

IOD E Ontario

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Message from President Renate Schuetz



For 117 years, IODE has held a place in Canadian history and the Provincial Chapter of Ontario has been part of this saga for 97 years. We will be celebrating our 100th anniversary in 2020 and are making plans to celebrate our members. Provincial Archivist Helen Danby has been very busy collecting the names of every woman and girl who has held a membership in Ontario. She can use your assistance. Read her article (on page 3) on how you can help. IODE Ottawa Municipal President Gwyneth Harkin has assembled the names and history of every chapter in Ontario both active and disbanded. Gwyneth is also missing some information to complete her research. Her contact information is on the same page.

Chapter By-Laws should be reviewed from time to time. When was the last time your chapter's By-Laws were revisited? IODE Canada has compiled a new Primary Chapter Regulations to be used in Conjunction with General Operating By-Law No.1. On page 15 are the Guidelines for Chapter By-Laws. These Regulations and the General Operating By-law No.1 are available to be downloaded from the *Members' Resource* page on www.iodeontario.ca

We too, have reviewed our Provincial By-Laws and found that it required some updating. On page 2, is a **Notice of Motion** for approval by the membership, for two new IODE Ontario By-Laws and wording changes to five current By-Laws. Please review them, feel free to contact the office or me if there are any questions. These will be presented at the Provincial Annual Meeting in Session April 22, 2017 for approval.

The Provincial Officers are busy reading your chapter's annual reports. We are always amazed how much is done by your chapter.

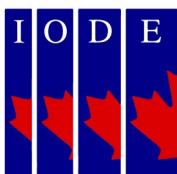
I invite you to join me and the Provincial Officers, Conveners and Councillors on **April 21 & 22, 2017** at the **Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, in London for the 97th Provincial Annual Meeting**. During Friday's evening dinner, we will be presenting the **IOD E Ontario Police Community Relations Award** and the **IOD E Jean Throop Book Award**. In addition, Emm Gryner and Dayna Manning members of the two-time Canadian Folk Music Award-nominated **TRENT SEVERN** will be our entertainment for the evening. Saturday our Officers make presentations, including reports on Fundraising ideas. The proposed agenda will be made available on the website once details have been finalized. The registration form is included with this issue and a fillable form can be downloaded from the *2017 Annual Meeting* page on our website. The Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre has offered IODE members a special Bed & Breakfast rate valid until **March 21, 2017**.

We realize that not all of our members have access to a computer or email and as the **IOD E Ontario Newsletter** is forwarded electronically, printed copies can be mailed by calling the office. Please share this **IOD E Ontario Newsletter** with everyone, including potential members.

We appreciate your feedback and suggestions for ideas and articles of interest that you want to read, in future issues of the **IOD E Ontario Newsletter**. Until then, don't be a stranger we welcome your comments.

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From time to time the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), made up of your elected Councillors, review the IODE Ontario's By-Laws. Changes to the By-Laws of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario must be approved at an Annual Meeting. The PEC recommended two additions and several changes to the wording in the IODE Ontario By-Laws, which will be brought forward at the annual meeting on April 22, 2017 for approval.

An explanation of these changes follows.

Many members find the nominating and voting process confusing. By realigning, the Provincial Voting Districts to match the National Voting Areas, the process for nominating and voting for Councillors should be clearer for members. Changing the name of "Provincial Districts" to "Provincial Areas" clarifies the reference.

The first new By-Law deals with realigning the Provincial Voting Districts to match the National Voting Areas with a new By-Law.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING IN SESSION,
THAT Ontario By-Law # 25(a) be added and will state
THAT the Provincial Districts will realigned with the National Voting Areas.

The second new By-Law deals with renaming Provincial Voting Districts to Provincial Voting Areas.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING IN SESSION,
THAT Ontario By-Law # 25(b) be added and will state
THAT the Provincial Districts be renamed Provincial Areas.

With these two new Provincial By-Laws, the following By-Laws require approval to update the wording from "Provincial Districts" to "Provincial Areas".

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING IN SESSION,
THAT Ontario By-Law #11(a) be changed FROM:
There shall be elected by ballot sent to all members in the Province of Ontario at least 30 days prior to and proclaimed at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in accordance with the IODE Constitution as revised from time to time, Provincial Councillors according to **Districts**.

TO

There shall be elected by ballot sent to all members in the Province of Ontario at least 30 days prior to and proclaimed at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario in accordance with the IODE Constitution as revised from time to time, Provincial Councillors according to **Areas**.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING IN SESSION,
THAT Ontario By-Law #11(b) be changed FROM:
In each Provincial voting **district** there shall be allocated one (1) Councillor for every approximately 40 members in good standing plus an additional four (4) additional Councillors to the **district** of Provincial Headquarters.

TO

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) additional Councillors to the **Area** of Provincial Headquarters.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING IN SESSION,
THAT Ontario By-Law #11(d) be changed FROM:
Newly organized chapters, or chapters changing jurisdiction, will be assigned immediately to the appropriate **district** by the Provincial Treasurer, pending ratification by the Provincial Chapter of any necessary By-Law amendment.

TO

Newly organized chapters, or chapters changing jurisdiction, will be assigned immediately to the appropriate **Area** by the Provincial Treasurer, pending ratification by the Provincial Chapter of any necessary By-Law amendment.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING IN SESSION,
THAT Ontario By-Law #11(e) be changed FROM:
That for the purpose of establishing the number of Provincial Councillors per **District**, the President will be named as one of the additional four Councillors allocated to the **District** of Provincial Headquarters, regardless of the location of her primary Chapter.

TO

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 **Area** of Provincial Headquarters, regardless of the location of her primary Chapter.

MOTION: BE IT RECOMMENDED TO THE PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING IN SESSION,
THAT Ontario By-Law #20(d) be changed FROM:
Following the election of Provincial Councillors as set out in #11(c), and prior to the installation of Provincial Officers at the Annual Meeting, a minimum of ten (10), but not more than twenty (20) additional Councillors from miscellaneous **districts**, shall be elected by the Provincial Executive Committee.

TO

Following the election of Provincial Councillors, and prior to the installation of Provincial Officers at the Annual Meeting, a minimum of ten (10), but not more than twenty (20) additional Councillors from miscellaneous **Areas**, shall be elected by the Provincial Executive Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION

I hereby give Notice of Motion that the additions of By-Law #25(a), 25(b) and changes to the Provincial Chapter of Ontario's By-Law #11(a), 11(b), 11(d), 11(e), and 20(d) will be presented to the membership gathered at the Provincial Annual Meeting in Session April 22, 2017 for voting.

Linda Gryner on behalf of Marion Wallace, Secretary

IODE Ontario: Members Database by Helen Danby, IODE Ontario Archivist



In our Fall 2016 issue, we asked for your help and you came through! Recently, IODE Ontario gratefully received information from a chapter that had disbanded in early 2000. What a treasure trove! Not only did it contain the membership book, it also information for a junior chapter and four other chapters in its scrapbook. From this **one** donation, we were able to add over 400 primary chapter members and 50 junior member names to the database!

Please ensure that your chapter's membership list is in the IODE Ontario records! With almost 600 chapters entered into the database, there are less than 50 (mostly disbanded) that are completed, with names of charter members, executives and each members. As an IODE member, please ensure that your chapter's information is recorded and current. We have executive and membership lists of active chapters. However, we are missing many members' names from years prior to 1990. Copies of your chapter's member records from the foundation of your chapter to 1990 is needed.

I have found sources in Chatham, London, Hamilton, Stratford-Perth and Wellington County. Since I am not familiar with the resources available in all cities, please check with your local library or museum archives for IODE records and let me know.

Most recently, the IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter in Petrolia submitted their condensed chapter history, with members' names as part of their town's time capsule celebrating Canada's 150 years.

We are also working on the story behind chapter names. Provincial councillor Gwyneth Harkin has completed the majority of this collection. Nevertheless, we are missing a few chapters, some are active and some have disbanded. This list can be found, on our website, under Members Resources tab at www.iodeontario.ca We welcome any assistance.

IODE has played an important part of this country's history. We are women who have and continue to make a difference. Let the country know who we are!

Thank you to the many members who have sent their information. It is truly appreciated. Let's make this historical record a project for every chapter.

For further information, please contact me at: iodeontarioeducation@gmail.com

Northern Ontario Adopted Schools Program by Norma Chicoine, IODE Ontario Assistant Education Officer, Adopted Schools

This past year was a busy and exciting one for the Northern Ontario Adopted Schools Program!

New Class Adoptions

Primary chapters' inquiries about new adoptions have increased, a trend we know will continue. Adoptions for classrooms by primary chapters at Kattawapiskat Elementary School, in Attawapiskat were completed in September. We have another chapter investigating an adoption in Kashechewan.

The Provincial IODE Northern Ontario Adopted Schools Supplies Transportation Project

This past summer we had the opportunity to partner with the Ontario Provincial Police (Simcoe Division) and the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS), Thunder Bay. The Police Services facilitate transportation of school supplies from primary chapters with adopted classes and items from the Provincial Services department to northern schools and nursing stations. The savings of transportation and deliveries of parcels through this project have been realized. We are very grateful to our partners for their support and hope to repeat this project.

Chapters interested in this project can contact me at nlyttlechicoine@gmail.com or the IODE Ontario Office at iodeontario@gmail.com



**NAPS Sgt. Merle Loon
with a recent IODE
parcel shipment**

Let's Celebrate!

by Shirley Ann Elms and Gail McDiarmid
IODE Ontario Membership Officers



2017 will be a year of celebrations!! Canada will celebrate its 150th birthday; IODE Ontario will celebrate 97 years of service; and each of us will celebrate a birthday, an anniversary or an achievement.

Canada has a rich history of volunteerism and community spirit and it is no more evident than in the good works of our primary chapter members. We work diligently throughout the year on projects and promoting IODE in our communities across the province. This year let's celebrate our members by having their achievements recognized!

Primary chapters are able to issue certificates recognizing service and to thank members for special dedication to a project. Make it a primary chapter celebration, and don't forget to capture the moment with photos. Let IODE Ontario know if you need assistance preparing your certificates. Certificates can be downloaded from the national website: www.iode.ca

You can and should celebrate dedicated long time members with a Primary Chapter Life Membership. **Life Memberships are awarded for outstanding service to IODE over a number of years.** The cost of life memberships is currently \$60, the portion of the associated fee not allocated to the cost of producing the award and related administration is used by IODE Canada for special projects.

We are producing a Membership display board for the upcoming Provincial Annual Meeting and need pictures! We want to include photos of you, your chapter members and chapter events. The display will bring your memories to life that will be shared with others.

This year the Membership Committee will be producing a video showcasing members and activities during 2017. To be included, please send your photos and videos to iodeontario@gmail.com. A project like this is something we can all enjoy!

Do you know how to market IODE?

by Elanor Brodie, IODE Ontario Communications Officer

When it comes to marketing IODE, primary chapters often tell us that they do not have the right persons and/or financial resources in their chapter to produce their own literature or to build a website. The question then becomes how can they get people interested in IODE and more importantly to join a chapter?

The answer is simple - look toward the Provincial Chapter for good PR resources. IODE Ontario has two great printed promotional materials, one is a brochure that details what IODE does, stands for and supports. The other is the membership rack card, which you use to grow membership in your chapter. They can be picked from the Provincial Office or contact the office and we can send them to you for the cost of the postage.



Another option is the Provincial IODE website: www.iodeontario.ca and our Facebook page. These social media sites are a fountain of information on all things IODE and a great publicity medium for chapters events.

Then again, remember **the best way to promote IODE is you**. A smiling face and a real live person go a long way to get women to join us.

Happy promotion and remember I am always available if you need help.

Please contact me at: iodeontariocommunications@gmail.com



Are you missing out?

Do you know a member who is **not** receiving any email from IODE Ontario? Please take a minute at your next meeting to check with your membership.

Email us at: iodeontario@gmail.com to report new email addresses and corrections.

Canada's 150th Anniversary by Caroline Rodgers, IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer

What an exciting year 2017 will be!

- IODE Canada announced a national initiative, *Canada's 150th Anniversary IODE Good Citizenship Award*, in recognition of Canada's 150th. Your chapter can determine the criteria of your award for your recipients. Information can be found on www.iode.ca
- This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The battle, took place from April 9 to 12, 1917. The *New York Tribune* wrote that Canada had fielded a better army than Napoleon's and a French newspaper spoke of Canada's Easter gift to France.

Vimy Ridge was later chosen as the site of Canada's National Memorial in Europe. The physical evidence of the battlefield has been preserved and a monument to the Canadian dead now rises from the highest point on Vimy Ridge. The Vimy Ridge Foundation is planning events thought out this year. Additional information is on their website www.vimyfoundation.ca

- Also, this year we acknowledge the 100th Anniversary is the Battle of Passchendaele, fought from July to November 1917. Canadians have made many impressive accomplishments fighting in the cause of peace and freedom. A name from Canada's First World War military heritage that still stirs emotions is "Passchendaele." In a muddy corner of Belgium, Canadians overcame almost unimaginable hardships to capture this ruined village in 1917.

We lost countless Canadians during those days.

I look forward to reading Annual Reports about what your chapter has done over the year. Next year include how you celebrated.



National Youth Orchestra of Canada Tour, *Edges of Canada*

Through your contributions, IODE Canada has provided financial support to the National Youth Orchestra of Canada (NYO) for a number of years.

IODE members across our nation can celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial with our partner the NYO Canada.



Enjoy a **free concert** during their *Edges of Canada Tour* in July and August of 2017! Watch local media for the schedule and ticketing details or check out their website at: www.nyoc.org

Edges of Canada 2017 featuring specially commissioned music will be performed in Montreal, Toronto, Waterloo, Stratford, Halifax, Charlottetown, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Nanaimo, Whitehorse and Vancouver.

IODE Canada will post updates when available.

“Spring into Action” at the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting

By: Linda Gryner, 2017 IODE Ontario PAM Co-Convenor

Why is it important to attend the Provincial Annual Meeting?

SPRING INTO



This meeting is carefully planned and orchestrated with **YOU** in mind. The annual meeting committee is making sure the experience will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

Here are just a few of the comments from last year:

“I have learned so much from being here that I can hardly wait to share it with my chapter.”

“I enjoyed the plenary session on Fundraising. I am going back home filled with new ideas!”

“I met so many nice people and was able to exchange ideas about how they do things.”

“There were so many wonderful things to buy at the ‘Shopping with Chapters’, wish I brought more money!”

“I found the pace at this year’s meeting very relaxing and I enjoyed my first Provincial Annual Meeting very much. Will be back!”

“The officers’ presentations were well done and the interactive way was great. Liked that we could ask questions.”

“Liked the giveaways - Emm Gryner’s CD was a great treat. Only wished they played the song as the lyrics are so appropriate.”

“Thank you for another great Provincial Annual Meeting. I am going home rejuvenated and energized!”

“I have attended many Provincial Annual Meetings and this year was one of the best!”

As you can see from the above comments, attending the Provincial Annual Meeting is an experience every IODE member should have. Let’s **Spring into Action** and register now for the 97th IODE Provincial Annual Meeting!

Chapters wishing to reserve a table for the “Shopping with Chapters” are encouraged to send their **Shopping with Chapters form** as soon as possible. Space is limited therefore only one table per chapter can be allotted.



Registration Form

Name _____
IODE _____ Chapter _____
Address _____
Postal Code _____
Email _____
Telephone () _____ First Time Attendee? _____

Register Now to Win!

Two Early Bird Registration Prizes:

**One Night Bed & Breakfast
at Centre
or
Norman R. Brown
Numbered Signed Print**

****Dietary Restrictions**

** You will be charged for alternate meals if dietary restrictions are NOT specified here.

Please Check One

- \$150 Full** (1 ½ days) **Early Bird Registration** accepted until March 31st, 2017
- Registration Package & Giveaways
 - 2016 IODE Ontario Annual Report
 - Guest attendance at the Provincial Executive Committee Meeting
 - Friday Buffet Dinner with entertainment by Emm Gryner & Dayna Manning
 - IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award
 - IODE Jean Throop Book Award
 - 1 ½ days' Nourishment Hub
 - Annual Business Meeting
 - Shopping with Chapters & IODE Displays
 - Saturday All Members Buffet Luncheon
 - Officers Presentations
 - Fundraising Plenary
 - Membership Awards
 - Installation of 2017-2018 Provincial Officers
- \$165 Full** (1 ½ days) **Late Registration** (after April 1st)
- \$85 Friday Only** includes Registration Package, Giveaways, 2016 IODE Ontario Annual Report, Guest attendance at the Provincial Executive Committee Meeting, all afternoon nourishment hub, Buffet Dinner with entertainment by Emm Gryner & Dayna Manning, the OPP Award and IODE Jean Throop Book Award presentations.
- \$80 Saturday Only** includes Registration Package, Giveaways, 2016 IODE Ontario Annual Report, Shopping with Chapters, IODE Displays, All Day Nourishment Hub, Annual Business Meeting, all-Members Buffet Luncheon, Officers Presentations, Fundraising Plenary, Membership Awards and Installation of 2017-2018 Provincial Officers.

Please send completed Registration form
(one per person) and cheque payable to **IODE Ontario**.

*Photocopy this form for your records;
your cheque is your receipt.*

Registration Refunds request MUST be made
in writing before April 7th, 2017.

**Mail to: IODE Ontario
45 Frid Street, Suite 9
Hamilton, ON L8P 4M3**

How about a “Packing Day” Experience? by Virginia Reade, IODE Services Officer

JUST
ONE
more
THING!

Thank you Ladies for your support of IODE Ontario Services during 2016. The Christmas Toy items were greatly appreciated. The toys, warm hats and gloves are enjoyed by the children in the remote Northern locations.

Has your chapter considered participating in a “Packing Day” experience?

Once a month the Provincial Services committee packs boxes to be shipped to our northern community and we can use your help. Contact me at iodeontarioservices@gmail.com I will answer questions and set up a convenient date for you and your chapter to take part in a packing.

We look forward to seeing you at the 97th Provincial Annual Meeting in London and sharing information about the Services Projects that Chapters are doing in their local communities.



Stay Connected!

We want to hear about your:

- successful fundraising event that attracted prospective members
- any good deeds your chapter has done
- innovative tips on how to recruit new members to IODE

Please share your photos or videos with IODE members!

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