

IODE Ontario

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A message from Linda ...

Confucius once said: *“If you are positive, you’ll see opportunities instead of obstacles.”* He must have met many of our IODE Ontario women!!! I am just amazed and it completely blows me away to learn how many IODE members have become highly creative, innovative and even entrepreneurial, despite the negative effects of the pandemic on many facets of our lives. Many have gone beyond making masks and donating to frontline workers, giving out free masks to the public and selling them as fundraisers for their chapters. How do I know this? Many of you have sent us emails, letting us know how you are doing and we thank you for connecting with us.



Dorchester’s IODE Val Griffiths Chapter’s “Canadian” masks fundraiser took on an entrepreneurial approach, partnering with businesses and agencies who purchased the home-sewn masks for resale. A brainchild of IODE Val Griffith’s President Aileen Reid, the mask-making first started in March when the pandemic hit. Today’s demand for masks, often in the hundreds, has surged. Aileen approached other IODE chapters who were having difficulty fundraising, asking them to partner with the IODE Val Griffiths Chapter to make masks and share the profits. Aileen also mentioned that the Chapter gave away free masks and in doing so, had more money donated than their fundraisers had raised, proving that the old adage, *“Give and you shall receive”* works!



In Sarnia, IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter did a similar fundraiser, other than their “Go Fishing” and “PB (Peanut Butter) Jamboree” campaigns for the local foodbank. They partnered with a small business “Refinery Workwear” who sold imported face shields and masks, as well as manufacture various types of face masks, PPE attire and caps. I purchased a shield (seen here) which I found so comfortable to wear over glasses and sunglasses.



IODE Margaret Stokes in Petrolia, noted for their butter tarts resumed their annual butter tart fundraiser at the local arena amidst social distancing, mask wearing and curbside pick-up. (Those conditions did not alter the quality of their butter tarts, believe me! I took home my 15 dozen and a couple of them did not reach my freezer!) After one of those baking sessions, President Wendy Loosley conducted their September meeting at the arena, honoured three of their members with their life memberships and 10-year awardees as well as welcomed a new member! A chapter meeting in a huge arena certainly was anti-COVID compliant!

Several chapters are redesigning their plans to do on-line fundraisers like partnering with the traditional and on-line retailers to sell gift cards for a variety of general merchandise like chocolates, groceries, specialty items, household needs, clothing, cosmetics, cleaning supplies, etc. Some are conducting licensed raffle and 50/50 draw on-line.

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Clearly, VIRTUAL seems to be the method of choice due to the current pandemic conditions. Other ideas for fundraising are: virtual vendor sales, boxed luncheon or dinner take-outs with curbside service instead of pre-COVID dinner and luncheon fundraisers, virtual events such as: fashion shows, book sales, garden show, concerts and auction sales.

The “family” aspect of membership in IODE is very important, and chapters are in search of ways to get together, chat with friends and conduct their meetings. We have had reports of chapters who held sprawling indoor and outdoor COVID-compliant meetings, as well as through the use of audio and video teleconferencing means, some inviting “virtual” guest speakers but as always, sharing with great IODE camaraderie and ideas about moving forward in IODE! I think IODE should stand for:

I — innovative

O — out of the box thinkers

D — determined

E — energetic

As you can see, COVID-19 has NOT been successful in stopping IODE ladies from doing what they do best.....helping others and coming to the aid of their communities. Please continue to be resourceful, relentless and resilient despite the current ever-changing, unforeseeable conditions. COVID has helped unearth some amazing traits and attributes in many of you. THANK YOU for your adaptability, your perseverance and your commitment! I will reiterate...*IODE women will always be the front-line workers for those in need in our communities!! COVID may very well be the “step back” that will move IODE forward!*

The song is ended, but
the melody lingers on...
- Irving Berlin

Remembering ...

Margaret Element
IODE Golden Jubilee Chapter
1932—July 18, 2020

Evelyn “Evie” Reeve
IODE Kent Regiment Chapter
April 18, 1933—June 25, 2020

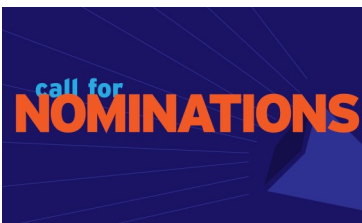
Muriel Shepherd
IODE Caan Chapter
May 29, 1929—August 6, 2020



Provincial is Zooming!!!

The month of September is typically “Back to IODE” month. IODE Ontario is cognizant of the fact that primary chapters have concerns about the return to regular meetings and chapter fundraising during these challenging times. We are pleased to announce that IODE Ontario has now secured a host license to be able to conduct audio and video teleconferencing via *Zoom*. Realizing the quandary that many chapters have regarding in-person meetings during the pandemic, the Provincial Chapter is sharing this technology and offering the use of *Zoom* to primary chapters. After all what are families for?

How do you request to use IODE Ontario’s *Zoom*? We ask that the President or Regent email a request for a zoom meeting to: iodeontariozoom@gmail.com with the date and time of your meeting. Be prepared to have an alternate date—just in case your requested date and/or time is not available.



Nomination Forms for Provincial & National Councillors

The Nomination forms for Provincial Councillors and National Councillors were sent along with the 2020 Annual Reports forms sent out during the last week in August.

What does a National Councillor do? A National Councillor is part of the National Advisory Committee that “advises the Board of Directors regarding the affairs of the Corporation. “

Under Article VIII, Section 8.06 of the IODE Constitution:

Councillors – National

Each province or territory shall be entitled to elect one National Chapter Councillor for the first twenty (20) primary chapters in good standing within its jurisdiction and an additional councillor for every twenty (20) primary chapters in good standing after the first twenty(20) such chapters. In addition, each provincial chapter shall be entitled at its annual meeting to elect three (3) additional National Chapter Councillors.

The following excerpt from the **Provincial Councillors Handbook** defines who the Provincial Councillor is:

“The Provincial Councillor is an important member of the Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), the governing body responsible for conducting the business of the Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE. She serves as liaison between the Provincial Chapter and the primary chapters.

How does one become a Councillor? Every September, nomination forms for Provincial Councillors are sent to all primary chapters. Any paid-up IODE member may be nominated by the primary chapter members. Her nomination signifies that her Primary Chapter has confidence in her, respects her ability and dedication to the work of IODE. As an elected Provincial Councillor, she has an obligation to justify that faith and perform in the best interest of the Provincial Chapter.

The following table shows the current elected Provincial Councillors: Is your chapter represented by a Provincial Councillor at the Provincial Chapter? **Send your nomination forms BEFORE the November 1st, 2020 deadline.**

Current Elected Provincial Councillors and their Chapter Affiliations

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	Home Chapters	CITY
1. Mary K.	Anderson	IODE Bridlewood, IODE Rouge Valley, IODE Nichola Goddard	Pickering
2. Garna	Argenti	IODE Kent Regiment	Chatham
3. Karen	Barker	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Toronto
4. Chris	Bateman	IODE West Gwillimbury	Bradford
5. Michelle	Batty	IODE Errol Egremont	Sarnia
6. Eleanor	Bentley	IODE Claremont	Hamilton
7. Ashley	Bonnell	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Toronto
8. Jeannette	Boyd	IODE Stirling	St. Thomas
9. Kathryn	Boyden	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Toronto
10. Elanor	Brodie	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
11. Josephine	Brodie	IODE Laurentian	Ottawa
12. Ruth Ann	Butler	IODE Eldon House	London
13. Debbie	Button	IODE Confederation	Ridgetown
14. Jan	Casbourn	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron	Sarnia
15. Leslie	Chekan	IODE Errol Egremont, IODE Kathleen Drope	Sarnia, Toronto
16. Lisa	Cossar	IODE Bemersyde	Campbellford
17. Karen	Dalton	IODE Eldon House	London
18. Helen	Danby	IODE Margaret Stokes	Petrolia
19. Susan	Davis	IODE Claremont	Hamilton
20. Sheila M.	DeJaegher	IODE Kent Regiment	Chatham
21. Shirley Ann	Elms	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Dundas
22. Joyce	Erickson	IODE Freelton	Freelton
23. Eula	Evans	IODE Margaret Stokes	Petrolia
24. Cara	Fabian	IODE Princes Richard and Michael	Kitchener-Waterloo
25. Patricia	Fabian	IODE Princes Richard and Michael	Kitchener-Waterloo
26. Peggy	Gallipeau	IODE Captain Hooper	Carleton Place
27. Libby	Gibson	IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce	North Bay
28. Linda	Gryner	IODE Errol Egremont	Sarnia
29. Jean	Hof	IODE Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw	Hamilton
30. Dr. Patricia	Kresan	IODE Dr. Elizabeth Barrett Browning	Sudbury
31. Jayne	Little	IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron	Sarnia
32. Norma	Lyttle Chicoine	IODE William Melville Spencer	London
33. Margo	MacKinnon	IODE Rouge Valley	Pickering
34. Hazel	MacLeod	IODE Eldon House	London
35. E. Anne	Mason	IODE Holland Landing	Holland Landing
36. Carol	McCall	IODE Kathleen Drope	Toronto
37. Gail	McDiarmid	IODE Angela Bruce	Oakville
38. Catherine	Moore	IODE Kathleen Drope	Toronto
39. Kathy	Newnes	IODE Eldon House	London
40. Donna	O'Reilly	IODE Freelton	Hamilton
41. Virginia	Reade	IODE Freelton	Hamilton
42. Bonnie	Rees	IODE Princes Richard and Michael	Kitchener-Waterloo
43. Aileen	Reid	IODE Val Griffiths	Dorchester
44. Lynda	Rivard	IODE Claremont	Hamilton
45. Caroline	Rodgers	IODE Walter Baker	Ottawa
46. Gloria	Saunders	IODE Margaret Stokes	Petrolia
47. Pat	Scallan	IODE 48 th Highlanders	Toronto
48. Renate	Schuetz	IODE White Cloud, IODE Yellow Briar	Wiarion, Orangeville
49. Bev	Shepley	IODE Captain Hooper	Carleton Place
50. Sandra	Smith	IODE Captain Garnet Brackin	Chatham
51. Betsy	Thompson	IODE Bemersyde	Campbellford
52. Marie	Westlake	IODE Bemersyde	Campbellford
53. Wendy	Weston	IODE Catherine McVean	Dresden
54. Kathryn	Weston	IODE Margaret Stokes	Petrolia

AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS AND IODE ONTARIO CHAPTERS

Each of the seven Area Vice-Presidents (AVP) cover multiple chapters throughout their region. Please check below to see who YOUR AVP is. AVP's are available to answer your questions and can each be reached at their respective emails listed below. Don't be shy... Reach out and say "Hi"!

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 IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter
 IODE Kent Regiment Chapter
 IODE Major John Richardson Chapter
 IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter

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 IODE Elizabeth Barrett Browning Chapter
 IODE Manitou Chapter



Peacekeeper Park: Conservation Authority Decides to End Lease

By: Linda Gryner, IODE Provincial President

You may have read the news of the non-renewal of the lease and impending closure of Peacekeepers Park in Lake Whittaker, Aylmer, Ontario. Below is the link to that news item:

Free Press link <https://fpress.com/news/local-news/peacekeeper-park-baffled-as-conservation-authority-decides-to-end-lease/wcm/1fb0f833-e87f-4600-a80d-a2a9ed8a2fca/>

As you know, IODE Ontario in 2010, launched a provincial citizenship project to build a cabin for Peacekeepers Park. Because of the overwhelming support from all Primary Chapters across Ontario, we raised over \$37,000 enabling us to build not one but two cabins at Peacekeepers Park! *(Enclosed is a picture of some of our members who visited the Park while our first cabin, named "Trooper" was being built, and a picture of the second donated cabin named "Gunner" in honour of Captain Nichola Goddard, the first Canadian combat arms female killed in Afghanistan).*

Together we saw the value of providing our returning members of the Armed Forces, Peacekeepers and Veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) with a place to find solace and recuperate from the trauma of wars, a place where young people with special needs can find self-worth, fitness and fun, a park for training first responders, firefighters and other emergency personnel, and a place to help us remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. The Peacekeepers Park is not just another conservation park, it is a "memorial" to both the living and the dead who served.

I strongly encourage all IODE members to contact their local MPPs and write letters in order to lobby the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority to reverse their decision and allow Peacekeepers Park to carry on the patriotic objectives initially set by a group of dedicated volunteers who established the Peacekeepers Park in 2002.

Please address your letters to:

Stephen Harvey, Chair

Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Email: info@kettlecreekconservation.on.ca

Elizabeth VanHooren, General Manager, KCCA

Email: elizabeth@kettlecreekconservation.on.ca

Mailing address: Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
4015 Ferguson Line, St. Thomas, ON N5P 3T3

Phone: 519-631-1270

Minister of the Environment, Hon. Jeff Yurek:

Phone: 416-314-6790

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College Park 5th Flr, 777 Bay St, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**** Jeff Yurek is also the MPP for Elgin, London and Middlesex.**

Email: Jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org





Partnership leads to successful smoke detector project

By: Gloria Saunders, IODE Services Co-Officer
and Virginia Reade, IODE Services Co-Officer

In 2019, a house fire in the Big Trout Lake community in northern Ontario took the lives of a mother and three children. Firefighters suggested that if a smoke detector had been installed, the loss of life may have been prevented.

IODE Ontario decided to spearhead a pilot project to provide smoke detectors to the community. Fire service professionals were engaged to determine the appropriate model for the conditions. IODE Canada was approached for financial assistance from the Canadian Disaster Fund to purchase the detectors. IODE Ontario Service officers researched retailers to obtain the best price. We were able to purchase 102 smoke detectors at a cost of \$2,196.51. They will be delivered to this northern fly-in community by IODE Ontario's partners on the OPP Indigenous Policing Bureau Team. Once in Big Trout Lake, an experienced tradesperson in the community will install the units.

A big **THANK YOU** to IODE Canada, Fire Services, OPP and the community of Big Trout Lake for participating in this collaborative effort.



Smiling behind those masks (from left to right) Virginia Reade, Provincial Services Officer; Patricia Scallan of the IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter, Toronto and OPP Officer Sgt. Gilles Lachance.



Home to the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Big Trout Lake is located in the Kenora District of Ontario. It is a fly-in community, accessible by air and by winter road in the colder months. It is one of the largest First Nations communities in the region.



VOLUNTEERS...In Extraordinary Times

By: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer

Summer has faded and Autumn with her brilliant colours has arrived. For the past six months we have read through our entire reading list, watched every Netflix movie and series and learned how to use FaceTime, Zoom and Instagram to share our daily activities with family and friends. Children have now to school in a conventional or virtual way after almost six months of being away from their studies. Shopping centres, places of worship and recreational facilities are slowly reopening with strict safety procedures in place. Travel and visits to family and friends have started up again with restrictions. We all thought the global pandemic more commonly referred to as COVID-19 was waning and many people were slowing returning to life outside their homes.

The latest fashion trend is coordinating the essential accessory, the mask! It seems every store and business has their supply of masks and social media ads are aplenty with "just the right mask for you".



While we are adjusting to life in 2020 and throughout all the upheaval and our attempts to bring a sense of normalcy into our homes, there are many who have fought the challenges presented. As we continue to face the fluidity of the pandemic and its effect on our lives and those around us, statistics show an upturn in mental health issues from bouts of anxiety and depression due to a drop in income or isolation. Some families are experiencing food insecurity, having to visit food banks to put food on their family tables.

Some primary chapters have been able to meet in person, while others have used email or virtual meetings to stay in touch. The outreach to members and community wellness checks speak to the dedication of IODE members.

Many members have developed new talents or renewed those that have been dormant for years or even decades. Some primary chapters have been able to meet in person, while others have used email or virtual meetings to stay in touch. The outreach to members and community wellness checks speaks to the dedication of IODE members. Our sewers have been busy sewing masks, gowns and bags to be used by front line and essential workers while some non-sewers donated material for masks. Food banks are thankful for the many donations made in the name of IODE. We often think of donating can goods and dry pasta but items like potatoes and apples and salads are always welcome as well as coupons or gift certificates to be used to purchase food. Making a call or sending a note will most definitely brighten the day of the recipient. Shopping for someone who is not able to go out or delivering home baking are other examples of community service.





Facebook shows how creative primary chapters have become during the pandemic by "fishing for food" or starting up a "mobile library". These activities do not only provide a much needed service to the neighbourhood, it brings the name and face of IODE to the community. Take a moment to 'Like' the many IODE chapters on Facebook and have a look at what we are doing. There are some great ideas that you or your chapter may want to try! Thank you to every-one for doing their part; every action taken during these times is important to someone.

****** This year, the Citizenship Annual Report has been amended to reflect those activities directly related to COVID-19. Please be sure to record these activities and report them to your primary chapter Citizenship Officer for inclusion in her annual report.

As we all do our best to support our communities, please remember to support each other. We are IODE and that means we are innovative, outreaching, dedicated and energetic and we are here to improve the lives of others.

Please be safe and remain well as we continue to move through the COVID-19 pandemic.



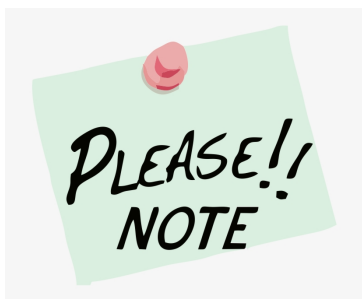
Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization.

Please consider recognizing your members through a nomination for an Ontario Volunteer Service Award.

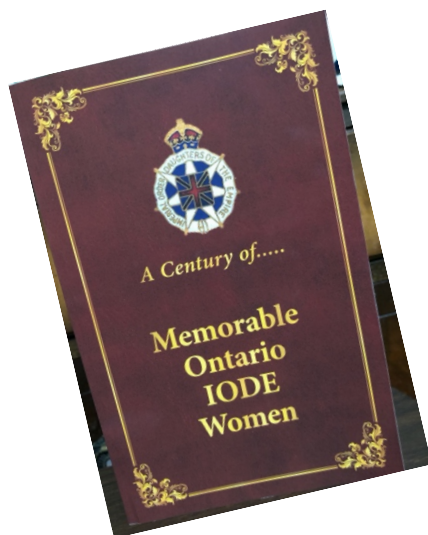
Details and application can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-volunteering#section-1>



IMPORTANT NOTICE - EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

All cheques or payments should now be made payable to "Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE" and **NOT** "IODE Ontario".



A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women

Quality Softcover, 5.5 inches by 8.5 inches; limited 1st edition. 320 pages.

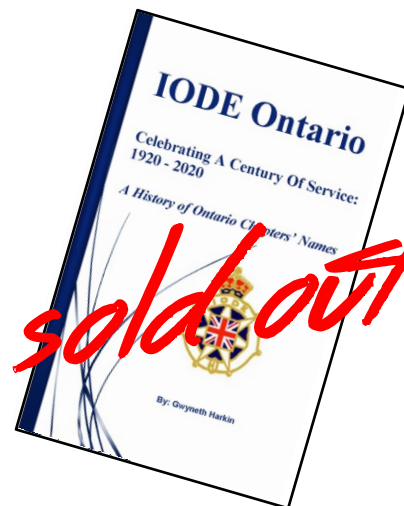
Price-\$20 each

Compiled by Linda Gryner & the 100th Anniversary Committee

A History of Ontario Chapters' Names

Price-\$15 each

Compiled by Gwyneth Harkin



ANNIVERSARY BOOK ORDER FORM

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
	A Century of... Memorable Ontario IODE Women	\$20 ea.	
	IODE Ontario-Celebrating a Century of Service A History of Ontario Chapters' Names	SOLD OUT	
	Shipping & Handling costs (if not picked up)	\$10 per book	
		TOTAL PAID	

E-TRANSFER or CHEQUES ACCEPTED:

1. For e-Transfer: Use the email: iodebookkeeper@bellnet.ca
2. Enter the amount
3. Use Book Order as the security question
4. Under message: Put Anniversary book (s) and shipping (if being shipped)
5. Last step – use IODEOntario (no spaces) as your answer to the security question

Or:

Cheque payable to: "**Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE**". Send to: **IODE Ontario, 45 Frid St., Unit 9, Hamilton, ON L8P 4M3. NOTE: Please specify "Anniversary Books"**

PRINT: Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

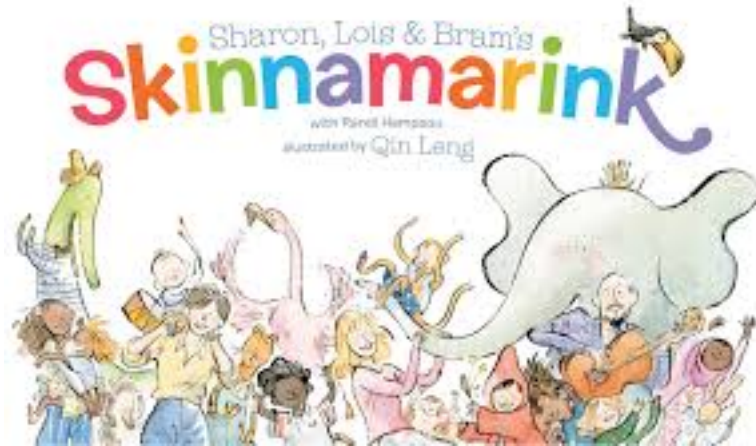
Over 100 copies of the 100th Anniversary book, "A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women" have been sold! Get your copy before they are gone!

Among the 130 women featured in this limited edition are: Margaret Burkholder, Dianne Clarke, Sandra Connery, Kathleen Julia Craik, Lorna Dean, Kathleen Drope, Anne Jaffray Eaton, Hon. Ellen Fairclough, Clemintina Fessenden, Cecilia Furness, Lady Gooderham, Wilhemina Gordon, Jennie Harald Greening, Val Griffiths, Maude Hanna, J. Jeanne Knapman, Lois Laughren, Charlotte Livingston, Lucy Morrison, Hon. Pauline McGibbon, Edith Sarah Nordheimer, Catherine McVean, Lady Mary Dodgson Pellatt, Isabel Rothwell Pow, Noreen Salari, Cathie Searles, Reginae Tait and many, many more!!

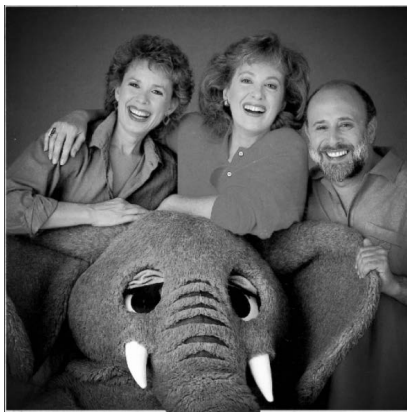
IODE Ontario Jean Throop Book Award Winner:

Skinnamarink

Get your copy before they're GONE!!



The **2020 IODE Ontario Jean Throop Book Award** was awarded to "Skinnamarink", written by Sharon Hampson, Lois Lilienstein, Bram Morrison, with additional text by Randi Hampson (Sharon Hampson's daughter). Wonderfully illustrated by Qin Leng.



The cost of "Skinnamarink" is \$20. As these are unusual times, you can order the book for yourself and/or your chapter by contacting Book Award Chair, Linda Dennis at: 905-294-6219 or linda.dennis@sympatico.ca. Once your order has been paid for, you can pick up your book/s at the office or arrange with your Provincial Councillor for delivery.



New Membership Award Announced!!

**By: Caroline Rodgers, Membership Officer
and Gail McDiarmid, Assistant Membership Officer**

Summer of 2020 is over and we are now back to IODE. I hope you are all well and rested.

As 2020 fades, so does Year One of our **100th Anniversary Provincial Membership award**. This award will be given to the chapter with the *most number of new, paid-up members over a period of five years from 2020 –2025*. A percentage system will be used so even the smaller chapters will have a chance of winning. This 100th Anniversary Membership Award will be presented at the 2025 Provincial Annual Meeting.

We encourage you to write Letters to the Editor or articles showcasing what your chapter is doing to stay active during this era of COVID-19. Many community papers have on-line editions and if you submit your press release, the chances of it being printed traditionally or on-line is greater.

Your IODE Provincial Membership committee is working hard and we ask that you share your ideas with us for regarding membership growth.

I would like to have a “Zoom Chat & Learn” session with all the primary Membership Officers and would like to gauge your interest in participating. What are your membership challenges within your chapter? Do you have ideas on how to entice new members that you wish to share? These are just a few of things we could talk about. Would you prefer an evening or daytime session?

Please let me know at: iode1stvice@gmail.com.

At Provincial, we are always interested in your primary chapter activities, so please feel free to keep in touch. Let us think GROWTH in IODE!



Do you have members that do NOT have email??

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.



Full Speed Ahead Despite COVID-19

Cancel the Toys for the North project ?? Not if Gloria Saunders and Virginia Reade have anything to do with it!!

There will be lots of happy faces this year as the Provincial Services Committee continues with the annual **Toys for the North Drive**. As always the packing of all goodies will be completed in November. **This year, we are targeting our Christmas packing for November 2.**

As with other activities in 2020, we need to be creative in finding ways to get items to the office. If your chapter needs help in getting donations to the office in Hamilton, contact the Provincial Services Co-officers, Gloria Saunders and Virginia Reade at: **iodeontarioservices@gmail.com** to schedule a drop-off.



This year, please consider the following items:

- * **Small toy cars**
- * **Small dolls with beige skin tones**
- * **Ski gloves (all sizes)**
- * **Small pocket-size flashlights**
- * **Small etch-a-sketch**
- * **Crayons**
- * **Markers**



Meet our IODE Gladys Raiter Recipients!

By: Helen Danby, IODE Ontario Education Officer

To honour the memory of his wife Gladys, a member of the IODE Queen Anne Chapter, Kitchener, Norman Raiter bequeathed money to IODE to establish a bursary fund in 1979. That same year, the IODE Queen Anne Chapter disbanded and the bursary was turned over to the IODE Kitchener–Waterloo Municipal Chapter. The bursary was transferred to IODE Ontario for administration in 1990 upon the disbandment of the IODE Kitchener–Waterloo Municipal Chapter.

The IODE Gladys Raiter Bursary is awarded on the basis of academic standing and financial need for one year of full time graduate study in Canada. The applicant must be a Canadian Citizen and hold an undergraduate degree from a recognized Canadian university.

There are two alternate criteria for recipients. The student is eligible if his/her family resides in the Regional Municipality of Kitchener-Waterloo and is enrolled in post-graduate study locally or elsewhere in Canada. Or, the second alternative is, that the student is enrolled in a post-graduate degree programme at the University of Waterloo or Wilfrid Laurier University.

In celebration of IODE Ontario's 100th Anniversary in 2020, the committee decided to present two awards. The recipients are **Christine Kitoko** and **Krenare Recaj**, both studying at the University of Waterloo.



Christine Kitoko is currently in her Master of Development Practice Program. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Development Studies from York University and has worked with a non-governmental organization named "Inner City Outreach" where she was program coordinator for children and youth in the Jane and Finch Community of Toronto. She has a keen interest in social justice and equity-related issues. Presently her focus is supporting the community in low-income settings by enabling them to exert decision-making outcomes that will better shape their future and bring sustainable change.

Prior to COVID-19 emergency measures in March 2020, Christine Kitoko volunteered as a community worker in a care centre as a mentor, tutor and soup kitchen helper. She was on her church's visitation team, as well as taking singing lessons in her spare time. She was a trombone player in the Salvation Army Youth Band. Christine has already been to Haiti on two humanitarian missions.

More recently, Christine volunteered in the Ambassador of Justice program with World Renew (in August), and just completed a full-time internship this summer with World Accord.

One of Christine's professors has described her as the "ideal graduate student; self-motivated, curious, committed, intelligent, well organized and affable- a joy in the classroom with excellent academic work (A average), and passionate extracurricular involvement in social justice."



Krenare Recaj is currently enrolled in the Masters Program specializing in History. Krenare's research thesis will examine Canada's foreign relations with Kosovo focusing on the 1999 Kosovo war and how Canada accepted and settled Kosovar refugees after the conflict. Krenare came to Canada as a refugee after the war in Kosovo and so this is a topic that is very close to her heart.

One of Krenare's professors stated, "We've let about 20 people into our MA Program for the 2019-2020 academic year, and they're all very strong students. Of that group, Krenare is at the very top. I am so impressed with the quality of her work. I'm equally impressed by her kindness, her professionalism and her dedication to her studies."

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One of Krenare’s main interests involves volunteering for National Service Dogs, an organization that provides service dogs for those living with Autism or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She volunteers in the Evening Enrichment Program where she would go to the kennel and help relax, train, and exercise dogs for 3 hours. Krenare is also a weekend dog sitter. This means caring for different dogs at her home every weekend from Friday to Monday. For a year, she volunteered at a Finishing Home for dogs. This meant taking adult dogs that were struggling with behavioural issues, living with and training them full time for several months until their issues were corrected. Her most recent position with the National Service Dogs is the “Purposeful Puppy Sitter” that includes taking a different dog every week to assess its progress in the program. Krenare states, “Many people think that raising a service dog is fun all the time. However, it means early mornings and late nights, lots of walks, and constant training.”

In 2019, Krenare received excellence in academics, was named on the Deans Honour list and was the recipient of the Kerr Ostrander Leadership for Tomorrow Awards from the University of Waterloo.

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