

# IODE Ontario

Since 1920

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

## *A message from President Linda ...*

In 2020, the National Chapter of IODE turned 120 years old and the Provincial Chapter of Ontario turned 100 years. These are significant milestones in the history of IODE.

In ancient times, Romans placed stone pillars called 'obelisks' along the roadways. Typically, the stones were put a mile apart and each were given a unique number, serving as markers or reference points reassuring travellers that the proper path was being followed. In the centre of Rome, the 'Golden Milestone' (*Milliarium Aureum*) was erected to mark the presumed centre of the empire. This milestone has since been lost.

We are all familiar with the word "**milestone**" but we use it in a slightly different way. In modern dictionary, "**milestone**" is defined as an action or event marking a significant change or stage in development.

As it sometimes happens, longevity could create complacency, deviation from intended goals or cause the "milestones" to become obliterated, illegible or ineffective. In 1900, Margaret Polson Murray established IODE amidst war and strife and mandated women to go into action to help fellowmen and country. Through the years, this mandate became more specific and expansive to include the numerous facets of education, community service and citizenship programs.

That mandate remains relevant today, but like the Roman milestones, it has, at times, become somewhat illegible, obliterated or unconsciously osmosized, resulting in slight deviations. When Mrs. Murray started IODE, there was no mention of fundraising.

Somewhere along the line, the emergence of bursaries and scholarships, citizenship programs and tangible help to community agencies necessitated the process of fundraising in order to accomplish philanthropic projects. It is understandable that one cannot give what one does not have.

In itself, fundraising is not bad, but when there is a shift in priorities from the primary goal to the mechanics of fundraising and overshadows the reason for fundraising, then we have missed the marker. And in some extreme cases, when it becomes the main focal point of the existence as a chapter and the chapter decides not to continue because they have run out of fundraising ideas or have been unable to engage members to work on fundraisers or lose motivation and incentive altogether, then we have taken the wrong path in IODE.

COVID had markedly disrupted our lives and particularly, in IODE, it had been very different and challenging to say the least. Many chapters have not been able to meet in person, have not been able to start or continue with chapter projects and many of us could not fundraise.

You have heard the saying: "*When life throws you a rainy day, play in the puddles.*" I am happy to report that IODE members "played in the puddles".

*Over ....*

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They started to think out of the box and came up with new and ingenious ways or modify old ways of helping their communities. Instead of home tours, they created drive-by events, one was called “A-Door-Ables” where home owners decorated their doors and the public drove by to view, judge and enjoy. Door owners were rewarded for their efforts with prizes. Some resorted to curb-side sales of baked items and preserves. A few members did not only open their hearts but they also opened their car trunks with all genre of books for free distribution. Many utilized social media and internet to sell gift certificates, chocolates, books, and IODE wearables on-line.

I am especially impressed to hear that many chapters, despite not being able to “fundraise”, continued to “**fun-raise**”. Chapter members exhibited their talents and capabilities by making masks and donating them to frontline workers, seniors and children in their communities. Socially distanced and with face coverings, members distributed crocheted flowers and hearts, home-crafted cards (holiday themed) with messages of love and encouragement for the shut-ins, alone and lonely. Members went grocery shopping for seniors and the indisposed, supported local businesses with take-outs and gift cards and helped other community agencies impacted by COVID. Chapters did drive-bys to distribute toys, books and coloring books to pre-schoolers.

There are also other fundraising options whereby shopping needs were safely met by participating in programs that are mutually beneficial for the giver and receiver; one that comes to mind is the National Chapter’s partnership with Indigo/Chapters whereby purchases benefit the IODE Snack Pack Program.

In my “visits” to primary chapter meetings, I learned so much about their projects and ideas. At Ottawa’s IODE Laurentian Chapter’s General Annual Meeting, I was wowed by the excellent and comprehensive way that their secretary documented and shared the chapter’s annual report, using PowerPoint. I learned how IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter in Orangeville had one of their best Geranium sales ever. I enjoyed hearing about the fun and the energy of a group of “seasoned” young-at-heart members of the IODE White Cloud Chapter in Wiarton, as they managed to pack and distribute their seniors’ Christmas bags and school supplies donations for their local elementary school during COVID lockdown. A new member of the IODE Captain Hooper Chapter in Carleton Place, drew up a proposal for a program called “**Acorn to Oak**” or “**Kindness Wins**” which is not only pandemic-appropriate, but adoptable as a post-pandemic, permanent program for every primary chapter to embrace.

In that proposal it stated: *“Empowering Children to be kind to others in difficult times and reach out to our Seniors in Nursing Homes with pictures/ notes/ crafts.”*

*In the presentation, there were listings of suggested actions like:*

- Ideas to encourage children/ schools
- Have individual members/ community members via Facebook sponsor a school for the month. i.e., \$20 with tax receipt can either go straight to the participating school for their kindness draws, which they all have or give out draws of 4-\$5 gift cards.
- We could also ask businesses to sponsor a month or year, ones who are doing well in the pandemic, so basically grocery stores and gift cards from them for draws. They could also get a tax receipt. What other business are thriving from the shutdowns?
- This official program would make us eligible to apply for various grants to support draws through various programs across Canada and also the City of Ottawa/ province.

Thank you IODE Ontario members! We, at the Provincial Chapter are proud of you. I suspect that when we read and compile the Special Secretary’s COVID Reports for the 2020 Annual Report, that we will be able to share with everyone all the good works done by IODE members that required little or no fundraising.

*Over ....*

For those who think they have run out of ideas, here are a few that can be implemented once chapters return to in-person meetings:

- ◆ Setting up a committee of IODE members to make new immigrants welcome, teach them English and help them immerse in the Canadian culture and way of life.
- ◆ Organizing a regular reading session or a craft workshop for children, youth and physically and mentally challenged individuals.
- ◆ Have a monthly roster of members who will visit and spend a half an hour or so with the seniors, the lonely, sick and alone.
- ◆ Continue to volunteer at citizenship courts, blood clinics and food banks.

As always, the promotion of all charitable work performed by IODE members is very important. When I was in publishing in charge of advertising, I always put this little reminder that said:

*"Doing business without advertising is like winking in the dark; you know what you are doing, but nobody else does."*

Therefore, I encourage all primary chapters to issue press releases and post social media entries, accentuating the good deeds done by your members. Talk IODE, brag about the good you do. Share the fun you have at meetings (zoom or otherwise) and when working together on a project while apart. This may just be THE way to entice other women to join hands with us in IODE.

What we have accomplished, what we have learned and what we have become during the COVID pandemic regime are milestones! Let us ensure that they remain as important markers to keep us on the right path and to stay committed to "enhancing the quality of life for those in need through education support, community service and citizenship programs." I will leave you with this visual thought:

Let us engage as many hands as we can and together, we will see the endless possibilities that we have as members of a benevolent organization - IODE. See you on Zoom at the 101<sup>st</sup> Virtual Provincial Annual Meeting on April 24, 2021! Let us always stay connected!



*A special note from Linda ...*



**Welcome to one of the youngest IODE members!!**

**Lily Cerveny**, a 13-year old member of **IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter** was installed at their February meeting. She is a 3rd generation IODE member and has now accepted the role of Citizenship Officer.

**Way to go Lily and thank you!**



## IODE Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM at Ryerson University

By: Helen Danby, IODE Ontario Education Officer

**A**t the 2019 Provincial Annual Meeting in Kingston, we recognized Past Provincial President, Lois Laughren. Lois G. Laughren was President of IODE Ontario from 2001 to 2003. She had been a member of IODE since 1959 until her death in November 2010. In 1985, she moved to Burlington and transferred her membership to the IODE Wellington Square Chapter. As Lois and Ken Laughren had no children of their own, IODE was the beneficiary of Lois' generosity.

Her donation has allowed IODE Ontario to establish the **IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM at Ryerson University**. This award will be given to women who have completed at least one year of university and are pursuing an education in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

The IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM has donated \$25,000 that was matched through Ryerson University's PACE (President's Awards to Champion Excellence) fund, giving a total of \$50,000. The Award is offered to five women at \$2,000 each (\$10,000 annually) for a period of 5 years.

The Ryerson University chose the following recipients for the second STEM awards in 2020. IODE Ontario extends *Congratulations* to the following students:

- ◆ **Sarah Stojanovich**, Bachelor of Science, Biology 2022
- ◆ **Rida Atif**, Bachelor of Commerce, Business Technology Management, 2021
- ◆ **Amy Ariganello**, Bachelor of Engineering, Chemical Engineering, 2022
- ◆ **Samantha Cesario**, Bachelor of Engineering, Civil-Structural, 2023
- ◆ **Samantha Hernandez**, Bachelor of Science, Biology, 2022

The following *Thank you's* are excerpts from the Ryerson University Women in STEM Portfolio:



### **Sarah Stojanovich**

*"As a student who lives independently, this award greatly relieves financial pressure which allows me to continue focusing on my academic and extracurricular endeavors.*

I am so grateful to be the recipient of the IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM. I came to Ryerson because I was excited about the amazing, unique opportunities that it had to offer. I am a Biology major and I will be graduating in 2022 - the opportunities that I came for are the reasons I don't want to leave! My experiences as VP of

Academics for the Biology Course Union and Student Representative for the Biology Curriculum Committee have been insightful and highly rewarding. These positions allow me to host the annual BCU Townhall which connects the Biology student body to professors, as well as create an annual BCU Industry Night in which students attend a panelist discussion regarding potential Biology-related career pathways.

It is my primary goal to maximize my platforms so that each student feels heard, inspired, and empowered - breaking down discriminatory barriers one conversation at a time. I am currently open to various careers in healthcare, and am contemplating between medicine and psychology. **Thank you, IODE Ontario, for granting me this award."**



**Rida Atif**

*"I would like to thank you for giving me this award. This means so much to me and provides recognition for all my hard work."*

Technology has been so important to me; I chose BTM for my passion in technology and got accepted in the Co-op program to gain professional experience in various fields of technology. Even though it pushed my graduation and extended my years at University, I didn't mind at all because I enjoy what I learn and love finding ways to improve lives using technology. Once I complete my Bachelor of Commerce degree, I hope to pursue a Master's in Technology.

As a woman in STEM, I'm extremely proud to be a recipient of this award and even more proud of pursuing technology. Many people told me to major in something better 'suited' for women, but I am happy with my decision and hard work. **Thank you so much for seeing value in me."**



**Amy Ariganello**

*"Your generosity will alleviate the stress of affording higher education and help in breaking down financial barriers to my STEM education."*

I am extremely grateful to be the recipient of the IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM. The financial support will greatly impact my experience at Ryerson and will allow me to focus on my success as a student. I was inspired to come to Ryerson and follow in the footsteps of my uncle, whom I greatly admire. He attended Ryerson and pursued a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering when Ryerson had only recently become a University. Now, almost 30 years later, I am attending the same university and pursuing the same degree. I am expecting to graduate in 2022 and look forward to building up the Ryerson Engineering Community in the years to come.

I am President of the Chemical Engineering Course Union and Vice President of Operations of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers Student Chapter and actively work to improve the student experience at Ryerson. After graduation, I will attend law school and plan to combine my passion for engineering and law in my career. I hope to break barriers and act as a mentor for young women in STEM throughout my career. **Thanks to this award, I am one step closer to my goals."**



**Samantha Cesario**

*"I give great thanks to the IODE Ontario and Lois Laughren Award for providing me with the financial stability to continue on with my degree."*

I chose to come to Ryerson because of the overall University experience the school provides its students with. Ryerson is the type of school where I am not only able to manage my classes, but still have time to partake in extracurriculars and exciting events. Currently, I am the President of the Ryerson Society for Civil Engineering, Spirit Captain on the Ryerson Engineering Concrete Toboggan Team, and a Mentor for Women in Engineering.

One of my proudest achievements is being elected as the first female President in over five years of the Ryerson Society for Civil Engineering. Being able to partake in these extracurriculars has truly made my Ryerson experience worthwhile.

In my future career, I hope to obtain both my P.Eng. and PMP certifications and assist in the construction of new condominiums throughout major cities across the world. I believe that I am a strong woman and able to overcome many obstacles. I knew that if I could make a career out of one of the most heavily male-dominated programs globally, I would be able to encourage others that they could do it too.

**Thank you IODE Ontario for this Award. Receiving an award that celebrates Women in STEM is a very important milestone in my career as a female Engineer. I will continue to encourage women to pursue a career in STEM."**



**Samantha Hernandez**

*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for supporting me with the IODE Ontario Lois Laughren Award for Women in STEM in 2020.*

I cannot begin to explain how much this award has truly meant to me both academically and financially during these unprecedented times. At the time I was notified, I was undergoing final exams for the Fall term, which as you know is a very stressful period in one's academic career. However, upon receiving notification, I became more motivated than ever to continue my hard work, as your recognition provided me with much reassurance towards my passion for being a woman in STEM. I plan to further my education by applying to Graduate School next year, where I am highly interested in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology.

**Thank you for encouraging me and giving me this opportunity to continue my education and further my success in STEM. Wishing you all the best in 2021."**

*Thank you! Your support of the next generation of women in STEM fields is an unforgettable kindness.*

*Tonya Wray*

**Associate Director of Development, Ryerson University**



*Do you have members who 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](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com) to report new email addresses and corrections.

# Play It Forward

**By: Aileen Reid, IODE Ontario Adopted School Officer and  
Helen Danby, IODE Ontario Education Officer**

## **WE are almost there...**

In 1923, IODE Ontario identified a need to adopt and support schools in Northern Ontario by advocating and promoting literacy. Today, we are taking a more holistic approach to education, and embracing the intellectual, emotional, and social aspects of a child's life.

We wish to give a huge shout out to all primary chapters who have adopted a class or school in Ontario and Labrador. You have made such a difference in the lives of school age children. Chapters have donated yearly subscriptions to children's magazines, laptops, mitts, hats, scarves, coats, games, stickers, workbooks, crafts, chocolates, apples, etc. to their adopted schools. *Thank you! Thank you!*

In commemoration of IODE Ontario's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year and considering the important value of play in a child's development, Phase II of "Project Fun" called, "**Play It Forward**", identified the need for play and sporting equipment for the children of the remote Northern Ontario schools. The adopted schools were contacted to obtain their wish lists for their play and sporting needs.

The schools and their children have very little. Many students suffer from food insecurities, depression, poor living conditions, isolation, abuse and with COVID-19 in their communities, much of their schooling is being done remotely. Many of these students do not have internet access or computers, making life that much more difficult. When students return to school, it is our hope that IODE can supply them with sporting equipment to enhance their physical, emotional and social experience.

In addition to these challenges, many schools only have access to purchase merchandise by plane in the summer months or ice roads in the winter, making delivery to these remote schools almost impossible and costly.

IODE Ontario has adopted schools in ten remote areas of Northern Ontario, but have only received requests from schools in Moosonee, Deer Lake, Cat Lake, Sachigo Lake, Kashechewan and Sandy Lake for play and sporting equipment.

IODE Ontario has raised \$10,436.00 of the target goal of \$15,000. The requests for play and sports equipment alone from the Northern schools total over \$10,000, without shipping costs. Shipping costs will be exorbitant.

IODE Ontario is exploring different avenues to procure funds needed for the shipping costs. Your personal or chapter donations will be very helpful and will go a long way to meeting these costs. **We are therefore asking for your assistance and we have included a donation line on the 2021 Provincial Annual Meeting registration form.** As usual, personal donations of over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

***Thank you for helping us help our school children of our adopted schools!***



## Let's Celebrate!

By Caroline Rodgers, IODE Ontario Membership Officer

**IODE Ontario celebrates our members.** We need your help to do that. If you have members in your chapter who are reaching milestones/celebrations, please let us know. Check your membership lists and let us know when a member receives a special award or is being recognized for any length of service to IODE: 10 – 60 years. Let us know if your chapter is celebrating a special anniversary.

New members will receive a welcome letter; best wishes and congratulations are sent to those celebrating milestone birthdays. Please show your appreciation to your fellow members by honouring them.

A primary chapter Life Membership is a great way to say thank you to a member for the dedication to the chapter and to your community. We need to recognize our members and say thank you for all they do. So, if you have members you think are worthy of a Life Membership award please do not hesitate to apply.

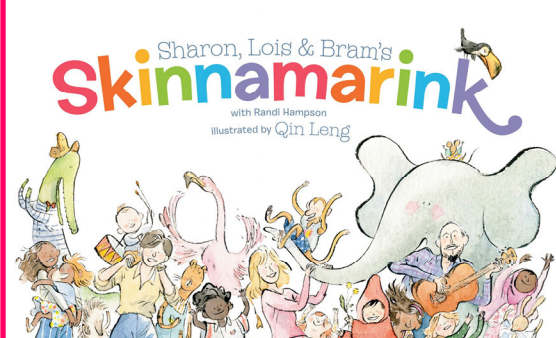
Technology has allowed us to keep in touch and meet as a chapter. IODE Ontario and many chapters are using Zoom to hold chapter meetings. You can too. Contact us and we can answer your questions.

Membership in IODE is our focus and by talking IODE at every chance we get, we promote IODE. It has been shown that asking your neighbour, friend and acquaintance to join IODE is the best way to increase membership. Even in this time when more women are working from home you may find that they are looking for some way to volunteer and IODE just may fit the bill.

Promote your members, recognize your members! Make use of your brochures, business cards and IODE Ontario rack cards by leaving them at your grocery store (get permission first) doctors' offices, anywhere!

Remember your Membership Committee of IODE Ontario is here to help. If you have questions, please reach out.

I would like to wish you all the best for 2021, stay well and a big **Thank you** for all you do!



**Still Available!!**

The IODE Jean Throop Award winning book, 'Skinnamarink' is still available for purchase. Copies are \$20 each. To order your copy, please contact Linda Dennis at: [linda.dennis@sympatico.ca](mailto:linda.dennis@sympatico.ca) **OR** the IODE Ontario office at: [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com)





## **ZOOM!! ZOOM!!**

**By: Leslie Chekan, IODE Ontario Technology Committee Chair**

IODE Ontario has been sharing a Zoom licence with Primary Chapters since September 2020. The number of meetings, attendees and meeting minutes have doubled since that time and fourteen (14) Primary Chapters are using the licence on a regular basis. IODE Ontario has a member training webpage: Zoom—IODE Ontario under the 'Member Resources' tab on the IODE Ontario website.

Access using password, 'IODEmember'. This handy reference includes both print and electronic training materials.

If your Chapter is interested in exploring the use of Zoom for one of your meetings, we are able to assist you and your members to get started! Just drop us a line at: [iodeontariozoom@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontariozoom@gmail.com)



## **Financial and Accounting Reminders for Primary Chapters**

**By: Nicole Kries, CPA, CA  
IODE Bookkeeper**

**Cheques:** Please ensure that cheques are made payable to: **The Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE.**

**E-Transfers:** E-transfer payments should be sent directly to: [iodebookkeeper@bellnet.ca](mailto:iodebookkeeper@bellnet.ca)  
Please use the password, **IODEOntario** unless otherwise specified.



## **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>

**Application  
deadline  
extended to  
April 1, 2021**



## The Joy of Volunteering

By: Shirley Ann Elms, IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer

As the women of IODE who came before us, we find pride and joy in what we do as we help others. The past twelve months have tested us. We have redefined the way we meet, the way we fundraise and the way in which we help others. But our resolve remains firm!

The benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need and for you, volunteering provides opportunities. Volunteering is one way to find new friends, connect with the community, learn new skills and even advance your career. The telephone call is in fashion again. Handwritten notes and cards are sent and received.

The pandemic and its restrictions have certainly changed the way the world is doing business. However, there are people in our communities who still need assistance. The need is real and it is now. There are families experiencing nutrition deficiencies, children longing for a book to read or a warm coat and boots to name just a few. Through our volunteer efforts, books are being distributed, food bank shelves are being stocked and children are able to play comfortably outside. Imagine the joy on the faces of these families when they receive much needed items. We may think it impossible to help when we are asked to stay home to combat the spread of the COVID virus and its variants. However, we can and do continue to volunteer in our towns and cities as witnessed in the primary chapter annual reports we have received.

We have replaced in-person meetings with Zoom, become inventive with our fundraising and continued our outreach to friends, family and community as best we can. We have mobilized libraries, fished for food, and crocheted and knitted sweaters, hats and mittens. The IODE shops in Goderich, North Bay and Oakville have modified the way they serve their customers. Shelters continue to receive essential items for residents and greeting cards are sent to our deployed Canadian Forces members.

We do all this while having fun! Zoom meetings have become our kitchen tables and our living rooms. This is where we party and catch up with fellow IODE members. We share ideas and come up with new ways to help others.

During these dark winter days, we must continue to find ways to be the light. IODE has been the beacon of light in communities across Ontario for 100 years and we will continue to be so as we start our second century of community service.

I would like to share an article from IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay. They are sharing their joy of volunteering and pride in Canada through their Victory Shop and offer other chapters a way to share their joy of volunteering and IODE.

## Citizenship News from IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter, North Bay

### “Window on Canada: Citizenship Celebrations in Shop Windows”

The IODE Herbert A. Bruce Chapter in North Bay uses the window in their second-hand store, the **Victory Shop** for some of Canada’s yearly celebrations. Chapters without a shop might use the same ideas by asking local merchants for the use of a window for these special celebrations.



**Canada Day, Remembrance Day, and recently Orange Shirt Day** have all been celebrated in the Victory Shop window. The Remembrance Day committee has worked with community groups and citizens to put the emphasis on today’s military rather than the past. Themes included the Invictus Games, work of the Military Family Resource Centre at the Armed Forces Base, the Royal Canadian Legion, collections of military memorabilia and the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain (see photo).

The window that involved the most members (and attracted much attention) was entitled,

*“Canada’s Family”*. Members were asked to loan photos of former and current family members who served in the Armed Forces. These photos were copied and “framed” with mats. They were identified primarily with a family title like *“COUSIN CYRIL”* along with other information like *“Royal Canadian Navy, Destroyers, North Atlantic, World War II”*. When the framed photos were displayed at the window (with the usual Remembrance Day wreath and poppies) they filled the window and made the point that all those veterans were part of a Canadian family.

**Canada Day** windows use the usual Canadian flags, but also included souvenirs and art or photographs of Canada’s majestic scenery to remind viewers of how lucky we are to live in Canada. Members were happy to provide memories of their travels or art from their collections.

**Orange Shirt Day** uses the children’s book of the same title, and orange shirts of course, to remind all Canadians of the tragedy of Residential Schools and the destruction of First Nations’ cultures.

Our members had to be talked into this topic, which is relatively new, but reaction of customers in the shop and passing school children convinced us that this was a part of Canadian history that needed to be remembered.

This use of a shop window has many positive results. It is excellent public relations, it costs little and involves all of the members. It also fulfills the IODE mandate of good citizenship and support for the military during this time of COVID isolation.



## 100 Hoodies/Track pants Project to Continue ...

By: Gloria Saunders and Virginia Reade  
IODE Ontario Services Officers

The generosity of IODE members never ceases to amaze! It was wonderful to see so many take up the challenge of providing 100 hoodies and track pants for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project. We have greatly exceeded that number to date!

However, we know it has proven difficult to get donations to the office due to COVID-19 and many chapters are still holding on to their items. Therefore, it has been decided to extend the project through 2021.

Although the office is still not open to receive items at this time, we are hoping that will change in the near future. We are looking forward to the day when we can be open for business and will be able to give a grand total of your collection!

### WANTED

Imperial Daughters of the Empire now known as IODE is looking for memorabilia, scrapbooks and information about Ontario chapters.

Help us update our database of past members in Ontario.

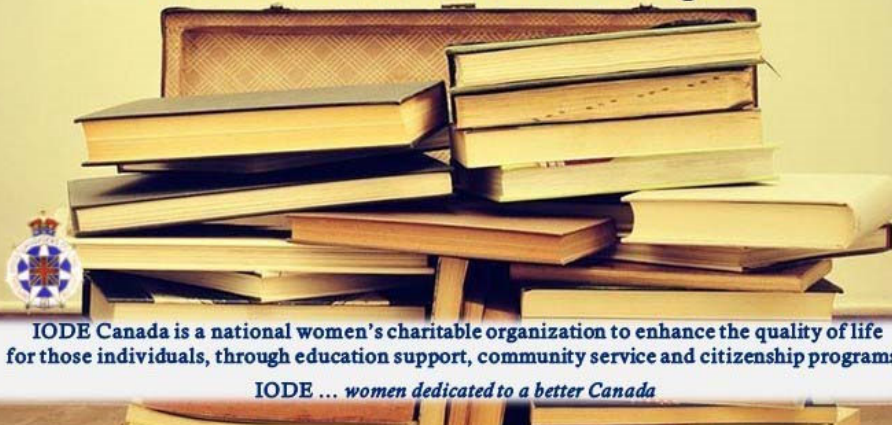
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IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization to enhance the quality of life for those individuals, through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

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**Verna Harrison-Dolson**  
IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter  
August 28, 2020



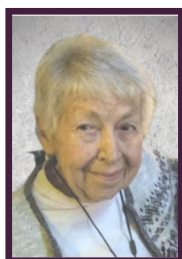
**Cozette Barnum**  
IODE Bemersyde Chapter  
January 19, 2021



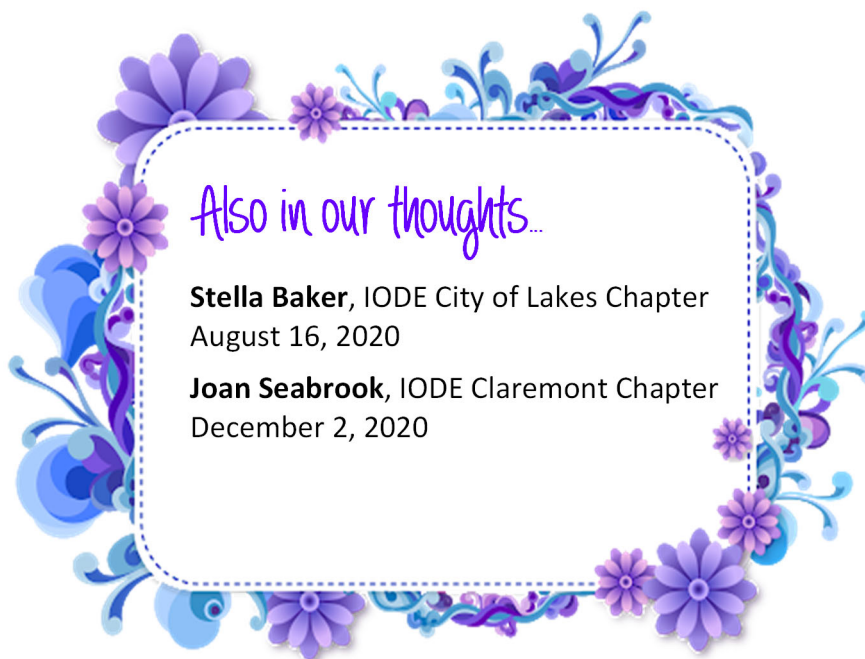
**Joanne Monden**  
IODE Confederation Chapter  
November 18, 2020



**Mary Patterson**  
IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter  
January 29, 2021



**Pauline Shaw**  
IODE Confederation  
Chapter  
November 29, 2020



*Also in our thoughts...*

**Stella Baker**, IODE City of Lakes Chapter  
August 16, 2020

**Joan Seabrook**, IODE Claremont Chapter  
December 2, 2020

*You're Invited!*

**Announcing the ...  
2021 Virtual Provincial Annual Meeting  
Saturday, April 24, 2021**



Our theme this year is “**Endless Possibilities**”. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting link

***Paid* registrants will receive:**

- ◆ A 100th Anniversary IODE Ontario commemorative pin
- ◆ “*Democracy*” - a book compliments of the Ontario Lieutenant Governor’s office
- ◆ Your choice of a printed **OR** downloadable copy of the 2020 Annual Report
- ◆ .... *Plus more!!*

All items will be mailed *after* April 24th, 2021.

**The 2021 PAM Registration Form and Provisional Agenda are included in this Newsletter.**

**Deadline for registration is April 17, 2021**



## IODE Ontario

### 101st Provincial Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 24, 2021 via Zoom

Theme: *Endless Possibilities*

### Provisional Agenda



#### Saturday Morning Sessions (Business Portion) Via Zoom

*(Link to Zoom Invitation PAM-1 BUSINESS will be provided to Registrants)*

**9:30-10 a.m. - Zoom Meeting will be open to admit registrants**

**10:00 a.m. sharp - Official Opening of the Morning Sessions**

- 'O Canada'/Welcome/Introductions
- Resolutions of Loyalty
- National IODE President's Greetings
- Provincial President's Address
- Presentation & Seconding of the 2020 Annual Reports
- Secretary & Treasurer's Reports
- Voting on IODE Ontario's By-Law Changes
- Guest Speaker-Mike Stevens
- Questions and Answers with Mike
- Citizenship Affirmation with Hon. Col. Michael Scott
- Provincial Life Membership Presentation

**12:00 Noon - Closing of the Morning Sessions**

#### Saturday Afternoon Sessions Via Zoom

*(Link to Zoom Invitation PAM-2 AFTERNOON will be provided to Paid Registrants only)*

**1:00-1:30 p.m. - Zoom Meeting will be open to admit registrants**

**1:30 p.m. sharp - Start of Afternoon Sessions**

- IODE OPP Community Relations Award
- IODE Jean Throop Book Award
- National & Provincial Councillors Election Results
- Breakout Room Plenary
- Membership Awards
- 'Play It Forward' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Update
- All Members' Open Forum
- Nominating Committee Report
- Installation of the 2021-2022 IODE Ontario Executive
- Outgoing & Incoming Presidents' Remarks
- Announcement of PEC Quilt/Afghan Raffle Draw Winners

**4:00 p.m. - Official Closing/"God Save the Queen"**

**NOTES: All Registrants are asked to PLEASE Log in ON TIME and:**

1. Rename yourself to your PAM Registered Name
2. Use the Hand Raising icon (located in Participant's window) in order to be recognized to speak
3. Stay on MUTE unless recognized to speak by the Chair
4. When speaking, state Name and Chapter for the benefit of those with no video/phone callers



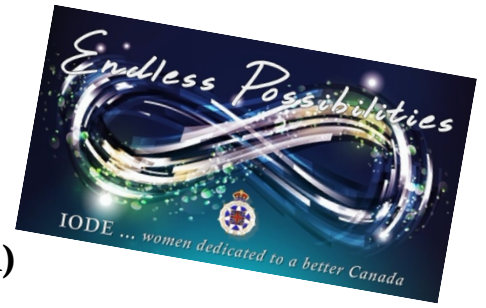
# IODE Ontario

## 101<sup>st</sup> Provincial Annual Meeting

Theme: "Endless Possibilities"

Saturday, April 24, 2021 (via Zoom)

### Registration Form



Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

IODE \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee?

### Registration Deadline: April 17<sup>th</sup> to allow for emails and Zoom Invitations

**FULL Registration** (A.M. and P.M. sessions) .....\$20

Registration Package includes: Opening Ceremonies, IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award Flyer, IODE Jean Throop Book Award Flyer, Guest Speaker, Membership Awards, Workshop, Installation of Officers, Book "Democracy" compliments of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario's Office, 100th Anniversary pin, Choice of either a printed 2020 Annual Report or free download from website ([www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca)) **NOTE:** Shipping cost of your registration package is included in your Registration fee.

Yes, I would like a printed copy of the 2020 Annual Report. (This will be mailed AFTER the virtual Provincial Annual Meeting).

**NOTE:** If you wish to attend the **morning business portion only** (no charge), please email the office at [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com) prior to deadline date of April 17<sup>th</sup> with your valid email address.

I would also like to add a donation to the IODE Ontario 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'Play it Forward' or to a \_\_\_\_\_ Fund or Project of your choice.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Copy/ies of "A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women" @ \$30 ea. ppd.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make Cheque payable to "Provincial Chapter of Ontario IODE....**GRAND TOTAL**\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check method of payment: e-Transfer  Cheque

**To e-Transfer:**  
Use Email: [iodebookkeeper@bellnet.ca](mailto:iodebookkeeper@bellnet.ca)  
Password: **PAM2021** (no spaces)

Send Cheque to: Registrar  
IODE Ontario  
45 Frid St., Suite 9,  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4M3

A fillable Registration form is also available at [www.iodeontario.ca](http://www.iodeontario.ca) Must be mailed with your cheque to the Registrar. If paying by e-Transfer, please email completed registration form to: [iodeontario@gmail.com](mailto:iodeontario@gmail.com)

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book available for purchase: (Pls. add \$30 per book to TOTAL above if ordering)  
"A Century of Memorable Ontario IODE Women." Cost: \$20 plus \$10 shipping



## Provincial Services Free Afghan Raffle Draws!



**IODE Ontario wants to say**

***Thank You!***

**for all you do and**

***Let us help you!***

**in these uncertain times**

Talented members of the Provincial Executive Committee have created a lap quilt and four crocheted afghans. All IODE Ontario Primary Chapters will be entered into a draw to win one of these items. The winning chapters will be announced at the 2021 Provincial Annual Meeting.

*Many chapters have found innovative ways to contribute to their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. But we also know fundraising has been very difficult. We hope this free draw will aid chapters in their efforts to meet their community commitments. Chapters may wish to use their prize as a raffle to the public or within the chapter, as a prize at a chapter event, as a donation to a group they support or any other project they wish.*