

# **102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting**

## **MINUTES**

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**Zoom Videoconference**



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## 2022 PAM Theme Moving Forward Together

### OFFICIAL OPENING

President Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia welcomed everyone to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 via Zoom. On this day 102 years ago IODE Ontario was chartered. As President of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, Linda declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

Provincial Life Membership Convenor, Sheila DeJaegher of IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham recited the acknowledgment of Indigenous Land Statement, followed by the playing of “O Canada” via YouTube.

*“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.”*

Penny Murray, President of IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich on behalf of everyone recited the IODE prayer, followed by the Affirmation.

*“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 Queen 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 Queen 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”*

**Affirmation:** *“I will support the mission of IODE and will be governed by the Constitution of IODE.”*

Janet Uren, Vice-President IODE Laurentian, Ottawa recited the 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.”*

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE — IN MEMORIAM**

A moment of silence was observed to remember all IODE Ontario members who passed away in 2021. As we remember our dear 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. The following names were read by Heather Stuart, President of IODE Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay.

Joan Marion Adams - Past IODE National President 1974-1976  
Cozette Barnum - IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford  
Muriel Bedrosian - IODE Victoria Guelph, Guelph  
Margaret Bennett - IODE Claremont, Hamilton  
Carole Rowe Benor - IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford  
Betty Davenport - IODE Lord Dufferin, Orangeville  
Donna Deyell - IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester  
Verna Harrison-Dolson - IODE Susie Sorabji, Uxbridge  
Audrey Wickware Higginbottom - IODE Kent Chapter, Ridgetown  
Norma Allison Kitchen - IODE John Milton, Milton  
Marie E. Laidlaw - IODE Victoria Guelph, Guelph  
Elizabeth Lawton - IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia  
Dora MacFarlane - IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia  
Mary McDuffe - IODE John Milton, Milton  
Beverley (Peggy) Minello - IODE Major John Richardson, Windsor  
Mary Patterson - IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald, Markham  
Donnally Pullen - IODE Captain Hooper, Carleton Place  
Inez Elizabeth Ross - IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce, North Bay  
Doris Sadler - IODE Captain Hooper, Carleton Place  
Patricia Margaret Scallan - IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Toronto  
Margaret Ellen St. Pierre – Alumni Chapter, Preston  
Marika (Mary) Terentiew - IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford

*May they rest in peace.*

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Linda Gryner welcomed 69 members from 28 Ontario primary chapters to the 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting. This year's theme was '**Moving Forward Together**' expertly depicted with a logo created by Social Media Administrator, Renate Schuetz.

Introduction of Honorary Vice-Presidents, National and IODE Ontario officers could not be managed through screenshots this year. Each person identified their chapter as they were highlighted on the screen while in speaker view.

### **Honorary Vice-Presidents:**

Marty Dalton – London

Ruth Ann Butler – London

Chris Bateman – Queensville

Lynda Rivard – Simcoe

Sandra Smith – Pain Court

E. Anne Mason – Vancouver

Bonnie Rees – Waterloo and Delhi

Renate Schuetz – Owen Sound

Unable to attend were Karen Barker, Toronto, Patricia Fabian, Waterloo and Marie Westlake, Campbellford.

**National IODE Officers and Committee Chairs:**

Carol McCall – National President

Jane Cushing – 1st Vice-President and National Services Officer

Karen Dalton – 2nd Vice President and National Education Officer

Chris Bateman – Past National President and National Secretary

Dana Bryant – National Treasurer

Bonnie Rees – Past National President, Citizenship Officer and National Archivist

Renate Schuetz – Communications and Public Relations

Liz Hancock – National Membership Officer and IODE Violet Downey Book Award Convenor

Ruth Ann Butler – Life Membership Convenor

Catherine Moore – Past National President and National Constitution Officer

Hazel MacLeod – National War Memorial Scholarship Officer

E. Anne Mason – Past National President and Past Convenor of the IODE Violet Downey Book Award

**Provincial Officers and Convenors:**

Linda Gryner – President

Helen Danby – 1st Vice-President, Education Officer, Archivist and PAM 2022 Convenor

Michelle Batty – 2nd Vice-President, Citizenship Officer, Relocation Ad Hoc Convenor and PAM 2022 Co-Convenor

Jan Casbourn – Recording Secretary

Kathy Newnes – Corresponding Secretary

Debbie Button – Treasurer

Lisa Cossar – Assistant Education Officer

Aileen Reid – Assistant Education Officer of Adopted Schools and Mid-Central Area Vice-President

Caroline Rodgers – Membership Officer and Voting Convenor

Gloria Saunders – Co-Services Officer

Virginia Reade – Co-Services Officer

Kathryn Weston – Standard Bearer

Sandra Smith – Provincial War Memorial Scholarship Convenor for the first half of the year

Jo Brodie – Eastern Ontario AVP and Provincial War Memorial Scholarship Convenor for the latter part of the year

Heather Stuart – Northern AVP

Donna O'Reilly – By-Laws Officer, Voting Co-Convenor and South Central AVP

Catherine Moore, – Toronto AVP and Toronto Legacy Committee Convenor

Shirley Ann Elms – 2022 PAM Co-Convenor

Renate Schuetz – Nominating Committee Convenor, Website and Social Media Administrator

Sheila DeJaegher – Provincial Life Membership Convenor

Wendy Weston – Southwestern Ontario AVP

E. Anne Mason – North Central Ontario AVP prior to moving to BC

**Provincial Life Members:**

The highest honour one can receive from their peers in IODE is a Life Membership and the following Provincial Life Members in attendance were introduced:

Mary K. Anderson	Shirley Ann Elms	Donna O'Reilly
Chris Bateman	Eula Evans	Virginia Reade
Eleanor Bentley	Libby Gibson	Bonnie Rees
Jo Brodie	Linda Gryner	Lynda Rivard
Ruth Ann Butler	Jean Hof	Renate Schuetz
Marty Dalton	Margo MacKinnon	Sandra Smith
Helen Danby	E. Anne Mason	
Sheila DeJaegher	Gail McDiarmid	

Unable to attend were: Karen Barker, Patricia Fabian, Tory Garfat, Caroline Rodgers, Ruth Stokes and Marie Westlake

**ATTENDANCE AT PAM**

**First Time Attendees:**

- Lily Cervený, IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville
- Judy Doidge, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown
- Audrey Kershaw, IODE Freelon Chapter, Freelon
- Linda Kirkwood, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich
- Brenda Matthey, IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place
- Janet Uren, IODE Laurentian Chapter, Ottawa
- Laura Williams, IODE Stirling Chapter, St. Thomas

**PEC Members:**

The elected Provincial Councillors are important ladies at IODE Ontario. They act as a liaison between the Provincial, National and Primary Chapters. The 48 Provincial Councillors are integral members of the governing body of IODE Ontario and many of them are here today.

**Office Staff:**

The Provincial office would not function without the valued assistance of Bookkeeper, Nicole Kries and new Administrative Assistant, Lynn Hughes.

**Official Photographer:**

A Provincial Annual Meeting is not complete without our resident photographer, Wayne MacLeod.

**The following ladies are integral members that provided valuable assistance with PAM:**

**Secretaries:**

Recording Secretary, Jan Casbourn, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter and Corresponding Secretary, Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter.

**PAM Convenors:**

Helen Danby (and Registrar), Michelle Batty and Shirley Ann Elms.  
Social media and website administrator, Renate Schuetz.

**ACCEPTANCE OF 2021 PAM MINUTES** — *Jan Casbourn, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia*

**MOTION:**

**Moved by:** Jan Casbourn, Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia

**Seconded by:** Valerie Blais, IODE Laurentian, Ottawa

***“THAT the minutes of the 2021 Provincial Annual Meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup> via Zoom videoconference be adopted as pre-circulated and uploaded on the Provincial website.”***

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE** — *Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House, London, Corresponding Secretary*

- Best wishes for a successful PAM from Provincial Presidents of B.C., Alberta, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P.E.I.
- Letter from HVP Chris Bateman wishing IODE Ontario a successful PAM.
- Email from former IODE Ontario Administrative Assistant Susan Varga of Portuguese Cove, N.S. wishing us a successful PAM and she said hello to all PEC members.
- Best wishes for a successful PAM were received from Honorary Vice-Presidents Patti Fabian, Lynda Rivard, Renate Schuetz, Ruth Ann Butler, Bonnie Rees, Sandra Smith, Marty Dalton, and E. Anne Mason.

**RESOLUTIONS OF LOYALTY**

**Resolutions of Loyalty to  
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
Queen of Canada**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

*The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, meeting virtually by video teleconference on the occasion of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting, respectfully wish to present to Your Majesty, our beloved Sovereign and Patron, our reaffirmation of loyalty and devotion. Your Majesty’s dedication continues to inspire all citizens of the Commonwealth to look towards a brighter future.*

*Earlier this year, Your Majesty became the first Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service and dedication to the people of the Commonwealth. We know that the challenges we all face in fighting to overcome the current pandemic will not diminish the enthusiasm of our members who will celebrate and salute your continuing dedication and service within their primary chapters and communities across the Province of Ontario.*

*On behalf of the members of IODE Ontario, we offer our congratulations to members of the growing Royal Family who provide Your Majesty with support and smiles every day as their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Our members send good wishes on the births this past year of two new great-granddaughters, Lilibet and most recently, Sienna - Your Majesty’s twelfth great-grandchild.*

*IODE members across the Province of Ontario are thankful for Your Majesty's continuing patronage and support over the past 70 years and we continue to draw inspiration and encouragement from Your Majesty's dedication and service.*

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia**

**Seconded by: Karen Dalton, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London**

***"THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II be adopted as presented and submitted to IODE Canada to be forwarded to Her Majesty following the Annual Meeting."***

**CARRIED**

**Resolutions of Loyalty To  
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL and COMMANDER IN CHIEF of CANADA  
Her Excellency, The Right Honourable  
Mary Simon, CC CMM COM OQ CD FRCGS**

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**

*The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, meeting virtually by video teleconference on the occasion of the 102nd Annual General Meeting wish to reaffirm our loyalty to you as the 30th Governor General of Canada and as the representative in Canada of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.*

*IODE members across the Province of Ontario are, as expressed by our motto, "Women dedicated to a better Canada." We are thankful for your Excellency's acceptance of the appointment and strongly support the priorities you have set for yourself as you fulfill your duties and your pledge to meet Canadians in all provinces and territories*

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Michelle Batty, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia**

**Seconded by: Sandra Thompson, IODE Catherine McVean Chapter, Dresden**

***"THAT the Resolutions of Loyalty to Her Excellency, The Governor General of Canada, The Right Honourable Mary Simon CC CMM COM OQ CD FRCGS be adopted as presented and submitted to IODE Canada to be forwarded to Her Excellency following the Annual Meeting."***

**CARRIED**

**Greetings to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario:**

**Greetings to  
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO  
The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC OOnt**

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:**

*The members of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, meeting virtually by video teleconference on the occasion of the 102nd Annual General Meeting wish to affirm our*



*loyalty to you as our Honorary Patron and as the representative in Ontario of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.*

*IODE members across the Province of Ontario remain, as expressed by our motto, "Women dedicated to a better Canada." We take great pride in the example of dedication, service and inclusion set by Your Honour. We are thankful for Your Honour's patronage and strongly support the priorities you have set for yourself as you fulfill your duties and your pledge of building resilience and sustainability through inclusive economic prosperity, environmental stewardship and social cohesion, as well as safeguarding democracy.*

*Please accept the best wishes of IODE members across Ontario as you carry out your duties during Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee year.*

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by: Kathy Newnes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London**

**Seconded by: Lily Cervený, IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville**

***"THAT the Greetings to Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC OOnt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario be adopted and forwarded to Her Honour following the Annual Meeting."***

**CARRIED**

A video message from Her Honor, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell was played and can be viewed again at:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RrQLzHE\\_K-bzl\\_w6mB-cExkH\\_okGwDTt?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RrQLzHE_K-bzl_w6mB-cExkH_okGwDTt?usp=sharing)

### **Greetings From IODE Canada**

National President, Carol McCall, brought greetings from the National Chapter of Canada IODE.

"Madam President, Officers, councillors and members:

It is an honour and a pleasure to be here today and bring you greetings. I want to express my deepest appreciation on behalf of the National Chapter for IODE Ontario's positive support of the mission of IODE during the second year of Covid-19. Thank you all for your dedication and your work during 2021. The theme of this Annual Meeting 'MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER' articulates what has been happening during 2021 and what will continue to happen during 2022.

During the past year of continuing restrictions and lockdowns, you have continued to respond to the difficulties and changes in a most positive and caring manner. You have a hardiness and strength that has supported IODE. You have continued to use Zoom and to keep everyone safe while being able to see and talk with each other. Although Zoom meetings and Covid restrictions presented problems, your chapters kept busy adapting with different ways of raising funds, some in very creative Covid-precautionary ways: an E-scavenger hunt and car rally, an A-Door-Able Christmas Door Decorating Contest, moving craft sales outdoors to Farmers' Markets and Christmas Markets, making Christmas evergreen bough decorations in a heated garage, doing drive-by garage donations.

Chapters continued to support breakfast programs in their local schools, food banks, women's and youth shelters, seniors and seniors' facilities and adopted classes. You have continued to support local young people with awards, bursaries, books and school supplies. Remembrance Day was not forgotten and veterans were honoured in outdoor ceremonies at cenotaphs. Donations to provincial and national funds for programs continued. Quite amazing and very inspiring! You have been doing your best to stand up, stay focused, be positive and be kind.

The excellent **Newsletters and E-blasts** to members have kept your spirits up and **Echoes** continues to share stories about what is happening here and across the country. Please continue to send in good stories about what Ontario members are doing and how you are making a difference. Your efforts over 2021 have made Ontario a better place for everyone. I have read the IODE Ontario Annual Report for 2021 and have

The national office is continuing to work on a membership review. We talked with members to understand what works and what should change to help membership in IODE to be fun and positive for members, to support current members and to attract new members. During the past year I continued to enjoy working with an excellent team of national directors and officers. We share and accomplish with respect and cooperation.

During these days in the sixth wave of Covid, we are all remembering to express our deep appreciation to our healthcare workers, first responders, vaccination teams and those providing essential services. We are trying to be patient with those frustrated by the continued presence of Covid-19 and its new variations. There will be better days ahead. A second booster is here to help the more vulnerable. Most mandated restrictions have been lifted and we can guide ourselves with our individual views on what precautions to follow. We are looking forward to warm weather and getting together in person.

I invite you to register for the National Annual Meeting being held from May 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The national meetings will be by Zoom videoconference and registration is free. Please join us to celebrate our successes and meet our national award winners. Learn about the *Mama Bear Clan* from our guest speakers from Winnipeg. Check **Echoes** and the national website at **IODE.ca** for the agenda, information about the program and social events and the Registration Form. Again, thank you for inviting me. It is a pleasure to be here and to celebrate with you.”

**SUMMARY OF THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORTS** — *Lisa Cossar, IODE Bemersyde, Campbellford, Assistant Education Officer*

“Madame National President, Madame Provincial President, special guests, and members.

I have had the pleasure and privilege to read the 2021 Annual Reports, as well as the honour to read the amazing publication IODE Ontario: 100 Years of Community Service. Both documents are inspiring and a testament to the dedication of women for over 100 years to their communities, Ontario, Canada and beyond!

**Archives** – Once again the archive team with Helen Danby at the lead were kept busy reading over 12,000 IODE archives accessed online through the Globe and Mail. A simple ad in The Good Times Magazine in Spring 2021 generated a wealth of responses with IODE names, articles and memories. The Provincial Database continues to receive updates from Primary chapters on members and offices held. The highlight of this team’s work is the publication of the book IODE Ontario 1920-2020, 100 Years of Community Service.

**Citizenship** – Members continued to be active in their communities during continued Covid restrictions recording over 65,000 volunteer hours. With enthusiasm, members knitted/crocheted a variety of items including premie hats for several hospitals’ special care baby units, created children’s art kits, donated to food banks, shopped for neighbours, shut-ins and transported members to appointments. Some chapters continued to run their thrift store, Members attended Remembrance Day ceremonies, laid wreaths and white crosses in honour of our military members, chapters maintained and rededicated cenotaphs, many sent wellness notes, sent Christmas hampers to those in need, delivered Christmas stockings to seniors, members of the Canadian Armed Forces received Christmas cards, graduating students were recognized with Citizenship awards, donations were made in recognition of our first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, new refugee families were supported, more than 3,000

crocuses were planted for a spring showing in a local cemetery, hundreds of non-medical masks continued to be sewn and distributed by members.

Some Citizenship projects such as the Poppy Project and Gathering our Heroes generated great media attention. The monetary value in Citizenship activities reported was \$50,866 for 2021. A hearty congratulations to the many IODE members who were honoured with Ontario Volunteer Awards and a thank you to chapters that nominated their members. Please read all the wonderful details on pages 31 – 37.

**Communications** – Zoom is the way many chapters and committees met last year with the support of IODE Ontario's Zoom license. Detailed Provincial newsletters were received by email as well as some timely e-blasts.

Primary chapters sent monthly newsletters and stayed in touch with members via phone or email. Notes, cards, flowers or baked goodies were sent or delivered to members dealing with health, family or personal challenges. Chapters promoted IODE by placing the IODE logo on community welcome billboards, submitting articles in local newspapers or in ECHOES, on social media. Chapters continue to distribute membership pamphlets from National and Provincial Chapters. And a few chapters have designed their own brochures to accompany awards, donations and to promote IODE. Many chapters have an active Social Media presence and Provincial and National websites are a great source of information. Estimated value of Communications promotional activities: \$42,490, please read the full report on pages 38 – 39.

**Education** – The total Value of Education Programs for 2021 was an incredible \$188,936. Thousands of dollars were given to deserving graduating students at the elementary, secondary and post-secondary level. Libraries, music festivals, books for shelters, virtual museum programs and kits, youth mental health programs, Native Friendship centres, kindergarten classes and more were all abundantly supported by primary chapters. Please read the rest of the good news on pages 40 – 43.

The Hamilton Legacy Fund continues to provide scholarships to students in many fields, such as Sociology, Commerce and Integrated Business & Humanities.

The Toronto Legacy Funds include supporting C.A.R.D. (Community Association for Riders with Disabilities): \$10,000 and The Garfield Weston Foundation and Tine Bursary were able to donate \$20,000 to Western Technical Collegiate and \$20,000 to Harbord Collegiate.

The recipients of the 2021 Jean Throop Book award, author Laura Alary and illustrator Kass Reich inspired readers with their book "What Grew in Larry's Garden". Please see pages 45 – 46 for a more detailed report on the IODE Ontario Provincial Chapter Awards.

Each year a dedicated War Memorial Scholarship committee reviews and submits names of worthy recipients to National for selection. Each winning recipient receives \$15,000 from the National War Memorial Scholarship Fund for PhD studies.

Adopted Schools – Eight chapters are creatively supporting 8 schools in Northern Ontario (640 students) and 11 chapters and one individual are enthusiastically supporting 13 classes (206 students) in Labrador & Newfoundland. There is still a great need for support in these remote areas.

**Membership** – Twenty-eight new members were welcomed into chapters last year. Local fundraising efforts continue to help promote IODE in our communities and bring in new members. Nine members were honoured with Life-Memberships.

**Services** – The total value of Services was an amazing \$414, 188, including a final \$1600 for the 'Play it Forward Project'. Twenty-nine communities received wonderful shipments. All ages in our communities are served by our Primary Chapters' Services offices.

**Standard Bearer** – Chapters across Ontario are looking forward to decreased restrictions in 2022 which will allow them to return to their usual practice of honouring veterans and members who have passed on during the year, by having flags present at ceremonies and funerals.

It is with pleasure ***that I move the adoption of the Archives, Citizenship, Communications, Education, Membership, Services and Standard Bearer reports as found on pages 29-61.***

**SECONDING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT** — *HVP Bonnie Rees, IODE Princes Richard and Michael, Waterloo*

“Madam President, Madam National President, Honoured Guests and members.

It is my honour to second the reception of the 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Report of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, and I will do so with great enthusiasm.

IODE members can be justifiably proud of their accomplishments in 2021, in spite of pandemic restrictions. The creative ways in which chapters and members managed to re-invent their methods of meeting, fundraising and performing charitable works in order to accommodate fluctuating but necessary social restrictions, is a testament to the on-going ability of IODE to change with the times. This, in itself, is only befitting the legacy of our forebearers, who have faced many historic and social changes over the course of our 122 year history of helping those in need.

How can one not be justifiably proud and pleased by such achievements as presented in your Annual Report? Chapters continue to honour the Mission of IODE. This Annual Report is a lasting and historic recording of such deeds. It will be part of the archive of the works of our members. Please keep this in mind when writing an annual report. Keep in mind that years from now, someone will read what you have recorded. Document your actions well in order that it can be easily understood by that archivist of the future.

The ‘look’ of this Annual Report is also notable. The pleasant interaction of graphics, photographs, tables and text makes it far more interesting to read and understand the material presented. The best use has been made of modern techniques to communicate and not just inform. It makes this annual report much more than a document for our members perusal. It has truly become a tool that will be of interest to the general public. Well done, indeed!

It is my honour and pleasure ***that I formally second the adoption of the 2021 Annual Report of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE.***”

**SECRETARY’S ANNUAL REPORT** — *Jan Casbourn, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia, Recording Secretary*

“Madame National President, Madame Provincial President, special guests, and members.

As Recording Secretary with two years under my belt, I value my connection with everyone at the Provincial Chapter and believe I have developed true friendships going forward.

Unfortunately, this last year under COVID restrictions, in-person Provincial Executive Meetings were not held. Eighteen provincial meetings were virtually conducted throughout the year and Zoom ad-hoc committee assisted fifteen primary chapters to hold their meetings. I must commend those chapters that managed to meet during these challenging times both virtually and in-person. Thank you to primary chapter secretaries who submitted their reports with detailed information of their chapter’s activities which I enjoyed reading. Generally, chapter fundraising had to be curtailed, but many chapters continued with their yearly ongoing fundraisers. Many events that were curtailed included yard sales, barbecues, euchre, bridge and bingo nights.

The provincial office was closed for six months in response to the continuing COVID lockdown, therefore Susan Varga, our part-time Administrative Assistant, worked remotely from home.

Unfortunately, Susan’s husbands’ job relocation led to her resignation of her position effective July 16, 2021. This necessitated the search for a replacement for Susan and ads were placed for the months of

May and June. The Internal Management Committee decided that the hiring of an Administrative Assistant with bookkeeping qualifications would be an astute way to minimize bookkeeper, Nicole Kries' hours, resulting in some savings for the Provincial Chapter. From among many eligible candidates, Lynn Hughes of Burlington was selected and she began working in mid July. Susan provided in person orientation for Lynn before her departure. Lynn Hughes is now at the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9 to 2:30 p.m. The office email address was changed from the former *bellnet.ca* address to [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com) due to unresolved password issues.

The 101<sup>st</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting was held by Zoom videoconferencing on April 24, 2021 and once again, this was a condensed version. The theme of last year's Annual Meeting was 'Endless Possibilities'. Eighty members from 32 primary chapters attended virtually. The one-day virtual format consisted of the business portion, Citizenship Affirmation ceremonies with Col. Michael Scott, announcement of the 2021 IODE Jean Throop Book Award winner, as well, the OPP Community Relations Award and Membership awards. Two Provincial Life Memberships were presented to PEC members, Margo MacKinnon and Gail McDiarmid. Guest speakers were enjoyed during both morning and afternoon sessions and National President, Carol McCall installed the 2021 – 2022 executive.

The pandemic did not deter President Linda from attending several, primarily by Zoom. She 'attended' the 2021 National Annual Meeting, several Provincial Annual Meetings, ten primary chapter meetings, five special presentations and presided and participated in over eighteen provincial level meetings. Taking care of IODE business required the President to attend ten in-person meetings in Hamilton and elsewhere.

The impact of the continuing COVID restrictions was felt by everyone and IODE Ontario was not exempt. Declining membership and decreased revenues had put a strain on the operation of the Provincial chapter. Immediate sustainability measures had to be considered and implemented. Among those were the hiring of an Administrative Assistant with bookkeeping qualifications, termination of equipment leases and creation of a Relocation Ad Hoc Committee to consider appropriate actions when the office lease expires in 2024. Also yearly subscription to Zoom for affordable videoconferencing and the formation of the 'IODE Ontario Donors Circle' were other measures taken. Approved by the PEC in November 2021, the purpose of the 'IODE Ontario Donors Circle' is to provide a financial base that will allow for the sustainability and operation of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE.

As always, connecting with the primary chapters is of utmost importance for the Provincial chapter. Many relevant eblasts were sent out, as well as three newsletters in the Spring, Summer and Fall. The newsletters continued to be a collaborative and creative work of Administrative Assistant, Susan Varga, Corresponding Secretary Kathy Newnes and President Linda Gryner.

The cooperation and dedicated work of Administrative Assistants, Susan Varga and Lynn Hughes, bookkeeper Nicole Kries, as well as all the officers and convenors of IODE Ontario was sincerely appreciated by the Provincial Executive Committee.

The complete Secretary's Report can be found on pages 12 to 15 of the 2021 Annual Report."

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia**

**Seconded by: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Toronto**

***"THAT the Provincial Secretary's Report as found on pages 12 to 15 of the 2021 Annual Report be adopted as presented."***

**CARRIED**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT — Debbie Button, IODE Confederation, Ridgetown**

"Madame Provincial President, Madame National President, fellow IODE members and guests.

The Treasurer's Report found on page 16 of the 2021 Annual Report contains a summary of Primary and Municipal Chapters' reviewed financial statements.

Total revenue for Ontario chapters was 544,508.

Total expenditures were 581,685.

Congratulations to all chapters on their success.

Thank you to all Chapter Treasurers. You are to be commended for your reports.

Thank you to the Investment Committee and the Finance Committee. Your assistance and guidance throughout the year were invaluable.

The PEC approved 2022 Operating budget for IODE Ontario can be found on page 17 of the 2021 Annual Report for your information."

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by: Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown**

**Seconded by: Marion Niessen, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester**

***"THAT the Treasurer's Report as found on page 16 of the 2021 Provincial Annual Report be adopted."***

**CARRIED**

2021 Audited Financial Statements

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by: Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown**

**Seconded by: Brenda Innes, IODE Eldon House Chapter, London**

***"THAT the audited 2021 Financial Statements of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE for the year ending December 31st, 2021 and the Auditor's Report as found on pages 18 to 28 of the 2021 Annual Report be adopted."***

**CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditors

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by: Debbie Button, IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown**

**Seconded by: Linda Kirkwood, IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich**

***"THAT the firm of DBK Accounting Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants, be appointed auditors for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE, for the year ending December 31st, 2022."***

**CARRIED**

**VIRTUAL TOUR OF IODE ONTARIO WEBSITE - 'Where To Find What' — HVP Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud, Wiarton, Social Media / Website Administrator**

Social Media / Website Administrator, Renate Schuetz, took members on an interesting and very helpful and informative tour of the IODE Ontario website in order to help future navigation through the cyberspace of IODE!

**COUNCILLORS VOTING RESULTS — Donna O'Reilly, IODE Freulton, Freulton, Voting Convenor**

**Councillors-National: Article VIII, Section 8.06:** *Each province or territory shall be entitled to elect two National Chapter councillors for up to the first one hundred members in good standing within its jurisdiction and one councillor for each additional hundred members or major fraction thereof. In addition, each provincial chapter shall be entitled at its annual meeting to elect three further National councillors.*

**Provincial By-law #16:** *That a nominee for Provincial and/or National Councillor shall stand for election in the designated area in which active membership is held, with the exception of a nominee from a chapter already under Municipal jurisdiction. Such nominees shall stand for election in the area in which that Municipal Chapter is located.*

**NATIONAL COUNCILLORS FOR 2022 – 2023 elected by ballots.**

**Municipal Chapter of Ottawa:** (72 members), IODE Laurentian Chapter, Lorraine Chapter and Walter Baker Chapter

- Caroline Rodgers

**Eastern Area:** (46 Members), IODE Bemersyde Chapter and Captain Hooper Chapter

- Lisa Cossar

**Mid Central Area:** (151 members), IODE Edith Benson Chapter, Eldon House Chapter, Festival Jubilee Chapter, Maple Leaf Chapter, Stirling Chapter, Val Griffiths Chapter and William Melville Spencer Chapter

- Karen Dalton
- Nancy Hughes

**Northern Area:** (97 members), IODE City of Lakes Chapter, Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter and Manitou Chapter.

- **No nominee**

**North Central:** (75 members), IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Headwaters Chapter, Holland Landing Chapter, Lord Dufferin Chapter, West Gwillimbury Chapter, White Cloud Chapter and Yellow Briar Chapter

- Renate Schuetz

**Toronto Area:** (79 members), IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Bridlewood Chapter, Captain Nichola Goddard Chapter, Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Kathleen Drope Chapter, Rouge Valley Chapter, Susie Sorabji Chapter

- Shirley Ann Elms

**South Central Area, (Formerly known as Provincial Headquarters):** (100 Members)

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Claremont Chapter, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Freulton Chapter, Royal Wyndham Chapter, The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, and Victoria Guelph Chapter.

- Dana Bryant

**ACCLAIMED**

**South Western Area:** (155 members) IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Catherine McVean Chapter, Comber Chapter, Confederation Chapter, Dr. Norman McCormick Chapter, Errol Egremont Chapter, Kent Regiment Chapter, Major John Richardson Chapter, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter and Margaret Stokes Chapter:

- Michelle Batty
- Linda Gryner

**Additional three National Councillors elected at April 20th 2022 PEC Meeting:**

- Chris Bateman
- Ruth Ann Butler
- Gloria Saunders

**PROVINCIAL COUNCILLORS FOR 2022 – 2023 elected by ballots.**

**Provincial By-Law #11 (b):** *In each Provincial voting Area there shall be allocated one (1) Councillor for every approximately 40 members in good standing plus an additional four (4) Councillors to the area of Provincial Headquarters.*

**Provincial By-law #11 (e):** *That for the purpose of establishing the number of Provincial Councillors per Area, the President will be named as one of the additional four Councillors allocated to the South-Central Area, (Area of Provincial Headquarters), regardless of the location of her primary chapter*

**Provincial By-law #16:** *That a nominee for Provincial and/or National Councillor shall stand for election in the designated area in which active membership is held, except for a nominee from a chapter already under Municipal jurisdiction. Such nominees shall stand for election in the area in which that Municipal Chapter is located.*

**Municipal Chapter of Ottawa** :(72 members), IODE Laurentian Chapter, Lorraine Chapter and Walter Baker Chapter (**2 to be elected**):

**ACCLAIMED**

- Caroline Rodgers

**Eastern Area:** (46 Members), IODE Bemersyde Chapter and Captain Hooper Chapter:

- Betsy Thompson

**Mid Central Area:** (151 members), IODE Edith Benson Chapter, Eldon House Chapter, Festival Jubilee Chapter, Maple Leaf Chapter, Stirling Chapter, Val Griffiths Chapter and William Melville Spencer Chapter :

- Karen Dalton
- Nancy Hughes
- Penny Murray
- Aileen Reid

**Northern Area:** (97 members), IODE City of Lakes, Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter and Manitou Chapter. (**2 to be elected** ):

- Heather Stuart

**ACCLAIMED**

**North Central:** (75 members), IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Headwaters Chapter, Holland Landing Chapter, Lord Dufferin Chapter, West Gwillimbury Chapter, White Cloud Chapter and Yellow Briar Chapter:

- Chris Bateman
- Dr. Patricia Kresan

**BOTH ACCLAIMED**

**Toronto Area:** (79 members), IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Chapter, Bridlewood Chapter, Captain Nichola Goddard Chapter, Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Kathleen Drope Chapter, Rouge Valley Chapter, Susie Sorabji Chapter:



- Ashley Bonnell
- Margo MacKinnon

**South Central Area, (Formerly known as Provincial Headquarters):** (100 members)

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Claremont Chapter, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Freelton Chapter, Royal Wyndham Chapter, The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, and Victoria Guelph Chapter:

Jean Hof, Hamilton	Virginia Reade, Hamilton
Gail McDiarmid, Mississauga	Bonnie Rees, Waterloo
Donna O'Reilly, Hamilton	Lynda Rivard, Claremont

**South Western Area:** (155 members), IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Catherine McVean Chapter, Confederation Chapter, Dr. Norman McCormick Chapter, Errol Egremont Chapter, Kent Regiment Chapter, Major John Richardson Chapter. Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter and IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter:

- Garna Argenti
- Debbie Button
- Gloria Saunders.
- Kathryn Weston

**ALL ACCLAIMED**

**Additional 25 Provincial Councillors elected at the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 PEC meeting:**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Batty, Michelle        | 9. Cossar, Lisa       | 18. Little, Jayne    |
| 2. Bentley, Eleanor       | 10. Danby, Helen      | 19. MacLeod, Hazel   |
| 3. Bentley, Margaret      | 11. Davis, Susan      | 20. McCall, Carol    |
| 4. Brodie, Jo             | 12. Elms, Shirley Ann | 21. Moore, Catherine |
| 5. Brown-Thompson, Bonnie | 13. Fabian, Cara      | 22. Newnes, Kathy    |
| 6. Butler, Ruth Ann       | 14. Fabian, Patricia  | 23. Smith, Sandra    |
| 7. Casbourn, Jan          | 15. Gallipeau, Peggy  | 24. Weston, Wendy    |
| 8. Chicoine, Norma        | 16. Kerkhoff, Ietje   | 25. Williams, Laura  |
|                           | 17. Lake, Susan       |                      |

**Provincial Councillors by Right-of-Office:**

- Gryner, Linda
- Schuetz, Renate

**ADOPTED SCHOOLS AND “PLAY IT FORWARD” PROJECT UPDATE — Aileen Reid, IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester, Assistant Education (Adopted Schools)**

“Madam President, Madam National President, special guests and members:

I am here to talk to you today about Phase 2 of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project, known as ‘Play It Forward’. My name is Aileen Reid, and I am the Assistant Education Officer for the Adopted Schools.

It certainly has been a long two and a half years with COVID-19 and all its variants. We have all struggled, but none more so in Canada than the people in the north. They do not have easy access to hospitals, most live in houses with 10 - 12 people, making it difficult to isolate themselves from others.

Nursing stations have been closed for periods of time because their nurses have contracted COVID.

Schools have been closed for upwards of three years now, with some schools opting to wait until September 2022 to reopen due to the high numbers of cases.

Yet, through all of this, we have managed to complete the 'Play It Forward' project for the eight schools involved. Communication has been exceptionally difficult, transportation and timing of shipments have been a challenge but, in the end, all eight schools who opted to take part in this project have received what they requested, at least in part."

Aileen showed a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on the "Play It Forward" updates.

**PROVINCIAL SERVICES UPDATE** — *Gloria Saunders, IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia, Co-Services Officer*

"Each year at the Provincial Annual Meeting, Services initiates a different donation project. For 2022, our project is entitled "Sock Hop" (ask PEC to wave socks). We are asking chapters to donate warm socks for children, ladies or men and/or sneakers or boots if they prefer. Even for summer wear, socks need to cover the ankle due to the large insect population. As we did with our Hoodies project, due to COVID, we will continue this project until the next Provincial Annual Meeting in 2023. In the mail-out package you will be receiving after the meeting there will be a flyer giving more details, such as ideas to help you get your donations to the office. We thank you in advance for your generosity (ask PEC members to wave socks).

To wrap up our previous Services project, 100 Hoodies & Track Pants, the grand total of hoodies received was 250 plus many pairs of track pants. Amazing, ladies! Each chapter that donated hoodies and/or track pants was entered into a draw to win a small prize. The two winning chapters were IODE Eldon House, London and IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia. We will be in touch to arrange for you to receive your prize.

In 2021, IODE Ontario wanted to do something to help chapters since fundraising was difficult due to COVID. Our talented PEC members made four lovely afghans and a lap quilt and all chapters were entered into a draw for one of these items. We thought it would be fun to hear what the chapters did with their prizes so here is a sampling. As I call your name, please state your chapter and what you did with your prize.

Linda Dennis, IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald, a lap quilt was donated to Markham Seniors Home  
Sandra Thompson, IODE Catherine McVean, the chapter uses Rotary Hall for their meetings so they donated their afghan to the Rotary auction fundraiser.

Is there anyone else from a winning chapter present today who would like to share their info?

Thank you, ladies and a large thank you to all Ontario chapters from Services Co-officers Virginia Reade and myself for your generous donations throughout each and every year. Provincial Services is able to help remote northern communities because Primary Chapters donate and Make It Happen!!!"

**OCADU POWER POINT PRESENTATION** — *Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia, Education Officer*

"As Education Officer, I would like to thank all chapters who support the IODE Ontario Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education. Through this fund we are able to give bursaries to students throughout the year. IODE is pleased to continue supporting the Ontario College of Art and Design now established as a university. In an effort to continue to promote the study of arts, we started a scholarship for students in their second or third year at OCAD University in 1969. During the 1980's under the leadership of Past Education Officer Kitty-Lou Speller, the award flourished. To-date 66 students have benefitted.

The slides are self-explanatory, so please take a few minutes to sit back and enjoy the most recent OCADU recipients and their artwork. Sorry, there is no sound with the slides as that would affect your interpretation of their work."

## AFTERNOON SESSION

IODE Ontario President, Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont Chapter Sarnia, welcomed everyone back to the afternoon session which started at 1 p.m.

### **CITIZENSHIP OFFICER REPORT** — *Michelle Batty, IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia, Citizenship Officer*

“Madame Provincial President, Madame National President, Members and guests:

Good afternoon, my name is Michelle Batty your IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer for 2021-2022.

The IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award was established in 1979 to recognize the outstanding service and efforts of members of the OPP in communities across Ontario outside the scope of their normal duties.

In the course of their duties, officers speak to students and community members on safety, security, drug prevention, homelessness and many other subjects. When we think of the women and men of our Provincial Police Service, we think of those we see in uniforms on a daily basis, but the Constables and Officers are much more than law enforcers.

I have personally had the privilege to work with many OPP officers who have volunteered on many committees including suicide prevention, elder abuse prevention, anti-human trafficking and ending violence against women and children. These officers bring a wealth of information and contribute so much to working to make our communities a safer place to live. They serve in their communities, as coaches, as volunteer instructors, mobilizing support for community programs, leading service groups, volunteering as board members and raising funds for specific projects.

Each year one uniformed member is recognized by IODE Ontario and presented with the IODE OPP Community Relations Award. The selection is made in cooperation with the Ontario Provincial Police Main Headquarters. This year IODE Ontario acknowledges and applauds the good works of Sergeant Clayton Brown of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Highway Safety Division (HSD) for his work with teenage youth.

The IODE Police Community Relations Award consists of a plaque, a certificate and a monetary gift to the charity of the recipient's choice. The OPP is prohibited from accepting donations as they are publicly funded.

This year IODE Ontario acknowledges and applauds the good works of Sergeant Clayton Brown of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Highway Safety Division (HSD) for his work with teenage youth. Today, we are also honoured to have with us, OPP Deputy Commissioner, Rose DiMarco and Superintendent, Sgt. Veronica Eaton.

I now ask OPP Deputy Commissioner, Rose DiMarco to say a few words about our recipient, Sgt. Clayton Brown.

**IODE ONTARIO POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD** — *OPP Deputy Commissioner, Rose DiMarco*

**2022 IODE Ontario Police and Community Relations Award**  
**OPP Sergeant Clayton Brown**



Sergeant Clayton Brown of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Highway Safety Division (HSD) started his career in January 2001, in Cochrane, Ontario. Having a long-term interest in volunteering and working with youth, he volunteered at the Cochrane High School and did track with the students once or twice a week. He transferred to the Hwy. 407 Detachment in April 2007 and after a few years, he worked as a recruiter, assisting in the selection of the next generation of officers.

In 2010, he joined the Provincial Liaison Team in the Greater Toronto Area. Sgt. Clayton Brown became a background investigator for recruitment in 2017, a job which also included a significant amount of community engagement and partnerships. This was a role he held until 2019 when he was promoted to his current rank as Sergeant. After years of supporting and being part of the Division Inclusion and Diversity Council, Sgt. Brown took over as Co-Chairman in 2020 and has been actively promoting equity and inclusion within and outside the OPP.

Sergeant Brown has volunteered a considerable amount of time to various service groups, organized multiple community events and continuously fosters community relationships. In the last five years, his unique passion for visual arts and working with the community, provided him the chance to work with the visual arts students from three York Region high schools and one high school in the Peel Region. During COVID, he also worked remotely with a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous post-secondary students from across Ontario.

By utilizing various forms of media, Sgt. Brown has developed several high-quality comic books, posters and postcards that assist youth in speaking about a diverse number of issues including bullying, impaired driving (both alcohol and drugs), the dangers of texting and driving, mental health, human trafficking awareness, LGBT/PRIDE and recently, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2Spirited People (MMIWG2S). Over the last five years, Sgt. Brown's commitment to the high school students has been incredibly successful, not only in terms of breaking down barriers, but also to open dialogue, address issues, bring forth a sense of community and develop the students' skills as future artists, all having a lasting impact.

Rarely does one come across an officer that has the drive and passion to reach out to the community in such a unique and successful manner. IODE Ontario congratulates and applauds Sergeant Clayton Brown as the 2022 recipient of the IODE Ontario Police and Community Relations Award for his personal commitment, drive and desire to mentor and develop youth into becoming mature, responsible adults.

**IODE JEAN THROOP BOOK AWARD HISTORY & CRITERIA** — *Linda Dennis, President, IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald, Toronto and Chair of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award Selection Committee.*

“In January 1975, Mrs. Jean Throop urged the IODE Toronto Municipal Education Committee to take action to encourage the publishing of more and better children's Canadian books. Mrs. Throop informed those attending the meeting that a bequest of \$4,000 from the Estate of the late Walter

Wilberforce Weeks was forthcoming. The bequest, of which the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE would be receiving \$460 per year, was to be assigned to an education project. Note – interest rates were a lot higher in 1975!! In a recommendation at the General Meeting, Education Officer, Jean Throop, recommended that an award be established in co-operation with the Toronto Public Library Board. The award would be presented annually to an author and/or illustrator of a children's book that had been written or illustrated by a Canadian citizen residing in Toronto or the surrounding area. The recommendation was enthusiastically seconded by Mrs. McMurtry of IODE St. George Chapter, Toronto and the motion was passed. Mrs. Throop expressed the hope that all Toronto chapters would wish to support this award by contributing at least ten dollars a year to assist the IODE Toronto Municipal Education Committee to carry out the award. The first award of \$500 was presented at the 05 March 1975 Annual Meeting of the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE. It was presented to Dennis Lee for his book *Alligator Pie*, which was published in the previous year. Many of you may have read that book to your children!

Over the years, support for the Book Award grew and chapter and individual donations were received. The amount of the Award was increased to reflect the monies available and to increase the prestige of the Award. Ontario Chapters today are encouraged to consider donations to this fund. Often the authors and illustrators would attend the annual meeting of the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE and mingle with members, autograph books, and talk about their book while accepting the monetary award. Some brought family members to this formal celebratory event. Many of you may have fond memories of those evenings. Zoom presentations are not quite the same!

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Book Award in 2005, and following the death of Jean Throop, IODE Toronto renamed the Award to the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE Jean Throop Book Award. Since 2014, as a result of the disbandment of the Municipal Chapter of Toronto, the Award is now simply called the *IODE Jean Throop Book Award*. Funding for the Book Award comes from the IODE Toronto Legacy Fund, which is administered by IODE Ontario.

Over the years, the Selection Committee worked closely with the librarians at the Lillian H. Smith Children's Library in Toronto. This library is named after Lillian Smith who was the first professionally trained children's librarian in the British Empire when she was hired in 1912. Worth a visit if you are in Toronto!

Thanks again to more recent librarians Theo Heras and Martha Scott who, each for many years, reviewed all the books received and assisted the Selection Committee in choosing an appropriate winning book. When Martha was no longer able to assist IODE Toronto, it was decided that the Selection Committee would receive the books directly. With my former experience as the chairman of the IODE Violet Downey Book Award for IODE Canada, and as a member of the Toronto Legacy Committee, I was asked to chair the Toronto book award for the past four years. IODE Toronto President Mary K. Anderson had previously chaired the committee for over 16 years – she was a hard act to follow!

The current Selection Committee for the book Award is comprised of members from the IODE Primary Chapters in Toronto and members from the IODE Ontario Executive. The author and/or illustrator can now live anywhere in Ontario, not just Toronto. Each fall, books that meet the criteria are requested from the publishers - books should appeal to children between the ages of three and seven; must be written in English; should have words as well as pictures! The award is split between the author and the illustrator. Full criteria are available on the IODE Ontario website. All books submitted for consideration are dispersed by the Selection Committee to local schools and libraries following the selection of the winner.

Recently, and to increase public awareness of the award, a short list is chosen, and press releases sent out. As an IODE member, you may have received an e-blast informing you of the short list. Authors and illustrators are honoured to be short-listed for an award, and often mention the nomination on their personal websites. We continue to work to promote IODE! You too can promote IODE by

buying the winning books for your chapter's adopted class, for local schools and libraries, and for family members. Let all your friends on social media know about the award!

This year marks the 48<sup>th</sup> year of presenting this award! IODE can be proud of its part in promoting excellence in children's literature over so many years. A list of all the books and authors who have received this award is on the IODE Ontario website and also the Canadian Children's Book Centre website.

The Selection Committee continues to enjoy the challenge of reading the many books submitted by publishers and recently, some books that are self-published. During this last year, meetings were held by zoom instead of in-person. We read the books submitted, discussed the pros and cons of each book, selected the short list and finally chose the winning book."

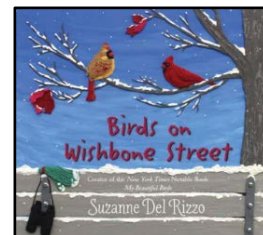
President Linda Gryner on behalf of the Provincial Chapter and the IODE Jean Throop Book Award Committee presented Linda Dennis with a certificate of appreciation for her years of hard work and commitment as the chair of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award Selection Committee.

### **IODE JEAN THROOP BOOK AWARD PRESENTATION** — *Catherine Moore, IODE Kathleen Drope, Toronto, Toronto Legacy Convenor*

"Madame Provincial President, Madam National President, IODE Members and Special Guests: The award committee chaired by Linda Dennis consisted of Kathryn Boyden, Debbie Button, Lisa Cossar, Helen Danby, Brenda Kinnear, Margo MacKinnon, Catherine Moore, Diana Pirie, Shirley Vance and President Linda Gryner reviewed 71 submissions. It presented a significant challenge selecting a winner from among the excellent 2021 submissions. Those books not chosen will be donated to a variety of shelters, local schools and libraries.

A simple act of neighbourly kindness and a bird that needs their aid helps former refugee Sami settle into his new community with new-found friend Moe. Author/illustrator Suzanne Del Rizzo introduces us to Moe in her latest book published by Pajama Press, '**Birds on Wishbone Street**'... which I am very pleased to announce is this year's winner of the IODE Jean Throop Book Award.

Moe's neighbours on Wishbone Street come from all over the world, and she's excited to meet the new boy who just arrived from Syria. Sami isn't quite ready to talk about his past, but he loves birds just as much as Moe does. And who wouldn't have fun in a parkette full of packing snow? When the children discover a female cardinal stunned by the cold, Sami uses his experience taking care of pigeons in Syria to help rescue the bird—an incident that helps Sami to feel more at home.



Reviewed in Canadian Children's Book News our winning book '*Birds on Wishbone Street*' the author/illustrator, Suzanne Del Rizzo is praised for her work which "demonstrates the power of an act of kindness, telling a story about finding home and making friends in new places. Illustrated with her signature polymer clay art, the story revisits characters from Del Rizzo's *New York Times* Notable '*My Beautiful Bird's*' and reminds us that we're all more similar than we are different."

Suzanne Del Rizzo is a mother of four who lives in Oakville. Suzanne traded a career in scientific research for a career writing and illustrating children's literature. Her illustrations were recognized in the award-winning book "Skink on the Brink". Suzanne's book '*My Beautiful Birds*' was recognized by the *New York Times* Notable Children's Books. She has also won the Malka Penn Award for Human Rights in Children's Literature. Suzanne says she likes to get messy when she creates.

This is a wonderful book to include in the packages you send to the adopted classes and it is a great gift to local schools, shelters and libraries. It is my privilege to introduce the 2022 IODE Ontario Jean

Throop Book Award winner Suzanne Del Rizzo. Suzanne, on behalf of IODE Ontario and the Jean Throop Book Award Committee, CONGRATULATIONS!”

Winning author, Suzanne Del Rizzo gave a brief acceptance speech and publisher, Gail Winskill of Pajama Press also expressed thanks and congratulations.

## **MEMBERSHIP PILLARS PRESENTATION** — *Liz Hancock, National Membership Officer*

“During the past year, the Board in conjunction with the National Advisory Committee, undertook an audit of the existing membership structure. We recognize the need for a sustainable model to maintain existing membership levels, to attract new members, and ensure a positive experience for our members.

### **SLIDE #1**

To know our membership, conversations were held with a representative of most primary chapters. Raw data was categorized using the four-pillar focus we established.

Pillar I - Internal – to promote member satisfaction

Pillar II - External – to develop new chapters using technology

Pillar III - Maintaining Provincial Initiatives

Pillar IV - Tool Kit for promotion and member communication

- **Pillar I** – INTERNAL - Member satisfaction
- **Pillar II** – EXTERNAL - New member / process / awareness
- **Pillar III** – MAINTAINING – Provincial Initiatives
- **Pillar IV** – TOOL KIT – Promotion / member communication

**Membership Pillar Update**



### **SLIDE #2**

It is important to reinforce the activities that have made IODE so successful since its formation. IODE chapters have always been free to serve those in need in their communities. They have developed individual ways of fundraising, improved community awareness, and strengthened interactions with other organizations. At the heart of our success is the friendships we have developed while helping others. This is why members have been active in the organization for so many years.

## Solid Foundation

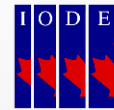
### Benefits Identified

- ✓ Variety of opportunities to serve those in need
- ✓ Freedom to choose their own projects and focus together as a chapter
- ✓ Social component of friendship built by working together
- ✓ Partnerships with other chapters, other organizations, community
- ✓ Resilience to meet challenges
- ✓ Sense of accomplishment

### Next Steps

- ➔ Reinforce foundational behaviours
- ➔ Acknowledge each others' accomplishments
- ➔ Explore new possibilities: partnerships, projects, friendships
- ➔ Continue to communicate with each other

### Membership Pillar Update



### SLIDE #3

Further coming out of the discussions with primary chapters and NAC members, we have considered some of the concerns that may influence a chapter's decision about continuing. There are several misperceptions of how IODE chapters must operate. A chapter does not have to fill every Officer position beyond the Secretary who is responsible for maintaining the minutes and official documents of the chapter and the Treasurer who maintains the financial records. Meetings can be chaired on a rotating basis and do not have to be held monthly. Chapters select the projects/ areas in their community they wish to support. There are many ways chapter members can support their communities without major fundraising efforts and changes necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic have reinforced our willingness to be versatile. NAC councillors, Provincial and National Officers can all be called upon when chapters have questions about operational practices.

## Misperceptions

**A number of perceived obstacles have already been removed**

- Number of officers required to continue a chapter
- Use of the prayer
- The need to fundraise
- Number of meetings required
- Time commitment

### Next Steps

- Ask someone what is current practice
- Check Primary Chapter Regulations
- Check Constitution

### Membership Pillar Update



### SLIDE #4

We are working to reduce the complexity of annual reports and the paperwork that must be maintained in each chapter. It is not necessary for chapters to fill each officer position but rather mentor members to share tasks within the areas of interest each chapter wishes to pursue. We encourage celebrating and supporting members with expanded years of service pins, suggest the use of certificates of



appreciation and formal letters of thanks to members for the work they have done, and have produced a new car decal and lapel pin.

We want to encourage the formation of new primary chapters to use technology to meet, plan fundraising events and deliver chapter projects. Each chapter should work in areas of their member's interests rather than expecting them to operate in every facet of IODE that has been emphasized in the past. For Instance, chapters have been successful in supporting individual care facilities or focusing on education initiatives in their area or in remote communities.

We encourage the use of conventional media and the ever-developing social media platforms, to improve both public awareness of IODE and providing information to the community and broader membership of IODE. We will continue to improve and update the IODE Canada website as well as primary and provincial chapter websites and platforms.

## Requested Support

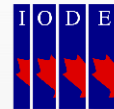
### Actioned

- ✓ Workshops to help retain and recruit officers
- ✓ Fundraising ideas
- ✓ Social media support
- ✓ Website updated and full of information
- ✓ Focus on corporate logo
- ✓ Use acronym: **"Inclusive, Organized, Dedicated, Enthusiastic"**
- ✓ Promotional materials: logo pins, decals, notebooks

### Next Steps

- ➔ Continue workshops and introduce Q and A zoom meetings
- ➔ Further develop mentorship capacity
- ➔ Simplify paperwork
- ➔ Manage the flow of information to optimize its use
- ➔ Simplify process for joining IODE and starting new chapters

### Membership Pillar Update



## Final Comments

COVID-19 has had a severe impact on many chapters, closing thrift shops, preventing in-person meetings, and impacting our ability to support those in need. We proudly acknowledge the resilience of members and chapters to meet these challenges. They have found new ways to provide service and continued to consider others whilst encouraging those important friendships and personal contacts that keep us renewing our membership year after year."

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS — *Caroline Rodgers, IODE Walter Baker, Ottawa, Membership Officer*

"Every year, chapters who have installed new members are recognized.

*Congratulations to the following primary chapters for their efforts in IODE membership growth during 2021:*

**1st Place** with **six** new paid-up members is IODE Laurentian, Ottawa

**2nd Place** with **five** new paid-up members is IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia

**3rd place** with **four** new paid members is IODE Val Griffiths, Dorchester

**Honourable mention**, Primary Chapters who installed **one to three** new members in 2021 were:

IODE 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Toronto

IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Sudbury

IODE Captain Hooper, Carleton Place

IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia

IODE Dr. Norman A. McCormick, Windsor

IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia

IODE Kathleen Drope, Toronto  
IODE Lord Dufferin, Orangeville

IODE Lorraine, Ottawa  
IODE Maple Leaf, Goderich”

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Introduction by Virginia Reade, IODE Freelton, Freelton, Co-Services Officer**

“Madam National President, Madam Provincial President, Special Guests and IODE members:  
It is my pleasure to introduce today's Special Guest Speaker.

Sgt. Gilles Lachance, is the Coordinator of the Indigenous Liaison Team, OPP from the North Bay detachment.

Gilles has worked for the OPP since 1989 and for the Indigenous Bureau since its inception nine years ago. He has won OPP Ovation Awards and the Queens Jubilee Medal for his work with Indigenous Communities.

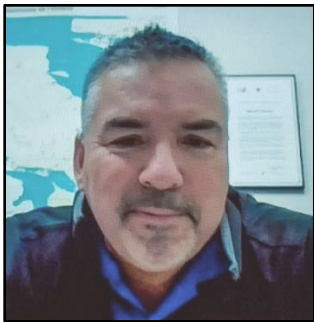
For the past three years, Gilles has worked in partnership with IODE Services volunteers to help get parcels of clothing and footwear to the remote Northern Ontario Indigenous communities.

Gilles says that he gets his strong work ethics from his mother and his great sense of team work and connection with others from his Ojibwa grandfather.

Now, we will hear Sgt. Gilles Lachance talk about the Northern Communities that IODE has worked with since 1943 and how our volunteers can help, going forward.”



### **Guest Speaker, Sgt. Gilles Lachance, OPP Indigenous Liaison Team**



Sgt. Gilles Lachance presented a very interesting and informative powerpoint. He supplied some background history regarding the Indigenous culture and how the OPP is helping to liaise in the Northern Communities by keeping and maintaining open transparent lines of communication.

Sgt. Lachance explained in great detail how the numerous boxes packed at Services in Hamilton, get to the communities with no charge through the OPP from North Bay. Information was provided where all the deliveries are made to the communities of the James Bay area.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. Virginia Reade thanked Sgt. Lachance and presented him with an honorarium which he hopes to purchase hockey equipment for the youth in the communities.

### **OUTGOING PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS — Linda Gryner, IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia**

“Madam National President, special guests and my fellow IODE sisters:

Before I get to the meat of my ‘swan song’, I would like to acknowledge and thank my family who are here this afternoon, including my mother who passed away over a month ago, for their extra dose of love and support throughout my Provincial Presidency.

I would be remiss if I neglect to thank my IODE sisters at the National, Provincial and primary chapters who have given me various degrees of influence, support, friendship, love, mentorship and challenges.

I would also like to acknowledge all the members of the Provincial Executive Committee, especially the following retiring PEC members for their years of service and dedication to the Provincial Chapter:

Karen Barker  
Kathryn Boyden  
Elanor Brodie  
Leslie Chekan

Sheila DeJaegher  
E. Anne Mason  
Louise Visneskie

Together, myself and dedicated officers and convenors spent a lot of time 'moving forward together', a task I could not have done without you. As one of our respected Honorary Vice-Presidents recently wrote, she described my tenure as 'a presidency for the books'!

If you were in Kingston in 2019 when I was installed, you will recall that I shared my life's slogan 'If not now, when?' . I did not know then, that the WHEN, was the emergence of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic that dominated my entire three years of tenure except for the first ten months. Those ten months, I was learning the job and excitedly planning the 100th Anniversary of IODE Ontario in 2020! I still have my 1920's flapper dress for the fun night's 'Dressing for the Decades' that did not happen.

I remember presiding at the last in-person March 12th, 2020 PEC meeting, when the agenda was altered to include the cancellation of our 100th Anniversary Provincial Annual Meeting, the closing of the office and the prospect of having to do subsequent meetings by teleconference! It was a province-wide shutdown!

A couple of weeks later, I sent an e-blast, with two mask patterns attached, urging members to get their sewing machines out and make homemade masks. Since then, IODE members have distributed thousands of free masks, and are still doing so today.

COVID - 19 changed every aspect of our lives and the restrictions imposed led to various degrees of lockdowns, isolation, disconnect from family and friends, fear of infection, uncertainty and for us, IODE volunteers, a feeling of helplessness and inability to do what we do best, that is ... helping others.

But what we did not realize was COVID - 19 has gifted us with DISCOVERY. We found out that we can be innovative, creative and able to 'think outside the box'. We discovered how to devise, revise and improvise. The love and connection with family, friends and associates became even more paramount. The capacity to work together was limited but not curtailed.

IODE Ontario, in cooperation with IODE Canada, was able to provide over one hundred smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, to the Indigenous community of Big Trout Lake, after a fire killed four family members in late 2019. Services' packing and delivery for our northern communities came to a halt. We connected and communicated through the good old telephone and other forms of technology, to reach and support others. We quickly became experts in the use of Zoom in order to meet regularly and to stay connected. COVID forced us to modify how we help others, become resilient in the face of uncertainty and learn how to cope.

I truly believe that the lessons learned during adversity are THE stepping stones towards 'Moving Forward Together'. IODE's emphasis has always been SERVICE to others – an immutable commitment that members adhered to despite the pandemic.

However, in addition to our mandates, if we are to move forward, we will need to focus on making IODE sustainable, inclusive and progressive. The inertia that prevents IODE from moving forward can only be overcome, if we work together on solutions, accept responsibility or leadership roles and plan for the future. Is this doable? Yes! Will it be easy? Of course not! In the words of famous composer Irving Berlin,

*'There may be trouble ahead,  
But while there's music and moonlight,  
And love and romance,  
Let's face the music and dance.'*

Ladies let's move forward together!"

Following the conclusion of Linda's address, we were entertained by Linda's daughter, singer-songwriter Emm Gryner, who sang Irving Berlin's "Let's Face the Music and Dance".

President Helen Danby then presented Linda, from the ladies of PEC, a spa gift certificate and lovely plant to thank her for her dedication and hard work as Provincial President for the last three years.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT** — *Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud, Wiarton, Nominating Committee Chair*

"On behalf of the Provincial Nominating Committee Karen Barker, Peggy Gallipeau, Bonnie Rees, Betsy Thompson and myself as committee chair, I am pleased to present the 2022 / 2023 Slate of Provincial Officers:

**President** – Helen Danby

**1st Vice President** – Michelle Batty

**2nd Vice President** – Betsy Thompson

**Vice Presidents** for the Areas of:

Eastern – Jo Brodie

Mid Central – Aileen Reid

North Central – Chris Bateman

Northern – Heather Stuart

South Central – Donna O'Reilly

South Western – Vacant

Toronto – Catherine Moore

**Recording Secretary** – Jan Casbourn

**Corresponding Secretary** – Vacant

**Treasurer** – Debbie Button

**Citizenship Officer** – Kathryn Weston

**Communications Officer** – Linda Gryner

**Education Officer** – Lisa Cossar

**Assistant Education Officer, Adopted Schools** – Aileen Reid

**Membership Officer** – Michelle Batty

**Co-Services Officer** – Gloria Saunders

**Co-Services Officer** – Virginia Reade

**Standard Bearer** - Kathryn Weston

No further nominees eligible for election as Provincial Officers were submitted in writing up to and not later than 14 days, (April 9th), before the Annual Meeting by persons entitled to a PEC vote. As no further nominations were received the aforementioned nominees are acclaimed and will be installed.

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton**

**Seconded by: Leila Boushy, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia**

***"THAT the Slate of Officers for 2022-2023 be adopted as presented."***

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:**

**Moved by: Renate Schuetz, IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton**

**Seconded by: Jessica Cerveny, IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville**

***"THAT the 2022-2023 Slate of Officers for the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE be elected as presented."***

**CARRIED**

**VIRTUAL INSTALLATION OF 2022-2023 OFFICERS & CONVENORS** — *Carol McCall, National President*

"I wish to thank the outgoing officers for their dedication during the past year. President Linda Gryner has met every challenge during 2021 with enthusiasm, commitment and thoughtful consideration. We are celebrating the work completed in Ontario, the dedicated services and the continuing support by IODE members of the many programs at the annual meeting today.

I am pleased with the leadership of the Ontario's Officers and am inspired by the continuing strength of IODE in Ontario. Even after a year marked by stay-at-home orders and lockdowns, IODE Ontario has the support of a group of committed and talented members who are prepared to step forward and assume leadership positions. IODE Ontario remains strong and has a group of officers that I am honoured to be installing for 2022-2023. The officers are the backbone of IODE Ontario and provide support to members by standing together and supporting and reassuring our members that IODE is strong and can continue to make a difference no matter what.

We have heard the names and offices announced by the chair of the nominating committee and now that the officers are elected, I will proceed to install them virtually.

**President** – Helen Danby

**First Vice-President** – Michelle Batty

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** – Betsy Thompson

**Vice-Presidents for the Area:**

South Western – *vacant*

Mid Central – Aileen Reid

South Central – Donna O'Reilly

Toronto – Catherine Moore

North Central – Chris Bateman

Eastern – Jo Brodie

Northern – Heather Stuart

**Provincial Officers:**

**Corresponding Secretary** – *vacant*

**Recording Secretary** – Jan Casbourn

**Treasurer** – Debbie Button

**Citizenship** – Kathryn Weston

**Communications** – Linda Gryner

**Education** – Lisa Cossar

**Assistant Education , Adopted Schools** – Aileen Reid

**Membership** – Michelle Batty

**Co-Services** – Gloria Saunders

**Co-Services** – Virginia Reade

**Standard Bearer** – Kathryn Weston"

**National President:** *Carol McCall*

To you, Helen Danby, as President and to the officers of IODE Ontario is entrusted the honour and responsibility of guiding your members and encouraging them in their projects throughout the year. As I induct you into office, I encourage you to continue the good work that benefits your community, your province and Canada.

May the members you inspire continue to build on knowledge that assists them in delivery of IODE programs, support of each other as 'women dedicated to a better Canada' and continue to renew their pledge of loyalty to the organization.

May IODE Ontario grow in membership during your term of office."

**Provincial President:** *Helen Danby*

As President and on behalf of the officers of IODE Ontario, I pledge that, in accepting these offices, we will endeavour at all times to uphold the Constitution of IODE. We will strive to provide leadership that will inspire members to enhance the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs. We will also support each other as Canadian women.

**National President:** *Carol McCall*

May you as President and each officer have the wisdom, strength and courage to be equal to this task. I trust that you, Helen, have the gavel, symbol of the high office you now hold. Use it wisely and often in your meetings and discussions, listening and considering the many points of view of all members.

Today marks a new beginning for IODE in Ontario, with this new slate of officers and new ideas. I congratulate you and wish you every success in this difficult year ahead. IODE will benefit from your experience and commitment. I congratulate you and wish you every success.

President Helen Danby was surprised by her daughter and granddaughter taking part in the pinning of her presidential badge.

**INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS** — *Helen Danby, IODE Margaret Stokes, Petrolia*

"Before we continue with the remainder of the program, I would like to take a few minutes to extend our thanks to President Linda Gryner for her dedication and passion in leading IODE Ontario over the past three years and through the COVID pandemic. Under her leadership IODE Ontario was able to carry on productively with revised Provincial Annual Meetings, monthly Zoom PEC meetings, our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and many more things too numerous to mention here.

I would like to read a poem written by Teri Fernandez that I think best describes Linda.

*Special is a word that is used to describe something one-of-a-kind,*

*Like a hug, or a sunset,*

*Or a person who spreads love with a smile or a kind gesture.*

*Special describes people who act from the heart and keep in mind the hearts of others.*

*Special applies to something that is admired and precious and which can never be replaced.*

***Special is a word that best describes you. Linda.***

On behalf of the Provincial Executive Committee I would like to present you this token of our appreciation. Hopefully, you will feel relaxed after a day at the spa. As we are doing this virtually, I will deliver it to you tomorrow for a photo opportunity.

I also would like to thank my chapter, the IODE Margaret Stokes for the lovely flowers and message of support that arrived this morning.

Thank you Carol! It is an honour to be the IODE Ontario President and I will try my best with the new executive to live up to the members' expectations. I look to 'Moving Forward Together' with all IODE chapters.

Today's Provincial Annual Meetings theme is 'Moving Forward Together'. This morning we heard Renate's tour of the website and social media, Liz's talk of the membership pillars and Sgt. Lachance's excellent speech about the Indigenous communities of Northern Ontario. They have touched upon some topics that continue to promote IODE and give us direction. Through education, services and citizenship IODE has impacted communities across Ontario.

IODE is only as strong as its primary chapters and the members who are the base that this organization is built upon. The years of COVID have taught us that to survive and carry on, we must adapt. This is a great time for us to be creative and think of ways to rebuild and secure new members. Margaret Polson Murray was one woman who had determination and passion. She wrote over 500 letters, cables or postcards a day to every major city in 1900. By 1901, there were 1,500 members and by the 1950's there were over 32,000 IODE members across

Canada. We were considered a force to be dealt with. The government asked our opinions and requested assistance during both World Wars. Sometimes we even voiced our concerns without being asked, such as what kind of flag or movie should be shown?

Times have changed considerably since the 1900's. We now have more advanced and easier modes of communication. We have a history of extraordinary IODE members and chapters who built hospitals, monuments to honour our fallen, took care of the veterans, their families and the disadvantaged. We can use this rich history to be proud and rebuild. From your annual reports we saw that IODE members in Ontario did not sit back and use COVID as an excuse. Yes, we stayed home but we were busy helping where we could by making masks, donating to food banks, etc.

Past IODE chapters were composed of ladies from all walks. Some were just neighbours like the South Line Chapter in Walkerton, some were all teachers, all nurses or all business women. One chapter in Toronto, the Dr. Alexander Korshetz Chapter were all Ukrainian women. There were many volunteer groups as there are today to compete with IODE. We however, appealed to many women because we supported services both locally and beyond, education and citizenship.

Members from earlier times socialized through their IODE activities, teas, dances, card parties and fundraisers. They invited their neighbours to join them. How many of us know our neighbours well enough to invite them to IODE?

Times have changed when we value our personal time for social media, binge TV watching and cocooning. I am horrified when my I-phone tells me that I am averaging two hours a day on it.

'We are women working together for a better Canada.' As we move forward together, let's take a moment to reflect on our mental health and find the satisfaction of assisting our local community, our Northern neighbours on the Indigenous reserves through the provincial services initiatives, and our students.

It is through your invitation that new members will join your chapter and rebuild IODE. Don't get caught in the 'Been there, Done that trap'. COVID benefitted us by making chapters think out of the box and develop new strategies. BE IODE PROUD. Talk about IODE to your book club, church members, golfing or bowling friends, and your store cashier when you are buying for your chapter. Wear your IODE badges, IODE golf shirts and IODE Buttons. Litter with IODE pamphlets and Echoes.

This year as part of the Platinum Jubilee, IODE Ontario will be creating new pamphlets for primary chapters' use. Please use these to tell your community that IODE is still here and we want you. BE IODE PROUD!"

#### **MOTION:**

**Moved by: Jan Casbourn, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia**

**Seconded by: Brenda Matthey, IODE Captain Hooper Chapter, Carleton Place**

***"THAT retiring President, Linda Gryner, be appointed as Honorary Vice-President of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE".***

**CARRIED**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Appointment of Honourary Vice-Presidents:

### MOTION:

Moved by: Jan Casbourn, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia

Seconded by: Gail McDiarmid, IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville

*“THAT the following Past Provincial Presidents be appointed as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario for 2022 – 2023.*

*Marty Dalton*

*Sandra Smith*

*Marie Westlake*

*E. Anne Mason*

*Ruth Ann Butler*

*Bonnie Rees*

*Patricia Fabian*

*Karen Barker*

*Chris Bateman*

*Renate Schuetz*

*Lynda Rivard*

*Linda Gryner”*

**CARRIED**

Letters to Honorary Vice-Presidents

### MOTION:

Moved by: Jan Casbourn, IODE Honourable Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia

Seconded by: Jayne Little of IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

*“THAT a Letter of Greetings with our good wishes, along with a copy of the 2021 Annual Report be sent from this body to all our Honorary Vice-Presidents.”.*

**CARRIED**

2023 Provincial Annual Meeting

### MOTION:

Moved by: Jan Casbourn, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter, Sarnia

Seconded by: Wendy Loosley, IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia

*“THAT the Annual Meeting of IODE Ontario be held in April 2023 at a specific location with the date, and format to be determined by the Provincial Executive Committee.”*

**CARRIED**

## OFFICIAL CLOSING

**Adjournment:** by Garna Argenti, IODE Kent Regiment Chapter, Chatham at 3:08 p.m.

President Helen Danby officially declared the end of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting, followed by the playing of “God Save The Queen”.