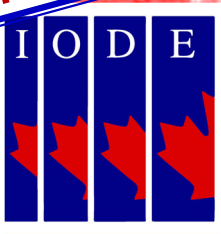


Special PAM 2021 Edition!!



IODE Ontario

Since 1920

IODE ... women dedicated to a better Canada



PAM 2021 President's Remarks

2020 is a year to remember. COVID had winners and losers just like in the stock market. The manufacturers of lipsticks saw a decline in sales because of mask-wearing and so did the body deodorant giants that saw a decreased demand because we were social distancing! The anti-aging companies and cosmetic surgeons made a killing as everyone through Zoom was confronted with the truth and nothing but the truth-wrinkles, sagging chins, crow's feet and gray hairs. Covid forced us to take a good look at ourselves and at many aspects of our lives, including IODE.

This year's PAM theme is perhaps one of the best ever yet. **ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES** not only because it is positive but our talented web administrator, Renate Schuetz made it come alive! The usage of the infinity symbol on a vibrant and fluid background is perfect because it draws us *in* and the smooth flow of lines on a number 8 pattern indicates continuity and endlessness.

By definition, possibilities are things that may happen. It can only come to fruition when we decide to act.

In IODE, there are endless possibilities open to any woman of any age, race, religion or colour. Conversely, each of us possess all kinds of possibilities to offer IODE. How many of us have closed the doors before we even get in to see the possibilities IODE has to offer? One notable speaker, Les Brown said: *"The only limits to the possibilities in your life tomorrow are the "BUTS" you use today."*

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You likely have heard the following: *"Thank you for considering me in a leadership role, BUT I am fine being one of the team"*. Or: *"I would love to, BUT my plate is already full."*

In our everyday lives, we use 'Double A' or 'Triple A' batteries in order to make certain gadgets work. Allow me to share with you the "Quad A" or the 4 "A's" of Endless Possibilities.

Acknowledgement

Attendance

Action

Achievement

The first "A" is the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** that possibilities exist. Seeing beyond preconceived limitations is step one. How many of us have reams or listings of incredibly great ideas for goals or projects? I know IODE members who could be the "world's top idea women."

The 2nd "A" is **ATTENDANCE**. In the beginning I said that the PAM logo is great because it draws us in. To participate in endless possibilities, we have to be "IN". We need to be in attendance. This entails joining, volunteering or committing to be a team player who sees old problems from new angles and new eyes.

The 3rd "A" is what puts the "end" in endless or as they say in French "FIN" to the ever flowing symbol of IN- FIN- ITY. I am referring to **ACTION**. George Bernard Shaw once said: *"The possibilities are numerous once we decide to act and not react."* **ACTION** puts an end to a mere possibility and leads to **ACHIEVEMENT**.

The equation is straightforward: NO action = NO achievement.

The 4 "A's" are essential in order to accomplish our IODE projects and goals. Membership growth is an ever-present challenge, not only in IODE but in every non-profit organization everywhere. You will be apprised later, but I just want to share my enthusiasm and my commendation to IODE Canada who is taking the lead in addressing Membership Growth. We are currently in the 2nd "A" of the 4"A's", so stay tuned for the roll out of this very important membership project.

In the meantime, let's adopt the mandate "**Each 1 brings 1**" which past National Membership officer Patricia Fabian coined years ago. I would like to issue a challenge to every IODE member in Ontario to "bring one in 2021"!

Ours is a great organization, federally chartered, rich in history, with centuries of dedicated service and very committed members. I concur with IODE member, Maria Kulcher, the vibrant Communications Officer of IODE New Brunswick, who has said many times that "IODE members are:

- I**nterested
- O**rganized
- D**etermined
- E**nthusiastic

As I begin my 3rd term, I would like to give my heartfelt thanks to the retiring Provincial officers: 1st Vice-President, Caroline Rodgers, Citizenship Officer, Shirley Ann Elms, Assistant Membership Officer, Gail McDiarmid, Area Vice-Presidents, E. Anne Mason, Libby Gibson and Margo MacKinnon.

Welcome to newly elected officers Michelle Batty, Wendy Weston, Catherine Moore, Heather Stuart and Lisa Cossar. Thank you for accepting your roles and I look forward to the endless possibilities you'll be bringing to IODE Ontario.

To all of you.. "Thank You"...."Merci"....."Gracias"... "Tapadh Liebh"....."Sukran"....."Danke Schon"....."Salamat"... "Dank U" and "Chi Miigwetch!"





PAM 2021: Greetings from the National President, Carol McCall

It is an honour to be here with you today. I deeply appreciate IODE Ontario's positive support of the mission of IODE during the past challenging year.

The totally unexpected worldwide epidemic had just arrived in Canada a year ago. We were just learning about the virus and starting to experience lockdown and stay-at-home orders. During the past year, you have responded to the difficulties and changes in a most positive and caring manner. Chapters unable to fundraise during the past year have used the financial cushion they had at the end of 2019 to support education, service and citizenship projects in their communities. Some chapters have been more challenged with the Covid-19 shutdowns because their projects are supported to a greater extent with current year fundraising activities that couldn't take place. Chapters have also been ingenious in figuring out how to do fundraising activities in a safe way. However, IODE is more than how much money we have to spend. Acts of kindness, notes and telephone calls to people staying at home and helping them by picking up and delivering necessities have gone a long way during this pandemic.

At the IODE Ontario office, you have assembled and sent 239 parcels of clothing, footwear, bedding, toys and sporting equipment to communities in Northern Ontario, Labrador, Nunavut, and two communities in Southwestern Ontario. You have sewn personal protective equipment. Your volunteer hours were still an amazing 78,725 despite Covid restrictions. You have continued to provide scholarships, bursaries and books to students with a total value of \$178,889. You have organized special events. One of my favourites is "Dresden Shines", brightening Dresden with Christmas lights and decorations to become a sparkling winter wonderland. In these times, it is not the size of your donations that matters; it is being kind and supporting people in your communities. You have been doing your best to bounce back and be positive.

I hope you have enjoyed *Echoes*, IODE Facebook pages and IODE websites during the past year and will continue to send in good stories about what is happening in your chapters. The national office is committed to doing everything necessary for IODE to thrive into the future. We are currently working on a national membership review talking with members to understand what we should keep and what we should change to ensure that membership in IODE is a fun and positive time for members and supports them in making a difference in the lives of others in need.

I am enjoying working with an excellent group of national directors and officers who work together as an effective team. They share their many talents and show what can be accomplished with respect and co-operation. Your President Linda Gryner is a strong and positive contributor to discussions on all aspects of IODE. Zoom has been an unexpected discovery allowing us to connect and see each other and share ideas more effectively with directors from across Canada.

I have described IODE members as a hardy group and the past year has proven that description to be accurate. I hope we can soon forget about Covid-19 and its variants and get back to seeing each other in person!

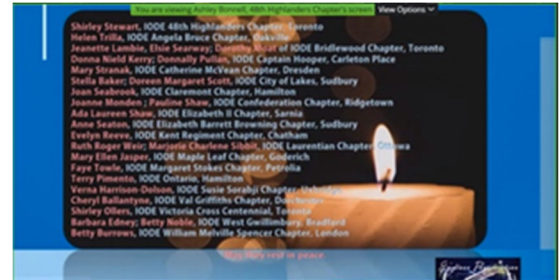
I invite you to register for the National Annual Meeting being held from June 2nd to 4th. The meetings will be by Zoom and registration is free. Again, thank you for inviting me. It is a pleasure to be here and see you all again.



It's a First! Zooming at the 101st Provincial Annual Meeting

IODE Ontario held its 101st Provincial Annual Meeting (PAM) via Zoom on April 24th, 2021 with 80 members in attendance from 32 Ontario primary chapters. This year's theme is: "Endless Possibilities" nicely depicted with a logo created by our artistic Social media convenor, Renate Schuetz. This is the second year that history was made in IODE Ontario; in 2020 the very first teleconference PAM was held and this year was the first PAM held by Zoom videoconference!

The morning started at 10 a.m. with the Statement of Indigenous Land Acknowledgement, O Canada and the IODE Prayer and Affirmation. A moment of silence took place to remember 29 IODE members who passed away in 2020.



A pre-recorded message from Her Honour, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario was indeed inspiring, and so were the greetings delivered by National President Carol McCall of IODE Canada. The Business morning portion included the reading and seconding of the 2020 Annual Report, voting on By-Law Changes, Secretary and Treasurers' Report and a Special Secretary's COVID Report.

Guest speaker, Mike Stevens of ArtsCan Circle spoke about his experience with the indigenous youth in Northern Ontario and Labrador, providing the youth with musical know-how and hundreds of harmonicas to sway the young from drugs, gang activities, boredom and to help them develop their self-worth. Regardless of the difference in methods, the objectives align with our 100th Anniversary Project "Play it Forward" which is to provide much needed play and sport equipment to the youth in the North.

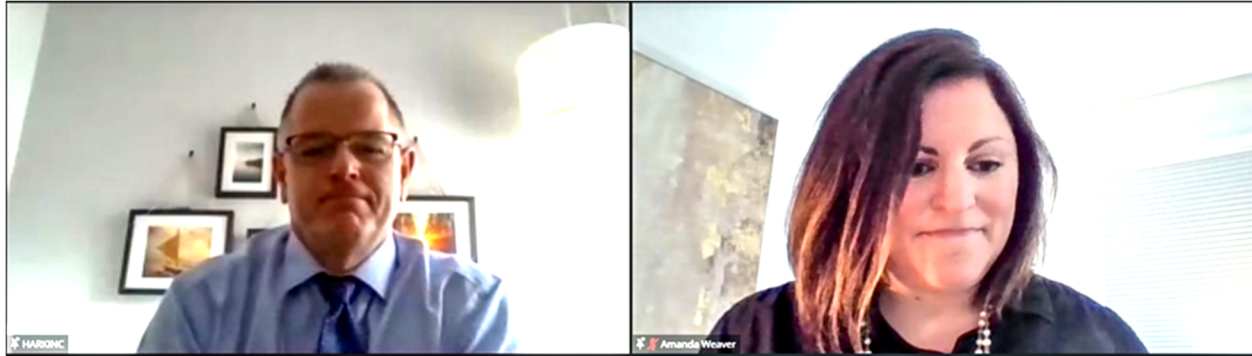
A first in a PAM, attendees were given the opportunity to re-affirm their Canadian Citizenship with Hon. Col. Michael Scott CD, CM officiating, and everyone would receive a Certificate of Citizenship Re-affirmation.



Hon. Col. Michael Scott officiated at the Citizenship Re-affirmation ceremony



Honorary Vice-President Chris Bateman of IODE West Gwillimbury Chapter taking the Oath of Citizenship affirmation



Deputy OPP Commissioner Chris Harkins

Amanda Weaver, OPP Suicide Memorial Project

The afternoon session opened with the presentation of the IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award. Normally given to one individual member of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the 2020 award was presented to the entire police force for their significant and dedicated work in keeping Ontarians safe during the COVID pandemic. The award consisted of a commemorative plaque, certificate and a monetary prize to go to the philanthropic project of the recipient's choice.

This year \$1,000 was donated to help erect the **OPP Suicide Memorial** to commemorate officers who died of suicide and for the families to come and find solace. The funds are being administered through the Wounded Warriors of Canada. Deputy OPP Commissioner Chris Harkins was live at the meeting, accompanied by Amanda Weaver of the OPP Suicide Memorial project, whose brother-in-law died of suicide a few years ago.





The 100th Anniversary Project Update

Aileen Reid, IODE Ontario Adopted Schools Officer

To commemorate IODE Ontario's centennial in 2020, a special initiative called, *Project Fun* was launched at the 2018 Provincial Annual Meeting in London. Recognizing the value of play in the physical, mental and social development of children, IODE Ontario's 100th Anniversary special project was to provide playground equipment for children at the Women's shelter in Hamilton since IODE Ontario was founded there. The Good Shepherd Family Centre, located in Hamilton is a 24-hour temporary emergency shelter for abused and homeless women and children and was the recipient of the new playground equipment.

Last year when the world experienced the COVID-19 pandemic, all celebrations were put on hold. Today, we have an opportunity to celebrate with you, albeit in a vastly different format than in past years.

I am here with you today to tell you about the 2nd part of our 100th Anniversary project, known as *Play It Forward*. Before I do that, I just wanted to give you a little information about the evolution of our Adopted Schools in Northern Ontario. IODE Ontario first identified a need to adopt and support schools in Northern Ontario back in 1923. This need was to support literacy. Today, we continue to support literacy, and in addition, we feel a more wholistic approach is needed to support children. The *Play It Forward* project was established because there was a need to encourage our Adopted Schools children to be physically active in their daily lives. And certainly, since last year, that need is even more apparent for all children.

Studies have shown that the benefits of physical activity on school aged children are far-reaching, including an increase in physical health, better academic performance, increased concentration, better behaviour, better social skills, lower rates of obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and depression. Physical activity also increases self-esteem, builds healthy bones, muscles and endurance as noted in an article by Saul Wagner on *How P.E. in schools benefit students*.

In addition, it is recommended that every child receives 60 minutes of daily physical activity. IODE Ontario felt that there was a need to help children in Northern Ontario continue to be physically active. Wagner goes on to say that "investing in students" physical health today will allow them to reap the rich rewards far into the future.

IODE Ontario believes that there are numerous benefits by supporting students in our Adopted Schools to live more active lives and we are honoured to help with this endeavour. We currently have 11 Adopted Schools in Northern Ontario. Of these 11 schools, eight had sent a wish list for sporting goods for their students.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

IODE Ontario Membership Awards
Caroline Rodgers, IODE Ontario Membership Officer

Congratulations to all! Chapter Membership Winners for this year are:



In First Place with 4 new paid members:

- ◆ IODE Headwaters Chapter, Orangeville
- ◆ IODE Manitou Chapter, North Bay
- ◆ IODE Maple Leaf Chapter, Goderich



In Second Place with 3 new paid members:

- ◆ IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter, Petrolia
- ◆ IODE Val Griffiths Chapter, Dorchester



In Third Place with 2 new paid members:

- ◆ IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Oakville
- ◆ IODE Confederation Chapter, Ridgetown
- ◆ IODE Errol Egremont Chapter, Sarnia



Special Membership Award **Celebrating IODE Ontario 's 105th Anniversary**

To qualify: Recruit as many paid up chapter members as you can between **2020-2024**. A formula will be used to allow smaller chapters an equal chance at winning.

This Award will be presented at PAM 2025. Good luck to all!!



Special COVID Report

By: Kathy Newnes,
IODE Ontario Corresponding Secretary

Two things became very evident as I read through the chapter reports. **The first thing that stood out** was the dedication and desire to continue with philanthropic projects, just as chapters have always done for so many years. COVID did not stop them! For most, meetings continued; some held a few in-person meetings, socially distanced of course, but it became apparent that new ways were needed. ZOOM meetings have now become the norm with the help of the IODE Ontario Technology Committee and although we would all prefer to meet in person, this is the next best thing.

IODE members found new and creative ways to help their communities while complying with the new restrictions. They sewed masks, shopped for shut-ins, made toiletry kits for seniors and created greeting cards. Others relied on the funds from the previous years and donated what they could to their usual community or school projects. Personal donations were also given to support their chapter initiatives. “Drive-by” events were ways by which they could collect toys, hats, mitts, toiletries etc. for distribution to various locations throughout their cities. An outdoor, socially distanced book and garage sale was held. Members met in church basements or community arenas to continue making turkey pies, apple pies and butter tarts etc. while wearing masks and staying safely apart. This in-person connection helped maintain positive morale.

The second important aspect during COVID which became more prevalent was the need to stay connected. The genuine concern for one another and the desire to ensure that our friends in IODE were safe and healthy both physically and emotionally was everyone’s priority. Phone calls and emails became very important, not only to conduct business, but to make personal connections and inquire about the general well-being of fellow chapter members. Members went to great lengths to celebrate milestone occasions such as 90 and 100th birthdays of their fellow members while practicing anti-COVID precautions.

The pandemic may have been viewed as something negative, but it has allowed IODE members to emerge as more creative, more innovative and more open to the endless possibilities that faced them in 2020. For more information on IODE chapters’ COVID activities, please refer to pages 15 and 17 of the Annual Report.

Congratulations and thank you to those who shared with us their special COVID-19 activities. We take our hats off and send our heartfelt thanks to our members who are and continue to be our essential workers.



No email? New email? IODE Ontario wants to know!

Please share this Newsletter with all of your members—especially those without email.

As always, email us at: iodeontario@gmail.com to report new email addresses and corrections



PAM 2021 Special Guest: Hon. Col Michael D. Scott CM, CD

Mr. Scott has over 30 years of experience in the logistics industry and has led 3 trade missions to China. He has volunteered countless volunteer hours working with youth and in post-secondary education.

In November 2000, Mr. Scott was appointed to the position of **President & CEO** of PBB with responsibility for more than 1,000 employees, 80 branch offices and \$200 million in annual sales. During his tenure he took the company public in May 2002. Mr. Scott held the position of CEO until his retirement in March of 2005.

In the fall of 2000, Mr. Scott organized and led the first trade mission to China ever organized by a private company. Mr. Scott again led trade missions to China in 2001 and 2002. Through trade missions, speaking engagements, personal mentoring and the authoring of magazine articles, Mr. Scott has assisted a significant number of companies to do business successfully in China.

In recognition of his efforts to foster trade between China and Canada, Mr. Scott was made an **Honorary Professor of Guanxi University** in April 2001. He is the first Canadian to receive this honour.

Mike also spent eight years as an officer in the Canadian Army Reserve and in 2004, he was appointed to the position of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of The Hastings & Prince Regiment. He was promoted to **Honorary Colonel** of the Regiment in May of 2007. He completed his term in 2012. In 2014, he returned to the 48th Highlanders of Canada and served as Honorary Colonel (2014-2017) and Honorary Colonel (2017-2020).

Undoubtedly one of the passions of his life is Scouting. Mike's association with Scouts Canada has lasted over 40 years beginning as youth at the age 8 in Toronto. He was appointed **National Commissioner** in November, 2002. In May of 2003 with the passage of the new Governance Bylaw, Mike became Scouts Canada's first **Chief Commissioner and Chair of the Board of Governors**. In 2008 he was appointed **International Commissioner** responsible for relations with the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). He served as the **Co-Chair of the 2019 World Jamboree** which was held in West Virginia with over 50,000 members of scouting from over 130 countries in attendance.

Mr. Scott has also had a long relationship with Niagara College serving as the **Chair of the Board of Governors** in 2008 and 2009. He currently sits on the board of the Niagara College Learning Enterprises Corporation.

In October 2008 Mr. Scott was appointed a **Member of the Order of Canada** by Her Excellency, The Governor General. He has received the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. For his service to scouting he has been awarded the Silver Wolf award.

Mike is an avid golfer. In retirement, he enjoys serving as an officiant at Citizenship ceremonies. Mike and his wife Manuela are retired and are currently building a new home near Welland. They have three adult children and two grandchildren.



Canadian Citizenship Re-Affirmation Ceremony *with Hon. Col. Michael Scott*

“Welcome to this citizenship reaffirmation ceremony. Today is a special day for two reasons. The most important of course is that today you will reaffirm your commitment to Canada, however today we are also celebrating over 100 years of service to our country by the IODE and its members. As part of this celebration we are also recognizing the outstanding achievements of women who have shaped this country in which we live. Women are leaders in all areas of society, including business, politics, science and technology, and many others, and your right to equality is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Canada has come a long way because of women’s achievements throughout our history, Mary Ann Cary was the first Black woman publisher in North America in 1823. She was a teacher, anti-slavery activist and newspaper editor. She also created an integrated school open to all and was an advocate for full racial integration. Jeanne Sauvé is another great example. She was a journalist with the CBC and then was elected to parliament. She was the first woman to become Speaker to the House of Commons in 1980 and the Governor General in 1984. Recently in 2018, Donna Strickland, a professor and researcher at the University of Waterloo won the Nobel Prize for Physics.

Through the efforts of trailblazing women such as these, we have made great strides toward gender equality and women’s empowerment. Together, we can create a Canada where everyone, regardless of their gender, their religion or their cultural background has the chance to pursue their dreams and shape the future.

I’m sure that most of you participating today were born in Canada and received your citizenship automatically, but I’m also sure that a significant number of you came to Canada from other countries and could share stories of struggle and heartbreak as you and your families made your way to Canada to start a new and better life.

However you became a Canadian, you now have the chance to reaffirm your oath as a Canadian citizen. For some of you this will be the first time you have ever said these words. I certainly had never spoken the oath publicly until I attended my first citizenship ceremony as an observer.

I am a first generation Canadian. All 4 of my grandparents and my father immigrated to Canada. My wife Manuela and her family came to Canada from Portugal in 1968. They and a multitude of others have come here not only to have a better life, but a place to have a better life with their future families.

I was given a gift by my family like most of you were, the gift of being born a Canadian citizen, a gift which we continue to give to our children who have been or will be born in Canada. My father was a carpenter and my mother worked in an office but despite our humble beginnings my country gave me the opportunity to serve Canada as an officer in the Canadian Army and to serve the young people of Canada as the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Canada.

I have also been the President of a large international company and during my career I travelled to more than 40 countries around the world. I saw amazing things and met wonderful people but the one thing I learned was that no country could match Canada for all the things that make a country a great place to live and work and to raise our families.”

Elected National Councillors for 2021 – 2022

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.*

Northern Area: (99 members, 4 chapters)

IODE City of Lakes, Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter and Manitou Chapter
(1 to be elected) **VACANT**

North Central: (77 members, 7 chapters)

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Headwaters Chapter, Holland Landing Chapter, Lord Dufferin Chapter, West Gwillimbury Chapter, White Cloud Chapter and Yellow Briar Chapter **(1 to be elected)**

Renate Schuetz ACCLAIMED

Eastern Area: (54 Members, 2 chapters)

IODE Bemersyde Chapter and Captain Hooper Chapter. **(1 to be elected)**

Marie Westlake ACCLAIMED

Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Chapter of Ottawa: (83 members, 3 chapters)

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Lorraine Chapter and Walter Baker Chapter **(1 to be elected)**

Caroline Rodgers

Mid Central Area: (161 members-7 chapters)

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, Eldon House Chapter, Festival Jubilee Chapter, Maple Leaf Chapter, Stirling Chapter, Val Griffiths Chapter and William Melville Spencer Chapter **(2 to be elected)**

Karen Dalton and Hazel MacLeod

Toronto Area: (89 members, 7 chapters)

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Bridlewood Chapter, Captain Nicola Goddard Chapter, Dr. Innis Mary Mac-Donald Chapter, Kathleen Drope Chapter, Rouge Valley Chapter, Susie Sorabji Chapter
(1 to be elected)

Shirley Ann Elms

South Central Area, (Formerly known as Provincial Headquarters): (118 Members, 8 chapters)

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Claremont Chapter, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Freelon Chapter, John Milton Chapter, Royal Wyndham Chapter, The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, and Victoria Guelph Chapter. **(1 to be elected)**

Bonnie Rees ACCLAIMED

South Western Area: (127 members, 8 chapters)

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Catherine McVean Chapter, Comber Chapter, Confederation Chapter, Dr. Norman McCormick Chapter, Errol Egremont Chapter, Kent Regiment Chapter, and Major John Richardson Chapter. **(1 to be elected)**

Sheila DeJaegher

Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Chapter of Sarnia – Lambton: (48 members-2 chapters)

IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter and Margaret Stokes Chapter **(1 to be elected)**

Helen Danby ACCLAIMED

Elected Provincial Councillors for 2021-2022

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 district of Provincial Headquarters.*

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.*

Northern Area (99 members-4 chapters) **ACCLAIMED**

IODE City of Lakes, Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter and Manitou Chapter.
(2 to be elected.)

Louise Visneskie

North Central (77 members-7 chapters) **ACCLAIMED**

IODE Bertha Cane Chapter, Headwaters Chapter, Holland Landing Chapter, Lord Dufferin Chapter, West Gwillimbury Chapter, White Cloud Chapter and Yellow Briar Chapter (2 to be elected)

E. Anne Mason Renate Schuetz

Eastern Area (54 Members-2 chapters)

IODE Bemersyde Chapter and Captain Hooper Chapter (1 to be elected)

Betsy Thompson

Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Chapter of Ottawa (83 members-3 chapters)

IODE Laurentian Chapter, Lorraine Chapter and Walter Baker Chapter (2 to be elected)

Elanor Brodie Caroline Rodgers

Mid Central Area (161 members-7 chapters)

IODE Edith Benson Chapter, Eldon House Chapter, Festival Jubilee Chapter, Maple Leaf Chapter, Stirling Chapter, Val Griffiths Chapter and William Melville Spencer Chapter (4 to be elected)

Ruth Ann Butler Nancy Hughes
Karen Dalton Kathy Newnes

Toronto Area (89 members-7 chapters)

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Bridlewood Chapter, Captain Nicola Goddard Chapter, Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter, Kathleen Drope Chapter, Rouge Valley Chapter, Susie Sorabji Chapter (2 to be elected)

Karen Barker Shirley Ann Elms

South Central Area: Formerly known as Provincial Headquarters (118 members-8 chapters)

IODE Angela Bruce Chapter, Claremont Chapter, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw Chapter, Freelton Chapter, John Milton Chapter, Royal Wyndham Chapter, The Princes Richard and Michael Chapter, and Victoria Guelph Chapter.
(3 + 4=7 to be elected)

Eleanor Bentley Susan Davis Jean Hof Gail McDiarmid
Donna O'Reilly Virginia Reade Bonnie Rees

South Western Area: (127 members-8 chapters)

IODE Captain Garnet Brackin Chapter, Catherine McVean Chapter, Comber Chapter, Confederation Chapter, Dr. Norman A. McCormick Chapter, Errol Egremont Chapter, Kent Regiment Chapter, and Major John Richardson Chapter.
(3 to be elected)

Garna Argenti Debbie Button Sheila DeJaegher

...IODE Provincial Councillors con't....

**Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Chapter of Sarnia – Lambton
(48 members-2 chapters)**

IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter and IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter *(1 to be elected)*

Jayne Little

Elected Additional 24 Provincial Councillors:

Chris Bateman	Lisa Cossar	Carol McCall	Heather Stuart
Michelle Batty	Helen Danby	Catherine Moore	Kathryn Weston
Capt. Ashley Bonnell	Cara Fabian	Aileen Reid	Wendy Weston
Jo Brodie	Patti Fabian	Lynda Rivard	
Jan Casbourn	Peggy Gallipeau	Gloria Saunders	
Leslie Chekan	Margo McKinnon	Pat Scallan	
Norma Lyttle Chiccoine	Hazel McLeod	Sandra Smith	



Carol McCall, President of IODE Canada and Linda Gryner, President IODE Ontario at the installation of the new 2021-2022 Executive via Zoom.



Let's meet a friend of IODE: Mike Stevens

Heather Stuart, President
IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay

"If you were at the 2008 Provincial Annual Meeting held in Sarnia, which is where Mike Stevens is from, you will know that Mike is one of our IODE friends. An innovative musician and author, Mike started playing harmonica at the age of 16. His aggressive and original soulful approach to the harmonica has taken audiences on an incredible journey.

He was named **Entertainer of the Year** for 5 consecutive years at the Central Canadian Bluegrass Awards and Best Album of the Year in 1990 and 1992. Mike has performed at the Grand Ole Opry more than 300 times! In 1994, he was made a 'Kentucky Colonel', the highest honor given by the State of Kentucky for his accomplishments in bluegrass.

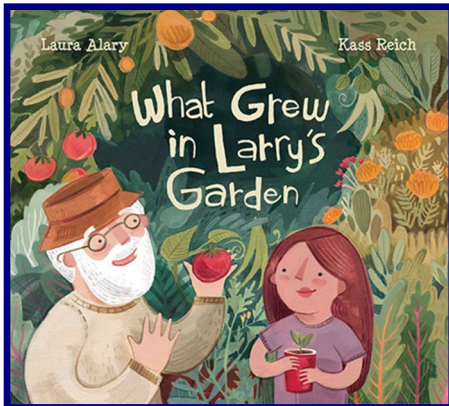
He has performed live and captivated the hearts of bluegrass music fans all over the world. But aside from his music, Mike is revered for his humanitarian work through ArtsCan Circle, a charitable organization founded by Mike in 2002.

Since November 2000, Mike has travelled to isolated communities across Canada where he has seen first-hand the grim tales of drug abuse and suicide among the youth there. Although at this time, we are not able to hear Mike as the harmonica virtuoso that he is, he will take us on a virtual trek up north and hear about the challenges of the indigenous youth - the targeted beneficiaries of IODE Ontario's 100th Anniversary project *Play It Forward*. Through this project, IODE chapters are supplying the youth with much needed play and sports equipment, in much the same way that Mike Stevens has equipped them with harmonicas and Mike's musical prowess.

Welcome, Mike!"



Accomplished Bluegrass musician and harmonica virtuoso, Mike Stevens, speaks with PAM 2021 participants via Zoom.



Presentation of the 46th Annual Jean Throop Book Award

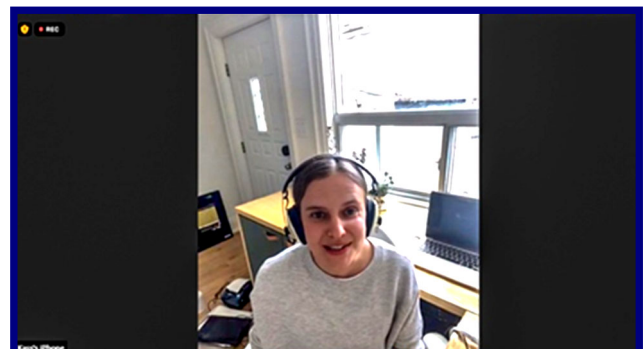
On its 46th year, the IODE Jean Throop Book Award was established to encourage publication of high quality children's books suitable for 3 - 7 years of age from Canadian authors and illustrators. This year's winners and splitting the \$5,000 prize were author, Laura Alary and illustrator, Kass Reich, both of Toronto for their book "**What Grew in Larry's Garden**" published by KidsCan Press. The flyer distributed to all attendees contain this short description of the book:

"Inspired by a real person, author Laura Alary has written a heartwarming story about how amazing things can grow when you tend your garden with kindness. In this case Larry, a teacher, is helping to grow community. He has his students grow tomato plants that they then give away to their neighbours with personal notes. It offers a powerful lesson on the influence of generosity, while encouraging young children to become community activists in their own neighbourhoods. This uplifting story fosters an appreciation for neighbourhood and community at a time when that sentiment seems to be eroding. The book also contains an environmental message about harvesting your own vegetables and with Kass Reich's colourful illustrations, works beautifully for a life science exploration of growth and changes in plants. There are character education connections to caring, cooperation, empathy, kindness, perseverance and teamwork."

IODE Ontario PAM attendees were joined virtually by both author Laura Alary and Kass Reich and illustrator.



Laura Alary, Author



Kass Reich, Illustrator

Congratulations!

Provincial Life Membership Presentation

Provincial Life memberships were presented to two deserving Councillors and past officers, **Gail McDiarmid** and **Margo MacKinnon**.

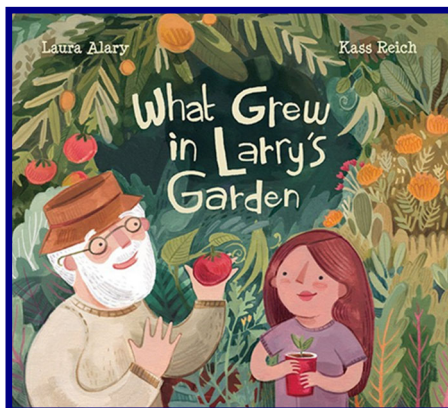
Both were surprised with unexpected best wishes and congratulations from their children and close relatives.



Gail McDiarmid (bottom left) and family



Margo MacKinnon (top left) and family



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Last but certainly not least....

Special thanks to the very talented duo of Leslie Chekan and Capt. Ashley Bonnell of the IODE Ontario Technology Committee who were responsible for the smooth screen sharing of various videos and photos.



Leslie Chekan



Capt. Ashley Bonnell

Goodbye and Good Luck



You're leaving!
You'll be missed...

We say
GOODBYE and THANK YOU
to IODE Ontario Administrative Assistant,
Susan Varga
who is moving to Nova Scotia in July.

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