

# IODE Ontario

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*IODE ... women dedicated to a better Canada*

## Message from President Renate Schuetz



I get great satisfaction inviting new women to my primary chapter. I get gratification from sending welcome letters to ladies joining Ontario chapters and this year I am excited to say that the Provincial Chapter hosted three Bestowal Ceremonies. We started the year meeting the IODE Ubique Chapter in Toronto, then joined the Amalgamation Bestowal Ceremony for the IODE City of Lakes Chapter in Sudbury and on Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> we were pleased to host the Bestowal Ceremony for the IODE Headwaters Chapter, in Orangeville. Welcome to all our new IODE members and thank you to those who have acquainted our newest members with IODE.

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October is the time of the year the Nomination Forms for National Councillors and Provincial Councillors are forwarded to your chapter. Consider nominating someone from your chapter to be a voice at the Provincial Chapter and at the National Chapter. It is an interesting experience to learn about the work done at other levels of the organization. As a member of the Provincial Executive Committee or the National Advisory Committee, based on knowledge and experience, a councillor is expected to give due consideration to matters brought before the committee, to express opinions and to participate in making decisions which will best serve the general membership of IODE. Councillors represent the membership from their district. Please sign and return, both Nomination Forms to the Provincial office. If your chapter does not wish to nominate anyone, we ask that you return the signed Provincial and National Councillor Forms for our record. **The return date is November 1<sup>st</sup> for both nomination forms and please ensure your nominees are willing to stand for election.**

The 2016 Provincial Annual Meeting was well attended and we received positive comments of the changed meeting format. The 2015 IODE Ontario Annual Report is on the website [www.iodeontario.ca/2016-annual-meeting.html](http://www.iodeontario.ca/2016-annual-meeting.html) along with pictures of the Award Winners, Officers, VIP's and attendees.

Plans are already under way for the **2017 Provincial Annual Meeting** at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, in London on April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. We have included details in this edition of the Newsletter.

Thank you for helping us achieve continued IODE growth.

## Ontario Volunteer Service Awards by Caroline Rodgers, IODE Citizenship Officer



Did you know that the Ontario Provincial Government's Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration has many honours and awards to identify the people who make our province a better place to live? One of these awards is the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, which recognizes individuals for 5 to 60+ years of continuous service in a given organization. This is an excellent way to honour our IODE chapter members, who have worked diligently for your community. You may nominate up to six volunteers per-year. For information, visit <http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/citizenship/honours/vsa.shtml> **Nominations deadline for this year is January 25, 2017.**

Service animals do amazing things by helping their human partners return to life and getting them back out into the world. Many of our chapters and members sponsor animal programs. Please report this on your Citizenship Annual Report.

Fall is the time to organize and prepare for Remembrance Day. I urge you to contact your local Royal Canadian Legion to place a wreath order. During the busy Remembrance period, it is recommended to place your chapter's order in October. Canadians are encouraged to wear a poppy from the last Friday in October until Remembrance Day. The Poppy is the symbol of respect to those who gave their lives for our freedom. Funds raised from the Poppy Campaign supports Canada's Retired Veterans and their families.

Has your chapter considered honouring a first responder in your community with a Community Relations Award? The Community Relations Award certificate can be found on the IODE Canada's website ([www.iode.ca](http://www.iode.ca)) and downloaded from the IODE member resources section (password is *IODEmember*).

Remember to exercise not only the body, but also the mind. There is that old saying "if you don't use it, you will lose it." Truer words were never spoken.

Caroline Rodgers, IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer [iodeontariocitizenship@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontariocitizenship@gmail.com).

## Your Provincial IODE Communications Team by Elanor Brodie, IODE Ontario Communications Officer



How does your Provincial IODE Communications Team help you? Our main function is to help primary chapters with their communication needs.

We can offer assistance in promoting your events and chapter activities by posting them on both our website [www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca) and our Facebook page - IODE Ontario. Here we have a calendar feature where we will list your upcoming events. These are all great communications tools that cost your chapter no money. All you need to do is send us a write up and photos.

We also love to hear about your events – don't forget to send pictures and a small write-up to us and to *Echoes*. This is your time to brag about your good works! Another thing we do is provide marketing materials to help you promote both your local chapter and IODE in general.

IODE Ontario is where you order IODE Business Cards for you to hand out at events and to potential members. For a cost of \$20 shipping included, 500 Business Cards are sent directly to your chapter. Order form is on the Provincial Website under the Members Resources page.

We also have our IODE Ontario pamphlet that you can have free of charge in limited quantities which you can personalize to reflect your chapter's contact information.

If you need assistance in setting up a Facebook page, we can do that too. Do not worry if you don't know how to do that. We will walk you through it and it is not that hard. If a little help from us is what gets more women to find out about your chapter, then we are happy to help.

And at the end of the year when you need to record all the good works your Communications Department has done, we can assist with filling out the forms if you have any questions or just need to know where something should go.

Feel free to contact us at any time at the IODE office number or through my email:

[iodeontariocommunications@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontariocommunications@gmail.com).

## Introduce yourself to your local Principal! by Helen Danby, IODE Ontario Education Officer



This is a good time of year for you to meet the new administration at your local school or re-new your acquaintance with the returning principal.

Please bring a new IODE Ontario pamphlet with you to leave with the secretary and principal. Explain that your IODE Chapter would like to help the school. Assistance may be listening to young readers, helping with their snack program, providing extra resources or funding for a special event. Look back to the IODE Ontario 2015 annual education re-

port for ideas that are cost efficient or unique.

Many secondary schools have their "Awards Nights" in the Fall to honour students in grades 9, 10 and 11. Let's give each award winner an IODE keepsake by providing an Award Certificate and an IODE Ontario pamphlet.

Personalize all certificates with the student's name and your Chapter's name. The certificate can be found and downloaded from the IODE Canada's website ([www.iode.ca](http://www.iode.ca)) resources section (password is *IODEmember*).

Celebrate the success by submitting this news to your local newspaper with pictures of the award winners. Put it on your chapter's website, the IODE Facebook or send pictures to our provincial website. It is surprising the number of hits to IODE we will get if you let the students know that their name will be there. Remember to place a permission slip with the certificate for the student to notify you if he/she does not want their name and/or picture published.

The IODE Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education provides support to students who show a financial need, as well as, a strong commitment to their studies with bursaries. Unfortunately, there are always more student requests than funds available. Please keep this bursary in mind when you allocate monies in your chapter budget. It is deeply appreciated.

Promote IODE in all your education endeavors!

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## Our shopping Wish List by Virginia Reade, IODE Ontario Services Officer

We hope you have had an opportunity to read the last Services e-Blast, regarding Christmas shopping and the needs of youth & children in the northern remote locations where IODE Ontario sends parcels. All assistance from chapters or individuals are greatly appreciated. You can donate one of two ways — by dropping off gently used clothing or donate funds from your chapter and our committee members will shop at local stores.

*Shopping tip: insulated ski gloves (many sizes) that teens appreciate for outdoor activities are currently available at Dollarama.*

We are frequently asked what is needed MOST????



Here is our **Shopping Wish List** summarizing the most frequently requested items:

- Socks (these covered ankles to help prevent bug bites)
- Hoodies (all sizes), these help prevent bug bites
- Toothbrushes
- Clothing
- Running shoes
- Boots – winter and rain
- Small games (i.e. Etch-a-Sketch)
- Books
- Markers & colouring pages are used in Health Clinic waiting rooms to keep youngsters busy, while they wait.

Thank you for the donations that have come in over the summer. During September, we packed boxes with items requested by communities and sent them on their way north.

## Let's share our enthusiasm for IODE! by Shirley Ann Elms and Gail McDiarmid, IODE Membership Officers

Chapter members across Ontario are meeting to recount the summer's activities and to plan IODE events and projects. As you entertain new ideas for your chapter this year, think of ladies in your circle who may be interested in joining the IODE family. Invite a friend or family member to join you at a meeting.



**Share your enthusiasm ...** Take a moment to tell others of your IODE experiences; taking projects from the drawing board to the community and the fun your chapter has at events. As you document your Chapter activities with videos, photos or stories, please remember to send us a copy so we can share your achievements with other chapters. We will be showcasing chapter activities at the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting Membership display and we want to include your chapter's talents.

**We want to help you ...** Have you moved lately and are not sure how to engage with a chapter in your new location? We can help! Please contact our office for assistance. All IODE members in good standing may transfer to a new chapter.

**We need your help ...** Has your chapter recruited new members this year? We want to hear your story on how that happened. We are looking for innovative tips on how to recruit new members to IODE to share with

## Our Canadian Flag: A Symbol of Unity by Sheila M DeJaegher, IODE Ontario Standard Bearer

The flag of Canada was officially adopted on February 15, 1965. That day Honourable Maurice Bourget, Speaker of the Senate, added further symbolic meaning to the flag: "The flag is the symbol of the nation's unity, for it, beyond any doubt, represents all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion."

I would like to remind all the chapter Standard Bearers to check your chapter's flags and to make sure they are in good shape. Perhaps it is time to purchase a new one. If your chapter has a floor standard, be sure to polish the brass on the pole. We recommend you purchase a small tin of *Brasso* at the hardware store or grocery store. Check your flags each month to be sure that they are ready in case of a service for a member or any other function that the floor standard might be needed.



Carry and display our Nations Flag with pride.



### 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](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com) to report new email addresses and corrections.



## **Adopt a Classroom!** **by Norma Chicoine, Assistant Education Officer**

The IODE Adopted Schools Program was initiated in 1923, to improve literacy among the children in remote Northern communities. Today IODE Chapters and individual members continue to support schools, classrooms and teachers in Northern Ontario.

Through this program, IODE chapters and members thrive to provide some measure of equal opportunity for children in remote areas. The schools are very appreciative of the items they receive as confirmed by Principals to whom I spoke with this summer.



At the 2016 Provincial Annual Meeting, the excitement after Speaker Kyle Hill, Executive Director of *Teach For Canada* (TFC), (a non-profit charitable organization which prepares teachers to work in remote First Nations communities), completed his address, was profound. *Teach For Canada's* goal of having long-term commitment from their teachers could possibly help facilitate communication with our chapters.

I hope your shopping lists for your Adopted Class room have been completed. Please ensure the items are those requested by the school and the teacher.

We have a list of Schools and Class Rooms waiting for Adoption. Contact me at [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com) for information on how to start your Adoption.

## **Toronto Legacy Committee: Assisting Students in Need** **by Mary K. Anderson, IODE Toronto Legacy Committee Convenor**

Prior to the IODE Toronto Municipal Chapter disbandment, the IODE Toronto Legacy Fund was established. The IODE Toronto Legacy Committee oversees all programs supported by this fund under the jurisdiction of IODE Ontario. The Committee is comprised of a minimum of five Toronto area members, the Toronto Area Vice President and the Provincial President.

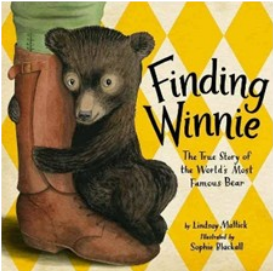
Through the generosity of the W. Garfield Weston Foundation, the IODE Toronto Legacy Committee is able to assist a carefully chosen number of grade 12 students needing financial assistance in the Toronto area (GTA). Because of this partnership and funds received for the IODE Tine Stewart Bursary, the Toronto Legacy Committee, this year is able to support twenty students with a monthly allowance at thirteen schools in the Toronto District School Board. The W. Garfield Weston Foundation Bursary and the IODE Tine Stewart Bursary is valued at \$25,000 annually.

Furthermore, a portion from the W. Garfield Weston Foundation enables us to purchase Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) tickets for students under the jurisdiction of the Toronto District School Board. Guidance Counselors and/or Social Workers identify students unable to afford TTC tickets. This assists students to attend school regularly and allows the students to more effectively reach their goals. The TTC Funding is valued at \$5,000 annually.



## 2016 Provincial Annual Meeting Highlights

### The winner of the 2016 IODE Jean Throop Book Award is.... *Finding Winnie*



I am sure everyone has a fond memory of the famous bear, Winnie-the-Pooh. Whether it was read to us as children or whether we have read or are reading it to our children, grandchildren or even our great grandchildren, Winnie-the-Pooh is an icon in children's literature. Author, Lindsay Mattick, has written a wonderful book entitled "**Finding Winnie**". Lindsay has a unique connection with Winnie. She is the great granddaughter of Captain Harry Colebourn, the Canadian soldier and veterinarian who purchased the Winnipeg bear and took him overseas during World War I. Of course, that cute brown bear became the well known and well loved Winnie of the Winnie-the-Pooh stories.

Lindsay's beautifully written story, told in the book to her son Cole, tells the story of Winnie's journey from Winnipeg, to becoming part of the soldiers' lives and to eventually the London Zoo and becoming A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh. The beautiful and delicate illustrations by Sophie Blackall complement and enhance the telling of the story. Accompanying the story is a collection of historical photographs and journal entries of Captain Colebourn. They remind the reader of how history, fiction and life intersect. The archival information is a strong reminder to all of us to treasure our family stories and make sure they are recorded and passed on to our future generations.



At the 2016 Provincial Annual Meeting, we presented Author, Lindsay Mattick with her award.

## 2016 IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award recipient: Sergeant Kevin Morgan, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Highway Safety Division



Sergeant Morgan began his career in 1991 and was first posted to Downsview Detachment where he spent 18 years. Since 2009, he has served the HSD 407 Detachment in various capacities such as Team Leader, Operations Manager and Acting Detachment Commander.

In the past six years, Sergeant Morgan has helped the native youth overcome barriers to playing organized sports by collecting and distributing gently used sporting equipment for their use. Each year, he would either take the long drive to the remote needy communities, or he would arrange air transportation to deliver the equipment to those regions.

Sergeant Morgan is commended for building positive relationships between the OPP and the native communities. Nearly \$250,000 worth of sporting equipment has been shipped to Northern Reserves over the past five years. This initiative is a great way to reach out and support the young people in the First Nation Reserves, helping build their confidence and self-esteem through sports.

At the 2016 Provincial Annual Meeting, we were honoured to present Sergeant Kevin Morgan of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Highway Safety Division (HSD) with the IODE Police Community Relations Award for his exemplary work and dedication in providing used sporting equipment to hundreds of young people in the remote Northern Ontario First Nation communities.

## 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting

Linda Gryner, Annual Meeting Co-Convenor

SPRING INTO



### at the 97<sup>th</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting

The 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting will be a 1½-day format from Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the beautiful Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, in London.

Hotel accommodations are available on site.

*A dedicated website is available to book your rooms on line.*

*The following Rates are valid for reservations made before **March 21, 2017***

**Standard Room:** Bed & Breakfast rate - \$110 per room per night plus applicable taxes.

All rooms have a queen size bed, which could accommodate two people.

(Additional \$10.50 hot breakfast buffet for the extra person in the room.)

Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre  
551 Windermere Road  
London, ONN5X 2T1

Phone Toll-Free: 1-888-678-6926

Check in time: 4 p.m.      Check out time: 12 noon

Website: [www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com](http://www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com)      Wyndham Rewards accepted.

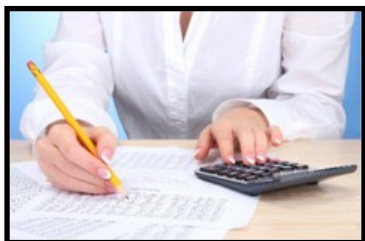
**A dedicated website is available to make your RESERVATIONS on-line:**

**<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/IODEON>**

This information and further details on the 2017 Provincial Annual Meeting will be posted on the IODE Ontario website ([www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca)) as available.

**Let's "Spring into Action!"**

**Plan to attend the 97<sup>th</sup> IODE Ontario Annual Meeting  
in beautiful London, Ontario!**



## Attention Chapter Treasurers! by Karen Barker, IOE Ontario Treasurer

As a reminder to chapter treasurers, **your fees are due February 28** of each year. Fees are required by the Provincial Chapter in order us to carry on our business and pay our bills. These funds enable us to maintain our cash flow in order that we meet our fiduciary obligations and pay our fund expenses and offices expenses. A healthy cash flow is necessary.

All chapters are required to complete the "Report of Primary Chapter Newly Elected Officers"; "Primary Chapter Membership List" (which includes all members addresses and email addresses) as soon as possible after your annual meeting. Remember all lists must be complete and match your remittance forms.

When chapter treasurers send in funds to the Provincial Office, please include a "Remittance Form for Primary Chapter Treasurer Under Provincial Jurisdiction". All funds received from your members must be recorded by the Provincial Office.

### Researchers wanted!

We are looking for members who have time over the winter to record disbanded Chapter information from a museum or library near you.



In an effort to complete the IODE Ontario member database, Helen Danby Provincial Archivist is compiling a list of all the women whom have been members since 1900 in Ontario. Helen has presently exhausted her resources and now is trying to recruit assistance to visit museums and libraries across the province that house IODE material.

Our records indicate that there were approximately 940 IODE Chapters in Ontario. We have listings for almost 500 chapters - some completed and some partial - with over 17,000 member names already. Your help in researching the members from early chapters would be most helpful.

If you are willing to help, please contact Helen Danby and she will send a copy of any material that she has for your area. She also has a list of archival location for many chapters. Email [iodeontarioeducation@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontarioeducation@gmail.com) or call Helen at 519-882-2639.

Thank you! Helen is most grateful for the assistance thus far to complete the current and recent disbanded chapters.

### 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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