chapter,** London, had table standards present at all four meetings. The chapter treasurer laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph which was originally dedicated by the London Municipal Chapter.

**IODE Eldon House Chapter,** London, has table standards, Union Jack and the Canadian flag. The standards were present at all nine in-person meetings.

**IODE Errol Egremont Chapter,** Sarnia, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. All flags were present at ten meetings.

**IODE Freulton Chapter,** Freulton, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. They were present at four meetings.

**IODE Holland Landing Chapter,** Holland Landing, has table standards which were in place for all four chapter virtual meetings.

**IODE Kent Regiment Chapter,** Chatham, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack. The Standards are currently in storage so were unavailable for presentation.

**IODE Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, had the table standards on display for all nine meetings.

**IODE Lorraine Chapter**, Ottawa, had table standards the Union Jack and the Canadian flag present at seven chapter meetings.

**IODE Maple Leaf Chapter**, Goderich, had table standards present at all nine chapter meetings. The Canadian flag and the Union Jack were paraded at four events: the Canada Day parade and the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph as well as the funerals of two members, Pat Stringer and Rosemary Carson-Rees.

**IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter**, Petrolia, had table standards present at ten meetings. The Canadian flag was not displayed. The chapter does not have a Union Jack, however, it does have the Corporate flag which was flown at the Town Hall for Volunteer Week and for IODE Awareness Week. The Canada flag was paraded into the Provincial Annual Meeting in Goderich, by chapter member and Provincial Standard Bearer, Kathryn Weston.

**IODE Stirling Chapter**, St. Thomas, has table standards, a Canadian Flag and a Union Jack. They were present at ten chapter meetings. The flag was present at the annual Decoration Day at Southpark Cemetery in June, where a wreath was laid as well. At the Remembrance Day Service at Veterans Memorial Park, the Canada flag was carried by Brenda Hoover and a wreath was laid by Suzanne Mills.

**IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter**, Uxbridge, had the flags present at all six meetings.

**IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter**, virtual, had table standards present at all ten meetings. The chapter also has a Canada flag.

**IODE Walter Baker Chapter**, Nepean/Kanata, held ten meetings. The chapter has table standards, a Canada flag and a Union Jack. The flags were displayed at a chapter fundraiser. Standards were on display at the three in-person meetings as well as at the garage sale. The Standard Bearer flies a flag from her balcony and during the month of November she displays the flags of allied nations.

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

**IODE Yellow Briar Chapter**, Orangeville, has table standards, the Canadian flag and the Union Jack, which were displayed at nine chapter meetings.

## **IODE ONTARIO PRESIDENTS**

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
Helen Danby	2022 – 2025



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