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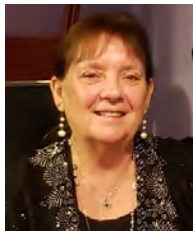
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President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and took the opportunity to rest, vacation, garden and spend time with family and friends. As we start back into meetings and continuing chapter projects I look forward to hearing about the amazing work that your chapters are doing.

October is IODE Awareness Month, and I know that there will be many creative activities to promote IODE and membership. We want to hear about your good works in promoting IODE so plan to share widely. Let us know when you are in the news, special posts on social media and your many events and fundraisers. Please let us know what you are doing so your IODE sisters can help support you by attending your events. We love going on day trips and having fun with our members. We are a community of women who are making a difference in our communities.

Our virtual office is running well with the help of our office administrator, Lynn Hughes. The transition from a physical office to a virtual one has been smooth. Lynn continues to respond quickly to phone calls and emails giving much needed assistance. Please note the new address: **Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, P.O. Box 80085, Burlington RPO Appleby, ON L7L 6B1.** The phone number remains the same 905-522-9537. There is no longer a fax number.

Mark your calendars to attend the Provincial Annual Meeting, PAM, April 17 & 18, 2026 at the Holiday Inn in Peterborough, ON. Many fun events are being planned and we hope you will join us for the 106th Provincial Annual Meeting.

Please let us know if you are celebrating your members' years of service, life memberships or your chapter's anniversary. We would love to send congratulations with a letter and certificate. Celebrating member milestones is important. It is because of our members that IODE is so successful and continues to be such a wonderful organization.

IODE women are Inclusive, Organized, Dedicated and Enthusiastic!

Please reach out to me iodemichellebatty@outlook.com.

Michelle

EDUCATION

By Lisa Cossar

Congratulations! To all primary chapters for their wonderful support of education this past June. Such a tremendous amount of graduation awards was handed out at local elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools to support students in the next step of their journey. We love receiving all the thank you notes and cards from these students.

Lucy Morrison Bursary

The bursary will be a tremendous help in achieving educational goals, and students deeply appreciate the recognition and opportunity it represents. Primary chapters are thanked for past support and are encouraged to consider a donation to the Lucy Morrison Fund as part of their annual disbursements. Here is a response from our most recent recipient Hai Xin Wu (Katie): "The IODE Lucy Morrison Bursary has helped me buy book supplies needed for school and lessened my burden of taking on more shifts in my part time job. Thank you so much to all the sponsors." Katie

Gladys Raiter Bursary for Graduate Study, \$10,000

IODE Ontario would like to ask members to inform their chapters of this bursary for students enrolled in post-graduate studies. To honour the memory of his wife Gladys, a member of the IODE Queen Anne Chapter in Kitchener, Norman Raiter bequeathed money to IODE to establish this Bursary Fund.

The Bursary is:

- Administered by IODE Ontario
- Awarded on the basis of academic standing and financial need
- Awarded for one year of full-time graduate study in Canada

Deadline: For receipt of application and supporting documents: **November 1, 2025**

Send Application to:

Education Officer
IODE Ontario, PO Box 80085,
Burlington RPO Appleby, ON, L7L 6B1

Email: iodeontario@gmail.com

CONDITIONS:

- Applicants must be a Canadian Citizen and hold an undergraduate degree from a recognized Canadian university.
- Applicants will be considered:
 - a) whose family resides in the Regional Municipality of Kitchener-Waterloo, and the student is in post-graduate study locally or elsewhere in Canada

or

 - b) the student is enrolled in a post-graduate degree program at the University of Waterloo or Wilfrid Laurier University



CITIZENSHIP

By Kathryn Weston

Annual Reports:

This year we have been trying to keep track of our **Acts of Kindness**. IODE Members tend to be kind as our second nature, so it is difficult to record each act. Are you doing something on a regular basis? House sitting while a neighbour is on vacation and watering their plants? Perhaps driving someone to their appointments? Please see the list on the IODE Canada's website, Members Resources, under Officers - Citizenship. www.iodecanada.ca

Another facet of citizenship is supporting our veterans, participating in the Canada Day parades, or assisting at citizenship court, maintaining a park, garden or cemetery, placing flags or crosses on the veterans' graves or partnering with the Legion in their events.

All the above would count toward your IODE volunteer hours that are recorded on your Chapter's Citizenship Annual Report. Recently on the Citizenship report, there is a spot to record a friend's volunteer hours also. If a friend/spouse is helping at an event, please record their hours also. The total number of hours are submitted as part of Annual Reports for our charitable status to the government.

Here is a recipe for a portable birthday cake that may be donated to a food bank or shipped, and the kids may bake their own cake. Please include the directions at the bottom.

Food Bank Idea – Birthday Cake in a Bag (as posted on the IODE Canada website)

Start with a birthday gift bag. Line it with tissue paper and include a cake mix, a can of soda, a container of prepared frosting, and candles. To make it more fun, add a package of sprinkles. Don't forget a birthday card with your chapter's name on it and a note with the following instructions.

Soda Pop Cake

While many of the benefits of this dessert are fairly obvious—easy prep, shelf-stable ingredients, and cost savings—there are other great things about a two-ingredient cake: Because you aren't using eggs, you cut down on potential allergy exposure. Without eggs or butter, you also may be baking a vegan or plant-based cake (please check the ingredients label). For the kids, focus on the fun factor of using a can of soda to activate dry ingredients. Make it into a science discussion with kids. What are leavening ingredients? Why does the soda activate them? (Hint: It all has to do with the bubbly carbonation.)

A few suggestions

- Coca Cola + Chocolate Cake Mix
- Sprite + Yellow Cake Mix
- Dr. Pepper + Red Velvet Cake Mix
- A&W Cream Soda + Vanilla Cake Mix
- Barq's Root Beer + Spice Cake Mix
- Canada Dry Ginger Ale + Carrot Cake Mix
- Mountain Dew + Lemon Cake Mix
- Fanta Strawberry + Strawberry Cake Mix

Directions: Simply stir together the soda and cake mix, then follow the baking instructions on the mix for the correct pan size, greasing and cook time. The result will be a delightfully light and fluffy cake with minimal effort - a true win-win!

TIP: Instead of mixing the dry cake mix and soda all at once, try a technique like pasta making: Create a well in the cake mix and pour in the soda. Hand-mixing may help keep the batter lighter.

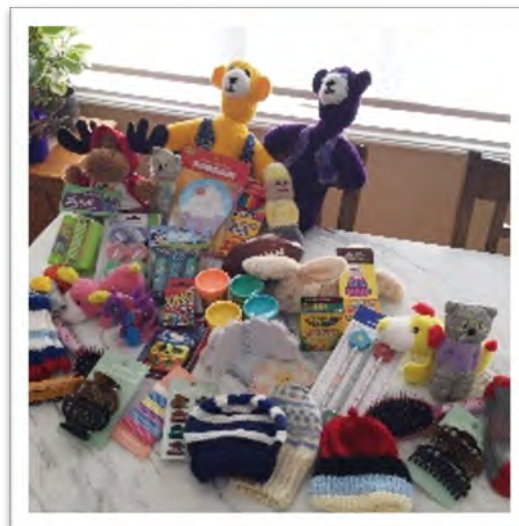
SERVICES

By Gloria Saunders & Virginia Reade, Services Co-Officers



The Christmas stocking project has been moving along at warp speed. Stacks of stockings are appearing (see picture for a sample of creative stockings). The connecting chapters have been contacted about the number of stockings they would like to have to send to our supported northern communities. Stockings will be taken to the October hybrid PEC meeting for distribution to these chapters.

Shopping for stocking stuffers has begun (see picture). The Provincial Services Co-officers will be bringing bags of assorted toys for various ages to the PEC meeting for distribution. These items have been purchased with the Services money that chapters have generously donated. We also received a \$500 donation from a friend of IODE to be used to purchase items for the stockings.



If you have stockings or stuffer items that you cannot get to a connecting chapter or the PEC meeting, please contact Gloria (iodegloria30@gmail.com, 226-520-3230) or Virginia (iodeontarioservices@gmail.com) and we will try to help you.

The Christmas stocking project is a project developed by IODE Ontario to help celebrate IODE's 125th anniversary. The goal has been to collect 125, or multiples of, stockings. Once your chapter has finished creating their stockings, please contact Virginia with the number produced so that she can tally the numbers.

Thank you so much for the enthusiasm you have shown for this project. We're sure the smiles on the children's faces will be worth your efforts.

In other Services news, the Services Co-officers have spent some time this summer re-vamping the Services portion of the IODE Ontario website to reflect our changes now that we are operating virtually. A big thank you to Ashley Bonnell for her input and assistance in uploading the material to the website. Please take a few moments to view the Community Services section (<https://www.iodeontario.ca/community-services.html>).



Thank you note from Guelph Wellington Women in Crises,
"An overdue big thank you to Barbara and the Freelton Chapter of **IODE Canada**. Since 1987, women from all walks of life and backgrounds in the Freelton area have been enjoying fun, friendship and community volunteerism. Their initiatives support the pillars of Children, Education and Community Services. This group of women are part of a Canadian network with the motto, "women dedicated to a better Canada."
We were so pleased to receive these wonderful drawstring reusable bags they had so lovingly sewn and can be reused again and again. Inside were so many wonderful goodies, from products and activity books and supplies for kids to specialty skin care items and other toiletries.
What a gift! Thank you, IODE Freelton, for supporting"

MEMBERSHIP

By Pam Ainscough, Membership Officer

It is important to remember that new members hear about your chapter through publicized events, community involvement and by asking. Are you talking about IODE? Ask a friend or neighbour today to join. Every Member Counts!

The Shoes of IODE poem illustrates the interest, abilities, occupations and diversity within IODE. Please share this poem at your chapter meeting and enjoy.

The Shoes of IODE

We are Accountants, Authors, Actors, Artisans, Aunts with Assets & Abilities.

We are Bankers, Boaters, Board members, Best friends with Boldness.

We are Cooks, Curlers, Clerks, Caterers, Comptrollers wit Charisma & Creativity.

We are Dreamers, Drivers, Directors, Daughters with Dedication & Determination.

We are Farmers, Friends, Florists, Financial Planners with Flair & Fashion.

We are Gymnasts, Grandmothers, Greeters, Gardeners with Grace.

We are Hairdressers, Hikers, Helping Hands with Heart & Humanity.

We are Involved Investors, Inspectors, Instigators with Integrity.

We are Joggers, Joiners, Jacks-of-all-trades with Joy.

We are Knitters, Kayakers, Kinfolk with Kindness.

We are Lawyers, Librarians, Legal secretaries with Love & Laughter.

We are Musicians, Mothers, Maiden aunts, Multitaskers with Might.

We are Nurses, Nieces, Neighbors, Naturalists with Network.

We are Organizers, Operators, Organists with Options & Opinions.

We are Planners, Painters, Photographers, Postal workers with Passion.

We are Quilters, Questioners with Quirks & Quality.

We are Retailers, Readers, Receptionist, runners with Responsibilities.

We are Sisters, Singers, Secretaries, Shoppers with Spirit & Sensitivity.

We are Teachers, Thinker, Talkers, Technicians, Travelers with Talent.

We are Undervalued, Understudies with Understanding.

We are Volunteers, Visitors with Vitality & Vision.

We are Wits, Walkers, Weavers, Writers with Wisdom & Wonder.

We are X-treme dancers with X-tra energy.

We are Yoga Instructors with Youthfulness.

We are Zealous workers with Zip.

Running Shoes and rubber boots, heels, flats & hikers,

Curling shoes and well-worn scuffs, loafers, clogs & sandals, cowboy boots and four-inch spikes,

slippers, cleats & joggers, shoes for work and shoes for play, shoes for every situation, shoes for women on the move, in every interest, age and station.

If the Shoe fits, you can wear it in IODE.

ADOPTED SCHOOLS

By Aileen Reid

IODE Adopted Schools in Northern Ontario: Bridging Communities and Enhancing Educational Opportunities

Introduction – HOW IODE CAN HELP?

In the vast and diverse region of Northern Ontario, education faces unique challenges due to remote locations, sparse populations, and limited access to resources. To address these obstacles and foster stronger connections between communities, organizations, and students, the concept of “adopted schools” has emerged as a vital initiative. This article explores what IODE Adopted Schools are, their significance in Northern Ontario, and the impact they have on students, educators, and communities.

What Are Adopted Schools?

Adopted schools refer to the partnership of IODE with the Northern Schools. Through this partnership, schools receive additional support—ranging from classroom resources, pen pal opportunities, to extracurricular supplies, such as sports items and running shoes. The objective is to provide students with enriched learning experiences and opportunities that might otherwise be inaccessible in remote or underfunded areas.

The Need for Adoption in Northern Ontario

Northern Ontario’s schools often serve small, isolated communities, many of which are Indigenous. Geographic isolation can mean limited access to educational specialists, extracurricular activities, and up-to-date learning materials. Socio-economic factors can further hinder students’ ability to thrive academically and socially. IODE’s Adopted School program help bridge these gaps by connecting schools with IODE Chapters and/or individual members from across the province.

Model of School Adoption

- As a non-profit charitable organization, chapters/individuals can assist with literacy and language development, especially in Indigenous-language contexts, by providing books to the school through companies such as First Book Canada. Membership to First Book Canada is free. First Book Canada is also encouraging members to apply for the “**Reads for the Future 2025**” grant which provides books to create a literacy-rich library for students to access. Go to firstbook@e.firstbook.org
For details. **Deadline is Monday, October 6, 2025**, at 5:00 PM ET.
- Chapters have also donated basic school supplies, laptops, computer programs, funded STEM programs, and provided support for nutrition initiatives. **Items sent should be requested items from the school or teacher.**

Impact on Students and Communities

Adopted schools in Northern Ontario have seen numerous positive outcomes. Students gain access to technology, and hands-on learning opportunities that are both academic and life skills. Educators benefit from supplies sent that they either can’t access or can’t afford.

For our Indigenous communities, the Adopted Schools program can also support language revitalization, land-based education, and the incorporation of traditional knowledge into curricula, fostering a sense of identity and resilience.

Challenges and the Path Forward

Despite the benefits, the IODE Adopted Schools Program faces ongoing challenges, including reduced number of chapters in Ontario, therefore reduced membership to adopt a classroom, cost of shipping, poor communication between schools and chapters and overcoming logistical barriers posed by distance and weather. Building trust and ensuring community voices are central to decision-making are critical for the long-term success of the IODE Adopted Schools program.

Looking ahead, finding new ways to connect northern classrooms with our members and fostering

different ways to collaborate can help ensure that all students in Northern Ontario—regardless of geography—have the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

IODE Adopted Schools program provides support and offers a beacon of hope in Northern Ontario's educational landscape. By connecting schools with external supporters, such as IODE, this partnership is breaking down barriers and opening doors to new possibilities for youth and their communities. As the need for equitable and innovative educational solutions continues, the IODE Adopted Schools program continues to be a model that works with our Northern Ontario schools and provides opportunity for student success.

Please think about adopting a class in Northern Ontario and making a difference in students' lives. Contact Aileen Reid, IODE Ontario's Education Officer, in charge of Adopted Schools at aileenreid13@gmail.com

PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING (PAM)

By Co-Convenors, Betsy Thompson/Susan Sibbit

PAM 2026 here we come! Save the dates Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 2026!!

This is your chance to vacation in the stunning Kawartha Lakes district. The Provincial Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario will be held in the beautiful city of Peterborough on the Otonabee River and the Trent Severn Waterway at the Holiday Inn Waterfront Peterborough. A guided tour of the Canadian Canoe Museum, one of the Best Cultural Spots on *National Geographic's* Best of the World 2024, and a free tour of the Peterborough Art Gallery just a short walk along the waterfront from the hotel, are planned for Friday afternoon.

Friday evening starts with a catered Tailgate Dinner Party followed by a smash Op Shop Spring Fashion Show and Sale hosted by IODE Angela Bruce Chapter. There might be a bit of silliness by IODE Bemersyde gals from small town 'Cam'ferd' to wrap up the evening. Stay tuned!

Saturday is a time to celebrate the life-changing work of every IODE member in Ontario at the Provincial Annual Meeting. **It's you who makes a difference within the province, across the country and overseas.** Arrive early to pick up your registration package and check out the Silent Auction items, while enjoying a cuppa with your friends. Several donations have already been received, including a gift certificate for a complimentary overnight stay for two with breakfast at the Holiday Inn Peterborough Waterfront.

It is also a time to visit the officers' displays (maybe you want to be on a committee after all!), support chapter fundraisers where you can purchase their wares, and get to know your sister members. The day is filled with award presentations, guest speakers and reports of heartwarming deeds carried out by chapters. A delicious plated hot lunch will be served at noon.

The registration fee is \$150. Rooms are booked for IODE Ontario Thursday, April 16th, Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th, discounted to 2024 rates. A double room with two queen beds and breakfast for two is \$186/night plus 13% HST and 4% municipal charge: that's \$109.29 per person. Think about who your roomie will be and plan your Spring IODE get-away! **More details to follow**, including the 2026 PAM theme and registration package.

Welcome New Members

The Maple Leaf Chapter IODE Goderich welcomed 8 new members at our February General meeting. Seen here are Lori Prehn, Charlotte Huxley, Linda Durnin, Sandra Brown, Kristy Daley, Hilda Kraft, Eileen Wroot, and Arlene Sager. We are thrilled to be welcoming such a great group of new people!



The Maple Leaf Chapter IODE Goderich held their April General meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd and welcomed 3 new members. Seen here are Karen Scott introducing Sandi King, and Anne Babin and Tory McDonald who introduced each other, and were brought to our Chapter by Cathy McDonald, their mom. Also, in the group photo is Membership Chair, Ann-Marie Becke.



IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia welcomed three new members. Pictured with President Dawn McNally and Membership Officers Barb Stewart and Monica Deighton are Donna Thompson, Colleen Dean and Carole Touzin.

IODE Chapters in Action

Featuring IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter, Ontario's Virtual Chapter

By Linda Gryner, Communications Officer, IODE Trillium 2023

If you are ever wondering what a virtual chapter does, allow me to share.

Brief History: IODE Trillium 2023 first met by Zoom on September 7, 2023, after receiving its charter on June 23, 2023. With a complete set of officers, the current 13-geographically dispersed members have been very proactive in achieving their shared goal of carrying out the IODE mission. Our regular 7 p.m. meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August).

Education & Literacy: IODE Trillium 2023 is fortunate to have an adopted class in Attawapiskat. The Grade one class students at Kattawapiskak School have been provided with regular shipment of school supplies, holiday parcels. In September, a request for much needed indoor shoes, along with socks and school supplies were sent.



Twice a year usually around Easter and Christmas, each Trillium 2023 member corresponds with a student through our "Pen-Pal Program" and they enjoy the cute, priceless replies from the children.

Last year, IODE Trillium 2023 was able to donate 132 books to commemorate our adopted school's 10th Anniversary, as well as IODE Canada's 125th Anniversary.

This year, President Kathy Byles applied to procure a grant from First Book Canada's program "Reads for the Future", an initiative which helps provide quality books for children in need, in conjunction with their partner, Bank of Montreal. IODE Trillium 2023 was fortunate to be awarded a \$500 gift certificate to purchase books from First Book Canada marketplace for our adopted school.



Community Services: Our chapter continues to procure boots and warm clothing for the community school. Izzy Dolls are provided for the nursing clinics up in the Indigenous North, through a connection President Kathy Byles made with "Yarn It" (www.yarnitcobourg.ca) in her search for knitters. Having heard of the need for these dolls, "Yarn It" has designated IODE as one of the organizations they will help through their monthly Charity Knit Night. Kathy was presented with 15 knitted dolls of 6 Izzies, 8 bears and a bunny!



Trillium 2023 members are also doing their best to support the National Snack Pack Program by encouraging and promoting the initiative "Flip Give" through the IODE Canada website (www.iode.ca). Membership Officer, Catherine Bates had done extensive work to make it easy for anyone to use Flip Give. (Please refer to an article on page 13 of the IODE Ontario Spring 2025 Newsletter). And for the rest of IODE's 125th Anniversary, IODE Trillium 2023 is committed to celebrate, promote and support IODE Canada.

IODE Chapters in Action

Promoting IODE: In July 2025, via Northumberland Radio 89.7, IODE Trillium 2023, President Kathy Byles did a podcast- a spectacular job of promoting IODE. (The podcast was posted on our IODE Trillium 2023 Facebook page.) She has also set up booths to promote IODE at some local senior fairs and events in her area.



At the August 2025 CNE, the IODE booth was staffed by members of IODE Trillium 2023 Chapter. Thanks to members Carol McCall, Catherine Bates, Bonnie Rees (with hubby and 'honorary member', Gary) and Kathy Byles for their efforts in promoting IODE, as well as for having 550 Christmas cards signed for our Canadian Armed Forces.



IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter at a trunk sale and IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter at the Fair.



IODE Chapters are well represented at the 2025 Sarnia Canada Day Parade. (L-R) Carol Dunseith, Mary Lou Falla, Linda Gryner, Jane Anema, Amber Batty, Bryauna Batty, Michelle Batty (Provincial President), Jan Casbourn, Jayne Little and Sharon Sharp.

IODE Chapters in Action



Left: IODE Maple Leaf Chapter at the Goderich Canada Day Parade. Right: IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas, hosted their Annual Barbeque at Canadale Nurseries in June, serving sausages, hotdogs and hamburgers. Shown cook, Randy Mills, IODE member Suzanne Mills and Area VP, Aileen Reid.



Pictured Above: IODE Kent Regiment Chapter and IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Chatham. On August 24th, IODE Kent Regiment and IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter members participated in an event to rededicate the cenotaph in downtown Chatham. Members of both chapters laid wreaths at the cenotaph during the ceremony. It was a beautiful day and the photos are credited to Bonnie Verfaille.

The Kent Regiment Chapter was honoured to share the Gathering Our Heroes (GOH) website banner with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, to be featured on a wall of the cenotaph area space. As you may be aware, the Kent Regiment Chapter owns this image as it was created for the GOH website, by Abstract Marketing. It is used by the Municipality with our permission and is a beautiful addition to the redeveloped Cenotaph space. The chapter was honoured to have their banner used to create this mural.

IODE Chapters in Action



IODE Sarnia Lambton Members at the rededication service of the Sarnia Flagpole.



Above left: IODE Captain Garnet Brackin donated \$500 to Milner House Education Christmas program. Funds were raised at the Riverview Bingo in Chatham. Pictured is Blair Newby, Coordinator, Museum Programs and chapter member Marianne Johnstone.

Above right: IODE Festival Jubilee, Stratford, had a great time painting bowls for the food bank's major fundraiser, "Empty Bowls". These bowls will be sold on October 24th at the Stratford Rotary Complex from 5:00-8:00 PM.



IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville, members wait for the golfers at their Annual Golf Fundraiser at Woodington Lake Golf and Country Club. Pictured are IODE Headwaters Chapter members Sherry Fergus and Marie Ferguson.



Honouring our Members

Congratulations to...



Marie (Locke) Westlake, a long-time active member of the IODE Bemersyde Chapter in Campbellford joined in 1955. She assumed a variety of executive roles in her chapter and in 1986 at the provincial level where she accepted the role of Provincial President in 1993-1995. She has served with dedication and grace and always a smile. At the National level she served as National War Memorial Scholarship Officer and a member of several national committees. Marie has always been a community minded person, volunteering with many organizations. For her dedication and service at various levels of IODE, Marie has been the recipient of Primary, Provincial and National Life Memberships and awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002. Local IODE members gathered to congratulate and thank her for 70 years of amazing dedication and service. Marie passed away on August 29, 2025.



Pictured at left... IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia, AVP Jayne Little, President Michelle Batty, Barb Stewart, Dawn McNally congratulate 10 year members Janet Hext and Joanne Brand and 20 years Suzanna Nijak. At right IODE Margaret Stokes Membership Officers, Monica Deighton and Barb Stewart are shown with recipients – 5 years, Mary Freer, 10-years, Laura Black, Connie Moore and 20 years for Margaret Freer. President Dawn McNally congratulated the members.



IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown, recognized Judy Watson and Haroldeen Sandercock for 5 years of service. Haroldeen serves as Co-President this year. Debbie Button was recognized for 25 years and Mary McFadden was recognized for 30 years of service to IODE.

Honouring our Members



IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, and IODE Provincial President, Michelle Batty who assisted Penny Murray with the acknowledgements.

5 years of Service - Heather Stewart, Tracy Holmes-Pinho, Marilyn Arscott (absent).

10 years of Service - Gaynor Parsons, Kim Van Allen (absent), Melitta Wasylciw.

30 years of Service - Terry Boa-Youmatoff and Alice Clement (not pictured)



HVP Renate Schuetz congratulates IODE Yellow Briar Members for service to IODE Linda Davenport for 40 years (seated); Barbara Howard, 10 years; Janice Sullivan 10 years; Linda Coleman 20 years; and Deborah Pearce 40 years. On right, Renate honours Gail Elderfield for her 20 years of service. Absent from pictures; Nancy Lea Bennett 40 years; Diane Woodward 20 years.

IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, presented service awards to Suzan Walker (5 years), Karyn Thuss (5 years), Rita Otten (10 years), Sharron McMillan (10 years) with Marion Hearn, Membership Officer in the middle. Congratulations ladies!



Congratulations to IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton, Service Awards recipients.

30 years - Elsie Christensen

70 years - Shirley Leader,

40 years - Joanne Barfoot

70 years - Mary Lou Murrell.

Not pictured: 60 years - Sally Merlina and 20 years – Gena Van Dorp

ARCHIVES

by Helen Danby, Archivist

War Memorial Scholarships

Every year, IODE chapters across the province have presented Education Awards, bursaries and scholarships to hundreds of elementary, secondary, university and college students.

The IODE War Memorial Scholarship was created by IODE Canada at their National Annual Meeting in Calgary in 1919 to assist students, who were from families of veterans, to attain further education. A public appeal for \$500,000 as an endowment fund for this project was sent to all chapters across Canada encouraging them to donate. The goal was “university education to be provided to every boy or girl in Canada who is the son or daughter of a deceased soldier, sailor, or men of the Air Force, or to children of totally disabled men, who wish to continue their education.” This scholarship was a memorial and a tribute to the men who had made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The First War Memorial Scholarship Fund was instituted in 1919 by resolution of the National Chapter and composed of three components with Post-graduate Scholarships as the priority. Each province was assigned one award of \$250 a year for four years (later increased to \$300). Where there was no candidate, the bursary went to another province. The War Memorial Committee in each province chose candidates based on their school record, health and character, the war service of their father and the family’s financial circumstances. Both principal and interest of the Fund provided these bursaries until 1937. The list of 113 recipients prior to 1940 may be viewed at www.iode.ca/iode-war-memorial-scholarship-past-recipients.html. Scholarships were not awarded during 1939 to 1945 during the Second World War.

In 1946, the members of IODE decided to establish a Second War Memorial to honour the memory of forty some thousand men and women who lost their lives for Canada and in defense of freedom. The Post Graduate Scholarships from the two War Memorials Funds were originally offered in specific fields of study.

Each scholarship was valued at \$1,600 and given for one year but may be granted for a second year to obtain a degree. Over the years, the awards criteria were modified where the value of the scholarship was increased, and the number of recipients were based on the funds from the interest accrued. Since 1945, there have been over 575 recipients who have benefitted. A complete list may be found at www.iode.ca/iode-war-memorial-scholarship-past-recipients.html

Restrictions for application have changed. Applicants must be Canadian citizens in at least the second year of their doctoral program and hold a first degree from a Canadian University. Scholarships valued at \$15,000 are now awarded to students attending Canadian or Commonwealth universities. A committee in the province of the candidate’s first degree makes selections and forwards nominations to the National Chapter where the final decisions are made. The Selection Committee is comprised of five IODE members and three professors from different universities who will select three recipients for 2025-2026.

The National Chapter of Canada IODE War Memorial Scholars have made important contributions to Canada and the world in medicine, science, business, politics and academia.

Application Deadlines

* **Letter of Intent** must be received by IODE Canada **on or before 01 October**

* **Complete Applications** must be received by IODE Canada **on or before 01 November**

Fun Facts for Women's Day

Try this quiz on October 18th, "Women are Persons' Day".

1. Who was the first Canadian woman in space?
 - a) Amelia Earhart
 - b) Kitty Hawk
 - c) Kim Campbell
 - d) Roberta Bondard
2. What popular hit was the unofficial anthem of the '60's women's movement?
 - a) I Am Woman
 - b) You've Come a Long Way Baby!
 - c) R-E-S-P-E-C-T
 - d) Stand by your Man
3. What colour and flower symbolized the early women's movement in Canada?
 - a) Red/roses
 - b) Purple/violets
 - c) Yellow/Daffodils
 - d) White/carnations
4. The Suffragettes were known for:
 - a) Burning bras
 - b) Organizing unions
 - c) Annoying men
 - d) Campaigning for voting rights
5. What year did women have the right to vote in Canada?
 - a) June 11, 1792
 - b) May 24, 1918
 - c) July 1, 1920
 - d) January 1, 1948
 - e) April 1, 1951
6. Who was the first Woman Canadian M.P?
 - a) Judy LaMarsh
 - b) Nellie McClung
 - c) Agnes McPhail
 - d) Sheila Copps
7. Who were the Famous Five?
 - a) An all-woman rock band who was the first to earn a gold record.
 - b) A group of five activists who wanted to be real people.
 - c) The first five women allowed to compete in the Olympics in 1948.
 - d) The first five women to be named to the hockey hall of Fame in 2005.

Answers: 1 (d), 2(a), 3 (c), 4 (d), 5 (b), 6 (c), 7 (b)



October is IODE Awareness Month

Here is a quick checklist to help you plan your chapter's event to celebrate 125 years.

1. **Appoint a Chapter Convenor** who will encourage participation by all members.
2. **Plan an Event** that is new and exciting. Work with other Chapters to make it a major event and receive more attention.
3. **Be Specific**, tell the public how the profits will be used if a fundraiser.
4. **Consider Recognizing Outstanding Community Service** (police, fire fighters, etc.) with a certificate. This could be a newsworthy event.
5. **Advise the Mayor** and ask for their cooperation in naming the month as IODE Awareness Month and ask for a press photo. Fly the IODE corporate flag.
6. **Ask Local Politicians** to lend support by attending or endorsing the event.
7. **Submit key Information** to cable TV, local news, radio and social media usually three to four weeks in advance about your event: Where? Why? Who? When?
8. **Create an IODE Poster** to promote the event and post it everywhere possible.
9. **Create an IODE Display** to showcase your chapter's projects and activities.
10. **Prepare Handouts**, chapter pamphlets or bookmarks or donate 125th Anniversary bookmarks to visitors at your event.
11. **Know the IODE History** of your chapter and province so you are able to answer any questions.
12. **Have fun**. Invite others to join you with the event and to a meeting.

IODE Ontario has moved to a virtual office

The Provincial Office is now virtual as of March 1, 2025.

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Send your pictures and information to be included in the next IODE Ontario Newsletter!

Chapters' Coming Events

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto, is hosting a card making workshop and chocolate fundraiser October 25, at St. Andrew's Church 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Limited capacity is 15. Entry is \$5. RSVP by September 26 to IODE48@gmail.com

IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia, is pleased to offer Purdy's chocolates (a Canadian company) to our community. Order through their Facebook messaging or contact a member. (P.S. both Michelle Batty and Linda Gryner are members)

IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich, Christmas Home Tour, November 8, 9, 11:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

IODE Captain Hooper Chapter Craft Sale, at the Carleton Place Arena, Saturday, October 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 pm. Free Admission, 50/50 Raffle, Over 40 tables of Quality Crafts


IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, is hosting a tea to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of IODE on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 1-4 p.m. at the Active Living Centre in Dorchester.

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