

Our New National President from Ottawa

Ann Dyer, 42nd President of IODE, was installed in Halifax in May. Ann joined IODE in 1988 as a charter member of IODE Walter Baker and helped form Margaret Brand and Laura Sabia chapters, Ottawa.

She was an officer of IODE Ottawa, holding the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Citizenship and Communications. Ann served as Municipal President from 1997 – 1999. At the Provincial level, Ann was Assistant Membership Officer and Eastern Area Vice-President.

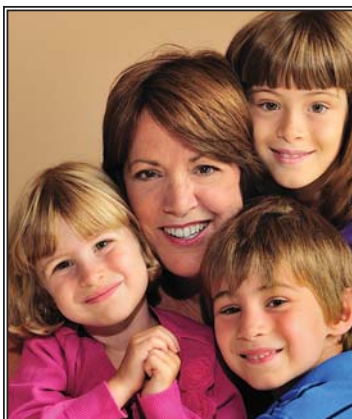
In 2006, Past National President June McDonald gave Ann a call to see if she would be interested in becoming an officer at the National level. As they say, the rest is history. She joined the National Chapter Officer's group as Education Officer where she and her committee produced the IODE Calendar *Born to Read* and initiated the photo competition that produced the calendar *Children at Play*. Ann has been a member of all sub-committees since then, travelling on a regular basis from her home in Nepean to take part in committee meetings.

Ann has held the positions of National Public Relations Officer, 2nd and 1st Vice-President of IODE Canada and co-convoked the National Annual Meetings in Victoria, Toronto and Halifax.

Public relations and communications are Ann's passion. As Website Convenor, Ann responded to a recommendation at the 2006 National Annual Meeting to improve the public's perception of IODE by redesigning the national website. Later, as Public Relations Officer, she and her committee took a stand to re-brand IODE as a modern organization with changes to the mission statement and tag line. To keep a branded look across Canada, the Corporate Style Guide was developed, followed by new public relations brochures, posters, bookmarks and templates.

Ann, as co-chair of the 110th Anniversary Committee, helped guide the committee to forward-thinking projects such as TARGET 2010... *and beyond* and public awareness activities such as the National walkathon and stepathon - new ideas for a 110 year-old organization.

Ann's abilities and the 2009 change to the IODE Constitution which altered the residency requirements for IODE leadership cleared the way for her to hold the high office of President. Ann



Ann with grandchildren (l-r) Megan, Colin and Kate.

has demonstrated that she is readily accessible to head office and to meetings across the country via travel and teleconferencing. Her quiet, gracious manner, sincere interest in IODE and belief in this premier women's organization has generated a renewed confidence in IODE.

Ann and her husband Bob are parents to Jennifer, an E-chapter member, (Chris) and Eric (Erin). Their three grandchildren, Katherine, Colin and Megan, are their pride and joy. Kate is anxious for the day when she can become a member of IODE.

Ann is very thankful and appreciative of Bob's commitment to IODE and for his willingness to be her chauffeur and travel companion as she visits chapters across Canada. Their Toronto family, Elliott and Marianne Dyer, joined the celebration in Halifax for Ann's installation and they welcome Ann and Bob into their home while Ann attends to IODE business.

Past National President Chris Bateman, while installing Ann, commented on how fortunate IODE is to have her as President saying, "I know Ann will be an inspiring President. She possesses the qualities of a great leader and has the confidence to make tough decisions. She has the compassion to listen to the needs of others and the dedication to follow through with her commitments".



\$25,000
ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIP

In honour of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2012, a one-time IODE War Memorial Scholarship will be offered for the academic year 2012 – 2013 in the amount of \$25,000. This is in addition to the five annual PhD scholarships valued at \$15,000 each.

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Their Excellencies, Governor General David Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, The Honourable Stephen Harper and Mrs. Harper, officially welcomed Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. IODE invitees were close enough to take this photo.

Message from National President Ann Dyer

Twenty-three years ago, when I joined IODE, I never imagined that I would be serving IODE in any capacity other than as a primary chapter member. Today, I am truly humbled and honoured to represent all members of IODE as your 42nd National President.

Through our membership in IODE, we have so many wonderful opportunities presented to us. If we embrace these opportunities, we experience personal growth and make lifelong friends and connections across Canada. We learn that our volunteer activities make a difference to individuals and other organizations in our communities.

As you read this annual meeting issue of *Echoes*, you are connected to every member through one form of media - print. However, through our national website, email and our IODE Facebook page, IODE is connecting to all Canadians.

Instant connections during the time of the Canada Post strike enabled IODE to receive an invitation to the Official Welcoming Ceremony at Rideau Hall for Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, on June 30th.

Earlier in June, I also had the opportunity to meet our Honorary President, Her Excellency Mrs. Sharon Johnston, at a celebration tea in Ottawa and came away truly honoured to have met this remarkable woman.



Her Excellency Mrs. Sharon Johnston (c), with Valerie Blais, President of IODE Laurentian, Ottawa, (l) and National President Ann Dyer (r) at IODE Laurentian's 50th anniversary House and Garden Tour.

IODE members are also remarkable women and we are proud of our 111 year history as Canada's premier women's charitable organization. However, our membership, as is the case with most volunteer organizations, has declined over the years and it is now time that we must take planned action to increase our numbers.

I am very optimistic that together we can do this by reaching out into our spheres of

influence, that is, women of all ages, community leaders, other organizations and businesses, to invite membership and partnerships with IODE. When your National officers meet in late September for a three-day retreat of strategic planning, membership growth will be at the top of our agenda for discussion.

Author J.K. Rowling stated that, "it is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities". I love the choice I made to join IODE.

It is my hope to visit as many chapters as I can across Canada to promote and fulfill my vision of growing the membership of IODE. When invited, I will bring members a message of strength that we can increase our numbers! Please choose to join me on this journey to grow our membership by making connections ... *the key to our future.*

Ann Dyer

IN MEMORIAM · PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Ruth Alexander passed away on 08 June 2011. Elected to the National Executive Committee in 1968, Ruth served in many capacities before her presidency (1980 – 1982). She was a member of IODE Sir John Gibson, IODE Willowdale and most recently IODE Amelia F. Sims.

Ruth served as President of the Board of Management IODE Children's Centre North York General Hospital from 1976

Ruth Alexander, 1929 – 2011

to 1979. She was the first female Chair of the Board of Regents of Victoria University; a member of the Governing Council of the University of Toronto; and on the Board of Trustees, Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art.

In 1981, on behalf of IODE as National President, Ruth flew to London to hand-

deliver to Buckingham Palace the IODE wedding gift for Prince Charles and Lady Diana, a watercolour painting of the Canadian north by Winifred Petchy Marsh.

Ruth was valued for her extreme integrity, wise counsel and forward thinking. She was a remarkable woman who was active in her volunteer life until her death. Her wonderful sense of humour will be missed.

National Annual Meeting

THE NATIONAL OFFICERS 2011-2012

NATIONAL OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Ann Dyer
<i>First Vice-President</i>	Sandra Smith
<i>Second Vice-President</i>	E. Anne Mason
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	
Elizabeth Worster, BC	Beatrice Tully, AB
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<i>Membership Officer</i>	Bonnie Rees
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<i>Services Officer</i>	Shirley Lamont
<i>War Memorial Officer</i>	Marie Locke

CHAIRMEN OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

<i>100th Anniversary Grant Program</i>	Pamela Gallagher
<i>2012 Corporate Annual Meeting</i>	E. Anne Mason, Sandra Smith
<i>Archivist</i>	Betty Matheson
<i>Grants</i>	Karen Barker
<i>Labrador Adopt-A-Class Co-ordinator</i>	Blanche Jones
<i>Labrador Bursary</i>	Chris Bateman
<i>Liaison for Primary Chapters under</i>	
<i>National Chapter Jurisdiction</i>	Gail Delaney
<i>National Life Membership</i>	June McDonald
<i>The National Chapter of Canada IODE</i>	
<i>Violet Downey Book Award</i>	Linda Dennis
<i>Website</i>	Renate Schuetz

New Provincial Presidents



**Jane
Cushing**

*IODE
New Brunswick*

Jane Cushing, Saint John, joined **IODE HMS Hood** in 1972, **IODE Lady Holland**, Charlottetown, PE, in 1979 and **IODE Dr. William MacIntosh**, Saint John, NB, in 1989. She has served as provincial services officer, War Memorial convenor and 1st and 2nd Vice-President. Jane is involved as a facilitator and trainer with Early Childhood Parenting Support and Roots of Empathy at both the community and provincial levels. Jane was a teacher, high school principal and superintendent. She enjoys back country tripping, canoeing, kayaking, cross country skiing, gardening and hiking with Bridget, her Portuguese Water Dog.

Elizabeth Worster joined **IODE Jessie F. Gordon**, Vancouver, in 2000. She held the positions of services officer and 1st Vice-President prior to becoming President of **IODE British Columbia** in April. She is a member of her church choir and has served on the church leadership team for several years. She volunteers widely and recently served on the board of ACCES, a BC-based Canadian non-government organization providing education scholarships and support in Western Kenya. Elizabeth and her husband Paul have two daughters, Stephanie and Frances. An avid hockey fan, she enjoys travelling, reading, music and choral singing.



**Elizabeth
Worster**

*IODE
British Columbia*

VOTING RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Results of the voting to amend General By-Law #20 of the IODE Constitution were announced at the 2011 National Annual Meeting. Members exercised their voting privileges via mail-in ballot or in person at the meeting. The amendment, "The National fee shall be \$30 per member per annum – effective January 2012." received 81% approval. The amendment was passed. The amendment is now sent to Industry Canada for final approval and the change to the National fee from \$20 to \$30 per member will become effective on **01 January 2012**.



2012 One-Day Corporate National Annual Meeting

The 112th National Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, 26 May 2012 at the Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga, ON, a convenient ten-minute shuttle ride from the Toronto Airport. Watch for details of this **one-day corporate meeting** in upcoming issues of *IODE National News* and *ECHOES*.

National Annual Meeting

Highlights of the National President's Speech

President Catherine Moore welcomed members and guests saying, "Together we begin IODE Canada's 111th year of service to Canada and Canadians. Through IODE, we do make a difference, as members we are that kind of people. As I travelled across Canada ... I quoted Maya Angelou who understands the motivation that drives the kind of women who are IODE. She wrote: 'To make a difference is not a matter of accident, a matter of casual occurrence of the tides. People choose to make a difference.' As IODE members, we all do.

Two essential elements of IODE have impressed me over time: members and programs. I joined IODE as my mother and grandmother had both done before me. As I joined my primary chapter, **IODE Kathleen Drope**, I was initially drawn by the warm, concerned, committed members and worthwhile programs ... at work in our local community. This experience on joining that many of us share ... is... what we continue to appreciate about our membership. Through my primary chapter as I began to experience the larger IODE community and program focus, I recognized that the whole of IODE was much larger than the sum of its parts. Members in diverse parts of the country make a significant difference quickly in times of need.

When I worked with **IODE Toronto** as Education Officer, I was again welcomed by women of impressive camaraderie and commitment whose program orientation met wider community needs ... The same level of dedication and friendship held true during my term with the IODE Children's Centre at North York General Hospital ... and on joining the National Officers ... I

was not at all surprised to find myself once again knee deep in inspiring women, each freely volunteering her time and talents to serve and support not just IODE programs but also members...

For IODE there are strong, positive reasons to recruit young members from Gen X, those born between 1965 and 1980 as well as Generation Y, those born between 1981 and 2000...

Aside from increased membership numbers which ensures ongoing vitality for IODE, there are sound organizational reasons for engaging these young women... This ... is an opportunity for learning, growth and development for current members in utilizing the skills and knowledge younger women have to offer because of their experience in living in a very different Canada. As they mentor current members and more senior members mentor them, the obvious benefit appears in recruitment for leadership in this ever-changing technological era...

Our three-pronged program approach focusing on Education, Services and Citizenship offers the opportunity to respond to both constant and changing needs in Canada. IODE members are vigilant to the needs of their neighbours and communities, as well as Canada-wide concerns. We are able to move decisively and promptly as issues arise. We respond not just to events but to our members' perceptions of needs, so we consistently have four thousand fingers taking the pulse of the nation and assessing situations firsthand ...

Support... is possible because as a national charity we are organized to respond promptly to the plight of Canadians in need."



President Catherine Moore accepts the history of the past 35 years of 110 year-old **IODE Royal Edward**, Charlottetown, PE, from chapter members Rosemarie Miller and Elizabeth Boswall.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Citizenship

Karen MacTavish, Holistic Nutritionist with Community Recreation Services and Community Development for Halifax Regional Municipality, spoke about healthy natural eating and active living, providing several tips for good nutrition to help fuel a volunteer's busy lifestyle.

Services

Ruth Duggin, representing Team Canada Healing Hands, spoke at the All Members Luncheon on Saturday. This group of physiotherapists and occupational professionals volunteered their time and energy in Haiti following the devastating earthquake in January 2010. Ruth told delegates how IODE's donation of \$3,000 from the Canadian Disaster Fund provided the salary for a dis-



Together We Can

abled Haitian woman who works as a liaison and councillor at the Kay Kaboob Clinic in Haiti. The clinic was damaged in the earthquake and is being rebuilt.

Membership

National Membership Officer Bonnie Rees encouraged members to promote IODE as a way to interest the public in membership. She asked members to talk about IODE to their friends, family and everyone they meet, to distribute IODE PR materials and to invite women to participate in chapter projects and events. In addition, members were prompted to visit the IODE website to find the template to create their own personalized IODE business cards.

National Annual Meeting

▼ MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

■ **Public Relations**

National Public Relations Officer Ann Dyer unveiled new public relations material. Members are encouraged to use the newly designed brochure and poster during IODE Awareness Week and other upcoming events. The 'Make IODE Your Charity of Choice' card is designed to encourage members and the public to make a bequest to IODE.



■ **110th Anniversary Wrap-up**

IODE embraced its 110th Anniversary by chapters introducing many TARGET 2010 ... *and beyond* projects. Chapters from coast to coast to coast celebrated with parties and honoured their community partners, award recipients and IODE friends.

Steps totalling 230,386,425 were reported by 1,150 members and friends. We crossed the country 11.7 times; travelling 83,011 km or 51,081 miles which equals 2.19 times around the earth!

■ **Guest Speaker**

At the All Members Luncheon on Friday, guest speaker Renee Stephens, Communications and Development Officer for HomeBridge Youth Society, spoke about her program. HomeBridge is a non-profit organization that provides residential care, therapeutic programming and a school for at-risk youth in Nova Scotia. It provides youth who have learning disabilities with life skills and academic skills including art and music therapy. IODE Nova Scotia's TARGET 2010 ... *and beyond* focus was children and youth; members supported HomeBridge Youth Society.

SUMMARY OF THE 2010 ANNUAL REPORTS

IODE members volunteered 975,114 hours during 2010 and spent a grand total of \$2,541,323 to benefit communities across Canada

- 1) **CITIZENSHIP** \$77,835
 - IODE banner, raised in Canada Hall, Kandahar, thanked troops
 - Continued support for deployed Canadian Forces and their families at home
 - Presentations of community service awards to local police and firefighters, including The National Chapter of Canada IODE (RCMP) Police Community Relations Award to Sgt. Noel J. Allard, Shamattawa Detachment, Northern Manitoba
 - Promotion of Canadian culture and welcoming new Canadians
 - IODE became a life member of the International Peace Garden

- 2) **EDUCATION** \$550,827
 - Presentation of five War Memorial Doctoral Scholarships of \$15,000 each
 - Labrador bursaries totalling \$14,000 to 33 students
 - Awards of \$3,000 to each of Canada's National Ballet School, National Theatre School and the National Youth Orchestra
 - Labrador Adopt-A-Class provided school supplies to 135 classes
 - Shane Peacock won the \$3,000 The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award for *Vanishing Girl: The Boy Sherlock Holmes*
 - IODE Baby Think It Over[®] continues as a parenting project in high schools
 - Primary and municipal chapters supported camping and riding programs for at-risk youth, music festivals, reading programs, books for toddlers to teens, provided free skating days on holidays and participated in student suicide prevention training programs

- 3) **PUBLIC RELATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS & ECHOES**..... \$67,122
 - 110th Anniversary celebrations afforded many opportunities to promote IODE
 - June 12th Walkathon participants proudly dressed in IODE T-shirts as they walked in city parks and public trails
 - IODE Canada hosted a booth at the Canadian National Exhibition
 - IODE Canada issued 19 press releases and emailed seven *Express News*
 - *Echoes* published a Winter Edition and the Annual Meeting Edition
 - www.iode.ca was updated monthly

- 4) **SERVICES** \$1,845,539
 - Over a million dollars of hand-knitted hats, mitts, toques, sweaters, afghans, baby and preemie layettes, personal hygiene bags, gently used clothing and bedding were donated to shelters, crisis centers, schools and churches; food banks were generously supported
 - IODE Canada Disaster Fund contributed \$3,000 to Team Canada Healing Hands and \$5,000 to victims of the December floods in Charlotte County Region, NB
 - Snack Pack, at a cost of \$19,534, provided a nutritious daily snack for 1,800 Labrador school children
 - IODE Ontario completed a two year, \$10,000 commitment to Turner Syndrome
 - At Christmas, 60 Canadian WW II veterans living in England were provided with vouchers purchased with \$4,000 from the Veterans Overseas Fund

IODE Canada Awards

The National Chapter of Canada IODE (RCMP) Police Community Relations Award

The 2011 winner of this nationally recognized prestigious award, Sgt. Grant Alexander MacDonald has focused his volunteer activities on improving the lives of children. An RCMP member for 22 years, Grant nurtured positive relationships with youth and their parents through his coaching work while promoting the RCMP as a career choice. The monetary portion of the award has been presented to the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Society of Yukon, where he has served as a community board member. Early in his ca-

reer, Sgt. MacDonald quickly came to realize that “children are the most precious natural resource we have” and he committed himself “to contribute in whatever way to make a difference and to ensure that these youth and future leaders would have a better tomorrow.” He has been a positive role model for youth while serving in Alberta, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon and British Columbia, thus inspiring many youth to lead healthy and productive lives. He is blessed to have the support of his wife and two children.

\$500 to Sergeant Grant Alexander MacDonald, “M” Division, Masset, BC



Pictured (l-r): National President Catherine Moore, Sgt. MacDonald, Citizenship Officer Sheila DeJaegher and Deputy Commissioner Steve Graham.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS



Pictured (l-r): President Catherine Moore, Shirley Lamont, Angela Dean, **IODE Alberta** President Beatrice Tully, and National Membership Officer Bonnie Rees.

The National Membership Award was presented to **IODE Alberta** for the second consecutive year with an 11.3% increase in provincial membership in 2010. **IODE Prince Edward Island** was the runner-up with an 8% increase. This award is determined as a percentage of new members relative to the total membership in the province.



Pictured (l-r): President Catherine Moore, **IODE PE** President Karen Beauregard, Gail MacLean, Bonnie Rees.

CRYSTAL CUP AWARDED TO PRIMARY CHAPTER

The Membership Crystal Challenge Cup was awarded to **IODE Juno Beach**, Calgary, with 15 new members. The second place winner, **IODE Captain Nichola Goddard**, Toronto, gained 13 new members and in third position was **IODE Jon Sigurdsson**, Winnipeg, with 11.

Violet Downey Book Award



The 2011 winner of The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award valued at \$3,000 was Virginia Frances Schwartz for **Crossing to Freedom**.

In **Crossing to Freedom**, eleven-year-old Solomon is a fugitive slave on a dangerous journey north from the US to Canada and to freedom. His young life has seen many losses: his mother was sold in a slave auction when he was a baby, his father escaped from the plantation and hasn't been seen in five years and now his grandfather, who has been injured during the last leg of their journey to freedom, is forced to stay behind.

With all of these barriers facing him, Solomon must find the strength that brought him north, the strength that brought him north, the same strength that gives him hope of finding his father – to persevere and understand the true meaning of freedom.

This annual award is given to a Canadian author of a book written in English of 500 words or more for children aged 13 and under published in Canada during the calendar year prior to the National Annual Meeting. This year, books submitted by the publishers for review have been sent to libraries including those in Labrador schools, Canada's National Ballet School, Delisle Youth Services and the Toronto Military Family Resource Centre.

LABRADOR BURSARY

\$14,000 awarded for academic year 2010-2011

The Labrador Bursary Fund began in 1982. Since then, IODE has encouraged hundreds of students from Labrador through these bursaries, personal contact and continuing interest in their schooling and lives. A few of these are showcased in the new Labrador Bursary Fund flyer featuring testimonials from graduates. Every recipient who maintains his or her marks can apply to receive ongoing support until graduation.

In 2010, 34 returning and new students received awards valued from \$250 to \$1,000. Recipients attended a variety of post-secondary institutions: College of the North Atlantic, Memorial University, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Saint Mary's University, Western Regional School of Nursing, University of New Brunswick, Concordia University, McGill University and Vanguard College.

Labrador Bursary will celebrate 30 years of support to Labrador students in 2012. The demand for the bursaries far exceeds the money available. Please contribute to this worthwhile fund and continue to make a difference in the lives of students in Labrador.



Kaitlyn Abass (r), pictured here with Labrador Bursary Chairman June McDonald (l) and President Catherine Moore, delighted delegates at the Annual Meeting in expressing her appreciation to IODE for the support given to her throughout her studies at St. Mary's University.

NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Canada's National Ballet School

Sam Duffy	\$1,500
Sophie Robitaille	\$1,500

National Theatre School of Canada

Lisa Troung, Acting 2	\$1,500
Angelina St-Amour, Production 2	\$1,500

National Youth Orchestra of Canada

Purchase music scores	\$3,000
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Silence to Sound Awards, McGill University, School of Communication Disorders

Giula Baer	\$1,000
Corinne Tontin	\$1,000

IODE Joan Butler Award, George Brown College Excellence in perinatal intensive care nursing

Mollie McConnell	Spring	\$400
Jacqueline Robinson	Fall	\$400

Ursula E. Bangs Awards in Cardiology, \$2,400 University of Toronto

Excellence in cardiology research and clinical study. Since 1966, \$94,800 has been awarded in the name of Ursula E. Bangs.

A gift certificate for the University of Toronto Bookstore was presented to each of eight first and second year non-competition category participants.

Year 3 Competition Winners

1st place	Dr. Matthew Sibbald
2nd place	Dr. Sanaz Piran

Wilhelmina Gordon Foundation Scholarship, Queen's University Top English graduate proceeding to post-graduate studies in English.

David Hobbs	\$800
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Members enjoyed the hospitality of **IODE Nova Scotia** at Friday evening's theme night, *The Order of Good Time*, with dancing, singing and an opportunity to mingle with friends from across the country.

National Annual Meeting

Eleanor Wright, NB, Karen Beauregard, PE, and Sheila DeJaegher, ON, were among the IODE directors who enjoyed a lobster dinner at Murphy's The Cable Wharf on Wednesday night.



IODE Mary Lawson, Dartmouth, NS, members (l-r) Elizabeth Harrison, Lorraine Kent, who also happens to be **IODE Nova Scotia** President, Geraldine Dickie and Laura Jean Williamson were part of the planning committee and are shown here dressed in period costume for Friday night's festivities, which included a Town Crier.

War Memorial Scholarships 2011-2012

Each PhD scholar receives \$15,000 for study in Canada or the Commonwealth.



Sarah Emily Blacker

Health Policy, University of Alberta

Born Kingston, ON, graduated with Honours B.A. from the University of King's College, NS; and McMaster University, Cultural Studies and Critical Theory Masters Program. Sarah's research involves the ethical and philosophical questions surrounding the gift of organ transplantation and of the growing practice of Bio banking – the collection, storage and use of human tissue samples for research purposes. Ms. Blacker holds a Social Science and Humanities Research Council Scholarship, a Presidents' Doctoral Prize of Distinction from the University of Alberta and a Canadian Institute of Health Research Award. Other awards include four Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Scholarships. Sarah's future plans include teaching and doing research at a Canadian university that offers inter disciplinary Health Studies programs and produce research which will improve our health care system.



Catherine Goubko

Chemical Engineering, University of Ottawa

Born in Ottawa, Catherine attained her BSc in Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry from the University of Ottawa, where she also won the Silver Medal for Engineering and the Gold Medal for Biochemistry. Her research, in the field of biomaterials and tissue engineering seeks to explain nervous tissue repair, thus treating spinal cord injury. Catherine hopes to develop new medical technologies and devices, specifically, new solutions for fighting neurodegenerative diseases. Currently she is involved in a collaborative research project between the University of Ottawa, the National Research Council of Canada and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute. Earning several Natural Science and Engineering Research Council awards throughout her graduate studies, to date she has published two papers in referred journals, presented work at the American Institute of Chemical Engineering's 2009 international meeting, and is first author of an invited book chapter.



Robyn Marquis

Clinical Psychology (Child Welfare), University of Ottawa

Born in Osgoode, ON, Honours B.A. in Psychology and MEd in Counselling from The University of Western Ontario. Robyn is researching the effectiveness of educational intervention designed to improve the outcomes of foster children and determine if mental health can be improved. Robyn is a recipient of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant, an Ontario Graduate Scholarship and several Graduate bursaries from UWO. She is a recognized first author in Child Welfare

and Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies, an important child welfare journal, and a first or co-author of papers in Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies Journal. Robyn will work with high-risk, child welfare clients to improve the overall well-being and long-term outcome. She also will be prepared to provide psychological counselling to police, RCMP and military personnel who frequently suffer distress in their jobs. She hopes to improve the quality of family life through counselling.



Jennifer Lea Trew

Clinical Psychology, University of British Columbia

Born in Calgary, AB, Jennifer received her Honours B.A. Psychology and M.A. Clinical Psychology from the University of Calgary. Her research investigates social anxiety, a debilitating condition that affects an individual's ability to function effectively and the development of treatment techniques. Jennifer has been awarded many prestigious awards including four Social Science and Humanities Research Council awards, Natural Science and Engineering Research Council awards and two James Lougheed Awards of Distinction. Jennifer's noteworthy accomplishment includes her research record resulting in eight published articles and her authorship of fourteen conference presentations. Noted for her excellent teaching and leadership skills, she provides training in statistical applications, use of available statistical software and the experimental design aspect of research methods to other graduate students. She is an excellent scholar, researcher and an outstanding graduate student who will contribute much to her chosen career as a research psychologist.



Melissa Amy Vloet

Clinical Psychology, University of Ottawa

Born in Charlottetown, PE, Melissa earned a dual degree in Honours English and Psychology from the University of Prince Edward Island. Melissa's doctoral research focuses on breast cancer patients. Early detection, prevention strategies, and the patient's interface with all aspects of health care are imperative for positive outcomes. Melissa's numerous awards include a Rising Researcher Award-Child-Health Clinician-Scientist Program, a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Operating Grant, a Doctoral Fellowship and a four time Wanda Wyatt Award. Melissa is an exceptionally creative and inspired researcher possessing an ability to think critically but always exhibits respect and integrity in dealing and working with vulnerable populations. She was a founding member of a Wellness Group, promoting effective work habits and healthy life style choices. Melissa has produced four publications, co-authored 2 more and been a teaching assistant in psychology at the University of Ottawa, demonstrating her rich background in writing.

Services Officer Sheila Horsman (l) and Elizabeth Cormier (r) of **IODE Hon. Dr. C. H. Blakeny**, Moncton, NB, presented eight children's "My Stuff" Backpacks to Ruth Beers of Crossroads for Women. These backpacks contained clothing, personal care items, toys and books. Moms were not forgotten – they received t-shirts and good grooming products for use while seeking refuge in this women's shelter.



When the daughter of a member of **IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald**, Markham, ON, asked for help finding skates for her students in Pinecrest Public School, Ottawa, over 150 pairs of skates were sent. **IODE Ottawa** was contacted to assist with providing 150 pairs of socks and several area chapters came to the rescue. New legislation regarding helmets was introduced and a request for new (not used) helmets was made. Again the chapters worked together to buy new helmets so that these children could enjoy skating on the Rideau Canal.

• **IODE Lord Dundonald**, Ottawa, holds an annual bridge party to raise money for projects assisting women and children. This year the chapter also donated generously to the IODE Canadian Disaster Fund.

News From Across the Country

• Congratulations to **IODE Dr. W. J. Knox**, Kelowna, BC, for installing three new members and honouring four new primary chapter life members whose combined service to IODE totals 231 years!

• The flood-stricken community south of Montreal, under the coordination of SOS Richelieu, was the recipient of \$3,000 in the form of ten Sears gift cards of \$300 each to assist victims with the purchase of needed household items. The Quebec Fund, derived from invested funds belonging to former **IODE Quebec** and managed by **IODE Canada**, was the source of this donation and facilitated by Janet King, **IODE HMS Victory**, Montreal.



IODE Canada at the CNE

This is the third year that IODE has taken advantage of the free display space offered to non-profit organizations by the Canadian National Exhibition Association, a great opportunity for meeting the public. IODE members manned a colourful booth for the first two days of the CNE and collected hundreds of signatures from well-wishers for Queen Elizabeth's upcoming Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

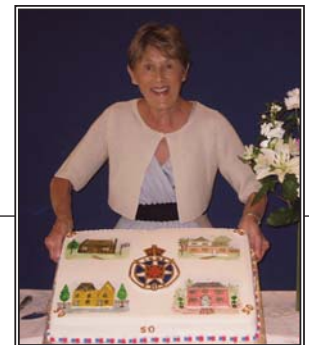
One of the stops on their Canadian tour in July for The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge was in Charlottetown. **IODE Prince Edward Island** President Karen Beauregard was there!

In response to Prince William and Catherine's request for donations to charities in lieu of gifts for their wedding on 29 April 2011, IODE Canada's gift was a donation of £25 each to Canadian veterans and / or their surviving spouse living in Britain, through IODE's Canadian Veterans Overseas program.



When Catherine Cuddy (r), transferred to **IODE Jon Sigurdsson**, Winnipeg, she presented President Ingrid Slobodian with a

1916 Souvenir History of **IODE Manitoba** and a copy of the IODE History, *Golden Jubilee 1900 – 1950*, from the archives of disbanded **IODE Canadian Fliers**, where Catherine was an active member.



IODE's Honorary President, Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, C.C., was invited to a cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the 50th Annual House and Garden Tour of **IODE Laurentian**, Ottawa. The cake, made by a member of the chapter, depicts houses of various decades.

Anniversaries

• In addition to a social gathering to celebrate their 75th anniversary, **IODE Isle Royal**, Glace Bay, NS, kicked off Awareness Week at the same time. A PowerPoint presentation was created to commemorate the chapter's history. IODE Awareness posters were placed prominently in the community and a successful week-long silent art auction fundraiser took place in collaboration with area art groups. A portion of the sale of the paintings was donated to the chapter.

• **IODE Edith Carleton**, Peterborough, ON, recognized its 60th anniversary by reviewing the chapter's history, accomplishments, commitment and friendships throughout the whole year. Scrapbooks, records and memorabilia were reviewed and a brief summary of two decades at a time of the major projects were presented at meetings. One charter member, June Mounce (Miller), was a guest at the final celebratory dinner. The year-long event rekindled the enthusiasm of the members.

Margaret Kennedy (l) presented a history of the last 35 years of **IODE Royal Edward**, Charlottetown, PE, to The Honourable Barbara Hagerman, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, during a celebration of the chapter's 110th anniversary at Government House in May.



For their 50th anniversary, **IODE Eldon House**, London, ON, chose the training of a service dog to assist an autistic child as its special project. Fundraisers for the \$11,000 needed included their annual apple pie project, now in its 30th year and a special anniversary cookbook of members' favourite recipes.

(l-r) Nan Fraser, Lesley Smith, Marg Meathrel, Ietje Kerkhoff, Marion Tews, Cathy Willems, Tory Garfat, Kathy Newnes, Sharon Riley, Hazel MacLeod, Lori Dickie, Sheryl Russell, President Maureen Graham.



In celebration of 110 years of IODE in Goderich, **IODE Maple Leaf** held a Victorian Tea Garden Party on the lush lawns of two members, Nancy Hughes and Patty McManus in June. Two hundred guests were served plates of traditional sandwiches and sweets while sipping on tea. With the melodic backdrop of harp and flute duets, ladies modelled their vintage and hand-crafted Victorian hats in hopes of winning the best hat prize. A display featured historical information about IODE in Goderich.

Standing (l-r): Arva Foster, Marilyn Fagan (best Victorian hat winner), Lil Lougheed, Nancy Nephew. Seated: Karen George.



IODE London, ON, celebrated its 100th Anniversary of Community Service with a gala in June. President Ietje Kerkhoff highlighted IODE's contributions to the community and announced a donation of \$5,000 for dual-language books for ESL learners at the London Public Library. To further commemorate the centennial a \$4,000 CHIP grant, to be administered by the London Heritage Council, will support the publication of *100 Years of IODE in London* and in partnership with London Historic Sites, a plaque will be erected.

IODE London Past President Norma Chicoine, National President Ann Dyer, IODE London President Ietje Kerkhoff and IODE Ontario President Bonnie Rees

70 Years of IODE Membership

Like so many IODE members who wanted to play their part, Fran Kitchen joined **IODE Scotia**, Truro, NS, early in the war. Aiming to welcome and comfort troops at Camp Debert near Truro, chapter members organized a drop-in centre and hospitality room where hundreds of sandwiches and desserts were served, buttons and badges were sewn and dances were held for the troops en route to Halifax and Europe. The need so great and the work so rewarding, **IODE Colchester** was formed to help out. Their 71st anniversary in September speaks volumes about their success.

In 1985, Fran joined and mentored

IODE Isgonish, also in Truro. Fran offered her knowledge and guidance to an appreciative chapter. She also served on the Provincial Executive and as Provincial President. Fran created a magnificent needlepoint replica of the Canadian Coat of Arms that she presented in 1989 to the Mayor of Truro for the newly renovated Council Chambers. Her remarkable 70 years in IODE was commemorated last year, before her death in January, when IODE Isgonish President Ruth Smith presented Fran with a special certificate and cake. Her contributions will be missed.

Life Memberships

NATIONAL

Karen Barker, ON
 Joyce Caley, YK
 Lorna Cowan, MB
 Carrie Gosse, NL
 Marion Hopkins, NS
 Barbara Johnston, ON
 Blanche Jones, NB
 Dorothy Morris, AB
 Margaret Pirie, NS
 Helen Reid, QC
 Elizabeth Saunders, NB
 Barbara Tait, NB
 Nancy Wilson, BC

PROVINCIAL

Gail Delaney, BC
 Jacqueline Guyette, NS
 Barbara Hine, NS
 Berneice Honour, PE
 Eleanor Wright, NB

MUNICIPAL

Norma Chicoine
 IODE London, ON

 Linda Gryner
 IODE Sarnia-Lambton, ON

 Kathleen Mary Mansfield
 IODE Calgary

 Jennifer Werry
 IODE Toronto

PRIMARY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Joan Chamberlain
 IODE Dr. W. J. Knox,
 Kelowna

 Gertie Johnston
 IODE Dr. W. J. Knox,
 Kelowna

 Maureen Meikle
 IODE Jessie F. Gordon,
 Vancouver

 Kay Pettman
 IODE Dr. W. J. Knox,
 Kelowna

 Betty Steel
 IODE Dr. W. J. Knox,
 Kelowna

 Elizabeth Worster
 IODE Jessie F. Gordon,
 Vancouver

ALBERTA

Cristel Foster
 IODE Dardanelles, Carstairs

 Mary Hart
 IODE Colonel James
 Macleod, Calgary

 Georgina Mae Hobby
 IODE Dardanelles, Carstairs

 Beatrice (Billie) Jeges
 IODE Dardanelles, Carstairs

Nadine Lafreniere
 IODE Bow Fort, Calgary

 Inga Owens
 IODE Dardanelles, Carstairs

 Beatrice Tully
 IODE Bow Fort, Calgary

 Viola Van Bavel
 IODE Dardanelles, Carstairs

 Patricia Van Tetering
 IODE Dardanelles, Carstairs

 Heather Wallinder
 IODE Fort Calgary, Calgary

 Rose Weigel
 IODE Dardanelles, Carstairs

 Susan Wells
 IODE Colonel James
 Macleod, Calgary

ONTARIO

Isabel Carr
 IODE Victoria Guelph,
 Guelph

 Linda Dennis
 IODE Dr. Innis Mary
 MacDonald, Markham

 Eula Evans
 IODE Margaret Stokes,
 Petrolia

 Laura Guerriero
 IODE Wellington Square,
 Burlington

Yvonne Henry
 IODE Wellington Square,
 Burlington

 Shirley Killburn
 IODE Angela Bruce,
 Oakville

 Marie Laidlaw
 IODE Victoria Guelph,
 Guelph

 Hazel MacLeod
 IODE Eldon House, London

 Rosemarie Miller
 By IODE The Princes
 Richard & Michael,
 Kitchener

 Dorothy Moat
 IODE Dr. Innis Mary
 MacDonald, Markham

 Mary Smart
 IODE Lord Dundonald,
 Ottawa

 Doris Roberts
 IODE Catherine McVean,
 Dresden

 Margaret Sutherland
 IODE Angela Bruce,
 Oakville

 Jane Wamsley
 IODE Wellington Square,
 Burlington

 Mary Whitson
 IODE Catherine McVean,
 Dresden, ON

NEW BRUNSWICK

Dora Burgess
 IODE Governor Carleton,
 Fredericton

NOVA SCOTIA

Sadie Blackwood
 IODE King Edward VIII,
 New Waterford

 Dorothy Johnston
 IODE Dr. Caroline
 Carmichael, New Glasgow

 Reta Keizer
 IODE Maid Marion,
 Dartmouth

 Heather Kennedy
 IODE Rosemary, Middleton

 Marlo McFadden
 IODE Rosemary, Middleton

 Sheilah Marie Trew
 IODE Louisbourg-Celildh,
 Sydney, NS

Beryl Walker
 IODE Maid Marion,
 Dartmouth

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Aletha Donovan
 IODE Lady's Slipper,
 Charlottetown

 Margaret Kennedy
 IODE Royal Edward,
 Charlottetown

Joyce Caley, YK, (r) was honoured to receive her National Life Membership from President Catherine Moore at the National Annual Meeting.



National Life Membership recipient Helen Reid, QC, (l) with National Life Membership Chair Chris Bateman.

BRIGHT IDEA

- IODE Alberta has come up with a unique way to dispose of gently used shoes and boots. A local police constable contacted IODE and asked if they had any use for old police boots at their thrift shop. A partnership ensued and police boots and shoes are now dropped off at the IODE thrift store and delivered by members, along with other surplus items, to the Foothills Hospital, Calgary, a trauma centre. When patients, especially homeless men, are discharged from the hospital, they will now have shoes, a necessity in the winter season. A great way to partner in your community!



On the Move...

After more than 30 years in one place, **IODE Canada** has moved its office space from suite 254 to 219 at 40 Orchard View Blvd. In May 2010, the NEC directed the National officers to attempt to amalgamate offices to reduce expenses. An agreement was reached to move to a smaller office area and share space with **IODE Toronto**. To further reduce costs incurred by the move to a new space, an IODE husband volunteered to plaster and paint the new office space. This was no easy feat as the walls were full of holes. IODE Canada moved on 23 June with four movers, 80 bins full of records and a few IODE supervisors. The furniture is now in place, the pictures hung and the office staff happy with the new surroundings. Please take the time to drop by and visit the new IODE Canada office.

**Join us for our Open House on
05 October 2011 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**



Office staff Jennifer McDonald (front) and Roma Dick settle into the new office.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS? Please Let Us Know!

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My Favourite Charity

In the May issue of *Homemakers*, readers were asked to write 100 words or less about their favourite Canadian registered charity. Two IODE members took that challenge and, although not chosen for publication in the current issue, one submission was included on their website (www.homemakers.com) and the other may also be used in the future.

“IODE is the oldest Canadian women’s charity, formed and founded in 1900. Its values and ideals of helping those in need have not changed since then. From the first time I was introduced to IODE I knew that it would be a part of me for the rest of my life. Many individuals require assistance and it isn’t always available. I am proud to be a member of IODE.”

Victoria Creighton, IODE Alexander Ramsay

“IODE is my favourite charity because it lets me participate in a wide variety of causes, everything from increasing literacy for children and adults to helping a Mom care for her children in a shelter and when setting up a new home. This organization has a proud history of 111 years of building hospitals and libraries, of aiding victims of disasters, of offering prizes, bursaries and scholarships to primary school children through to doctoral students. IODE lets me work in my community with local schools and shelters while letting me contribute to improving life in remote northern and Labrador communities.” (100 words!)

Sandra Connery, Past National President



A civic proclamation declaring IODE Canada Week, 23 to 29 May 2011, was read by the Mayor of Halifax, His Worship Peter Kelly (I), on 24 May at a ceremony at Halifax City Hall. National 1st Vice-President Ann Dyer, Citizenship Officer Sheila DeJaegher and **IODE Nova Scotia** President Lorraine Kent were there to raise the colourful IODE Corporate Flag.

