

GOOD WORKS

• **Gloucester Chapter**, Bathurst, NB, presented scholarships to local university students Benjamin Butler, Maura Riordon and Kaylee Shannon. Funds for such awards are raised at events like their annual October Gloucester IODE Arts and Crafts Fair held at Bathurst High School.



Lord Dundonald Chapter, Ottawa, furnished the dining room and vestibule at The Guest House, a newly opened respite bungalow for Alzheimer's patients on the grounds of the Perley/Rideau Veterans' Hospital. The chapter raffled a crocheted bedspread in support of this project. Winner Tina Servoss was presented with her prize by chapter members Adrienne Alexander (l) and Elizabeth Lloyd.



Mount Temple Chapter, Banff, AB, raised \$800 selling hot dogs and drinks donated by Keller Foods. Through the wizardry of IODE financing, this enabled the chapter to contribute \$1000 to the Canadian Forces Personnel Assistance Fund designated for injured service personnel and their families.



Library patrons Daniel Hansen, his children Piers and Freya, and **Lake Superior Chapter**, Thunder Bay, ON, members Margaret McKay and Corinne Barclay admire new children's books which were added to the collection at the Thunder Bay Public Library thanks to a donation from the chapter, the library's longest-standing donor.



Elise Murphy (l) and President Wanda Kelbrat admire the large donation of knitted articles received by **Major J. W. Logan Chapter**, Halifax, for use in their work.

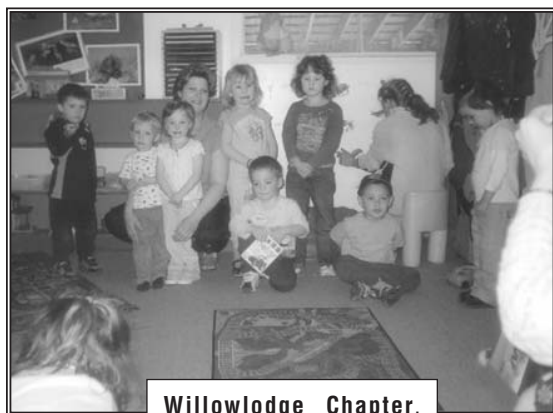


Lady Slipper Chapter, Charlottetown, members Evelyn Dover (l) and Dianne Hatfield display a painting donated to the oncology unit of the hospital in memory of the late Donald Dover. The lady's slipper painting was given to the chapter by Dartmouth, NS, artist Marilyn Hatfield.

Grade 1 students at Jens Haven Memorial School, Nain, Labrador, enjoyed these Christmas parcels sent by **Perth Regiment Chapter**, Stratford, ON.



Rosemary Chapter, Middleton, NS, donated a second Baby Think It Over infant simulator to Middleton Regional High School. President Valerie Davis (l) and teacher Cheryl Tattersall (r) admire the baby held by Education Officer Brenda Wilkinson.



Willowlodge Chapter, Beaverlodge, AB, supports the local daycare centre.

Duke of Cornwall Chapter, Castor, AB, invited volunteers who assisted at their Spring and Fall Rummage Sales to their annual Christmas party. In lieu of a gift exchange, everyone brought a contribution for the food bank. The chapter also contributed \$750 to the extension for the Paintearth Seniors' Lodge.



Teazer Chapter, Mahone Bay, NS, welcomed guest speaker Pam Birdsall (l) of Second Story Women's Centre. With her is Communications Officer Margaret Busche. Part of Second Story's mission is to work towards equality and respect within a women-centred environment and support women's rights to make their own decisions. Pam inspired all to take a strong role in the community. Networking with other community organizations brings strength and enhances the IODE mission.



Willowlodge Chapter, Beaverlodge, AB, chapter member Arlene Martin received the Caring Canadian Award from then Governor General Adrienne Clarkson.



Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, ON, was represented by members (l to r) Sheila Peters, Christina Fredericks and Marion Morton who recognized PC James Orser for courage and bravery with a Citizenship Award following an October apartment fire that killed two sisters. OPP Const. Bruce Thompson and the Trent Hills firefighters were also recognized.

Preston Chapter, Cambridge, ON, held a dinner at the Galt Golf and Country Club where they honoured six members with Life Memberships. Guests included: (back row l to r) Jesse Conner, Betty Strachan, Paula Beaver, Grace Clare, (front row) Nela Woods, Margaret St. Pierre and Doreen Weir.



Members of **Humber Valley Chapter**, Etobicoke, ON, received a BIG thank you from the children at Jens Haven Memorial School in Nain, Labrador. A huge poster plus a letter expressed thanks for their Christmas parcel.



This was Remembrance Day with Shirley Brown, President Mary Bianco and Jean Tait of the **Fort Kamloops Chapter** in front of the IODE Cairn in Kamloops, BC.



News from one of our War Memorial Scholars



War Memorial Scholarship winner 2006-2007, Sarah Foster, took time from her very full work schedule to visit with family and friends who visited her at her San Blas, Mexico research site. Her work aims to assist the Mexican shrimp fisheries in developing practices that will positively impact the biodiversity of fish in the area and so ultimately make the industry more sustainable in the long term.

NEWS FROM ACROSS CANADA

• **Laurentian Chapter**, Ottawa, is holding its 46th Annual House and Garden Tour on 07 June 2007. Their goal is to raise \$20,000 for Banff Community House serving a disadvantaged community.



President Lorraine Williamson (r) welcomes new member Susan Adams to **Mount Temple Chapter**, Banff, AB.

Members (l to r) Ann MacPhee, Marilyn Janegan, Rosalind Watt and Karen Wenaus of **Major J.W. Logan Chapter**, Halifax, prepare food for their October coffee party held at Bethany Hall.



Capt. Frederick Bond Chapter, Guelph, ON, executive members (l to r) at the chapter's Christmas meeting: Eileen Orr, Jean McNaughton, Nora Stone, Alison Eddie, Marjory Colliver, Donna Core, Fay Kemp. Marion Sullivan (seated), 100 this summer, works regularly in the Opportunity Shop.



Capt. Frederick Bond Chapter, Guelph, ON, members (l to r) Marjory Colliver, Elise Jackson, Joan Floto and Jean McPhail joined **Lakeside Chapter's** Eileen Orr in Acton in support of her chapter's bazaar and lunch.



Isgonish Chapter, Truro, NS, held their second Christmas House Tour this past December. They also sold baking and crafts at Zellers.

Major J.W. Logan Chapter, Halifax, enjoyed eating lunch outside at a fall meeting. Pictured are (l to r) Ruth Seeley, Elise Murphy, Marjorie Lindsay, Marilyn Janigan and Betty Thomas.



President Ann Evans welcomes new member Anna Maria Salvatori to **Golden Jubilee Chapter**, Oshawa, ON.



In October, the second of three area conferences in Nova Scotia for the South Shore Region was held at Trinity United Church in Shelburne, NS. Provincial Education Officer Jackie Guyette (l), President Anne White (c) and Secretary Margaret Pirie presided.



Past President Alma Dunbar of **Major J.W. Logan Chapter**, Halifax, placed a wreath at the 2006 Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial.

Bess Jones, a member of **Capt. Frederick Bond Chapter**, Guelph, ON, spoke about Origami and instructed the members. Each was able to complete a cute box.



Krista O'Toole (l) of the Military Family Resource Centre, accepts a donation of 37 books for Christmas stockings for preschoolers from President Barbara Eddy and Services Officer Lodie Boulos of **Sir Wilfred Grenfell Chapter**, St. John's, NL.



Elizabeth Parnham (r) of **Fort Calgary Chapter**, Calgary, served as a judge at the Grade 5 Heritage Fair at Mitford Middle School, Cochrane. Student Taylor Brooks received a prize while teacher Moira Harlton looked on.



Sir Leonard Tilley Chapter, Fredericton, NB, presented a quilted wall hanging to The Stan Cassidy Rehabilitation Centre. Services Officer Kim Chapman is shown presenting the hanging to Ron Harris,

Administrative Director of the centre. In addition, the chapter contributed \$400 for patio furniture.

Katie Hazen MacKay Chapter, Saint John, NB, contributed \$1,000 toward a PET/CT scanner for the Saint John Regional Hospital from the proceeds of their annual bridge. Members Brenda DeForest and Kathleen Morris presented the contribution to Tim Cameron, Executive Director of the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation.



READ FOR LIFE



Wellington Square Chapter, Burlington, ON, continued their support of

Read for Life by donating 15 books suitable for readers ages six to 13. Andrea Gordon (l), head of the children's department, accepts the books from Lois Laughren.



As part of their chapter's *Read for Life* commitment **White Cloud Chapter**, Wiarton, ON, Education Officer Pat Caldwell (c) and Assistant Education Officer Diana Zytariuk (l) present Librarian Pam McCowan of Peninsula Shores District School with a set of Violet Downey award-winning books for the library.

Boundary Bay Chapter, Delta, BC presented *Read for Life* book bags to the Chilliwack Landing preschool kindergarten class.



Hon. Dr. C. H. Blakeny Chapter, Moncton, NB, recently presented nine books to Riverview Library as part of their *Read for Life* commitment. President Beverly Bell is shown on left with Librarian Lynn Cormier.



Mount Temple Chapter, Banff, AB, members Cathy Capel (l) and Cherry MacDonald, along with librarian Mary Buckingham (r), join children looking at books purchased for Banff Elementary School as part of their *Read for Life* initiative. The chapter also donated \$250 for books to Elizabeth Rummel and Lawrence Grassi Schools in Canmore.

CANADIAN WAR BRIDES



Two Amherst, NS, chapters held a War Brides Tea for the Cumberland County War Brides. They were welcomed by Jean Harrison, Mayor Jerry Hallee of Amherst, Mayor Lloyd Jenkins of Oxford and Ratchford Merriam of the County of Cumberland. Special certificates were given to the war brides present. Wartime songs were sung and a delicious lunch was enjoyed. The war brides entertained the IODE members with wartime stories.



Teazer Chapter, Mahone Bay, NS, celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a War Bride Tea in May, 2006. Seven South Shore war brides were honoured. Seen with the cake are (l to r) Education Officer Jane Selig, Provincial President of Nova Scotia Ann White, war bride Doris Joudrey and Provincial Secretary Margaret Pirie.



Isgonish Chapter, Truro, NS, met the train last November to welcome World War II war brides on their way to Halifax and gave them information on Truro as well as city pins.

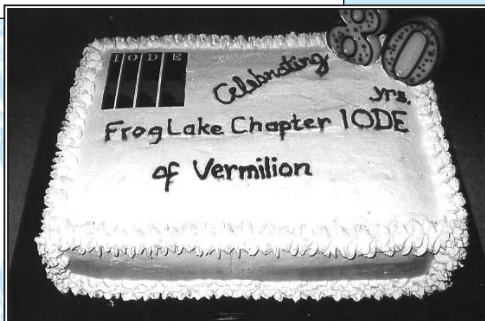


Lief Erikson Chapter, Yarmouth, NS, held an afternoon tea at the Yarmouth County Museum in October to honour area war brides. Dignitaries included M.P. Robert Thibeau, Mayor Crosby and the Warden of the Municipality of Argyle. The war brides shared stories of their arrival in Yarmouth. War brides in attendance included Doreen Porter (seated) and standing (l to r) Jean Killam, Elsie Crosby, Jean Goldring, Phyllis Johnston, Eileen Hatfield and Patronelle Muise.



ANNIVERSARIES

Frog Lake Chapter, Vermillion, AB, celebrated their 80th Anniversary with a lunch as well as continuing their traditional contributions to the Vermillion Public Library where they first began meeting in 1932.

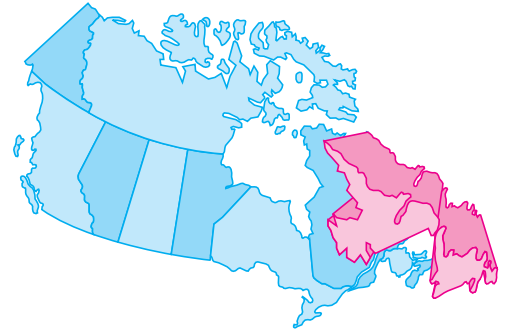


Carrie Alexandria McCall Chapter has just celebrated 60 years of service to the communities of Simcoe, Waterford, and Port Dover in Ontario. Today 37 members strong, the chapter was formed in March, 1946 with 11 charter members. Guests National President Chris Bateman, Provincial President of Ontario Sandra Smith and Ontario Area Vice-President Lorraine Leydon joined in the celebration.



Spotlight on IODE...

Newfoundland



In the year 1899, the conflict between the Boers of South Africa and the British Empire turned to war. Newfoundland, Great Britain's oldest colony, was 402 years old. The drafts, from a population of 220,000, went off to the war. In 1900, IODE was founded and women in St. John's supported the war effort by knitting and sewing articles and comforts and forwarding them to Mrs. Margaret Polson Murray, the founder of IODE.

In March 1910, the IODE National Office entered into correspondence with these ladies in St. John's with a view to organizing IODE in Newfoundland. Four executive members from the National Office, namely Miss Merritt, Organizing Secretary Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Young and Miss Hughes traveled to St. John's. Each one addressed the group of ladies and gentlemen. Their vivid and patriotic outline of the high aims of IODE was so passionate, it was decided unanimously to form the National Chapter of Newfoundland, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire with the intention of forming chapters in communities across the Island. The President was Lady Horwood, wife of the Chief Justice.

Raising funds and exploring possible projects occupied the chapter's first year. The needs for children were great, and the major health concern was tuberculosis. In 1911, the 28 members agreed their first project was treatment of incipient cases of the illness. No help could be obtained from the government. Dr. Cluny MacPherson, husband of the secretary, gave land for a building and Drs. Randell and Sculley and Nurse Ella Campbell gave free medical services. Sir William Reid also helped and treating tuberculosis became a reality. The work of the Daughters of the Empire Summer Camp proved to be so brilliant, that an unbelieving government was convinced to build a

sanatorium.

The chapter contributed significantly to improving Island life, but in 1930 the National Chapter of Newfoundland disbanded.

In 1949 under the leadership of Joseph R. Smallwood, Britain's oldest colony became the 10th province of Canada. In 1950, the former Dorothy Stratly of Barrie, Ontario, who was now married to Sir Leonard Outerbridge, took the initial steps to have IODE established in the Province of Newfoundland. The charter, signed by National President A. Estelle McCurdy and National Secretary Mary Spragge on the 27th day of May 1950, declared the **Beothic Chapter** of St. John's a primary chapter. The name honoured the native Indians resident on the Island.

More chapters followed. **Caribou**, named for the wild animal used by the natives for food and clothing was formed in 1951. In 1955 **Old Colony**, as Newfoundlanders affectionately called the Island, was chartered. Two chapters were formed in 1958: **Caledonia**, located in Gander, was named in honour of the flying boat that made the first east-west commercial experimental flight from Botwood across North America in 1937, and **Sir Humphrey Gilbert** to recognize the explorer who sailed from Plymouth, England on June 11, 1583 with five ships and the blessing of Queen Elizabeth I, to discover the North-East Passage. It is interesting to note that on August 3rd he arrived off present-day St. John's and the site was selected as the centre of his operations. The spot where he landed is today the site of the National War Memorial.

In 1964, two more chapters were formed in St. John's: **Sir Wilfred Grenfell**, named for the medical missionary who settled in St. Anthony with a goal of educating and treating tuberculosis at a hospital he built, and

Cormack, named for William Eppes Cormack, a native of St. John's who walked across the Island exploring. **Shawnadithit Chapter**, formed in 1982, bears the name of the last Beothic female found on the Island.

The **Provincial Chapter of Newfoundland** received its charter in May, 1982.

Queen Elizabeth II visited Corner Brook in 1984. When a chapter was formed there that year, members deemed **Elizabethan** a suitable name. The most recent chapter is **Father of Confederation**, chartered in 1987 in Conception Bay South. The name respects the history of Joseph R. Smallwood, born the same year IODE was founded. Despite having suffered a major stroke, the former Premier attended the bestowal ceremony.

The work of Newfoundland members has been varied and impressive. They supported hospitals, seniors' homes, and food banks with supplies and time. They have given books for literacy programs, televisions for hospitals, knitted goods for northern children, equipment for Girl Guide summer camps and three years in a row, they gave wheel chairs to the Red Cross.

Chapters have sponsored mathematics and art contests, awarded bursaries and scholarships to talented students at the high school and college levels, worked with adopted classes in outports, celebrated with new Canadians at citizenship courts and with worthy members of the Newfoundland Constabulary and fire fighters by giving IODE Community Relations Awards.

Although the Provincial Chapter of Newfoundland disbanded in November, 2001, three primary chapters continue to serve the needs of their communities.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

As I said in my message to you last September, I love Annual Meetings. It has been particularly rewarding for me these past few months as I have had the honour of attending Primary, Municipal and Provincial Annual Meetings and chapter celebrations as your National President. These visits afforded me the pleasure of personally meeting and visiting with many IODE members who are committed to being proactive in response to every situation with a positive attitude and enthusiastic energy. It is gratifying to share in celebrations and to hear exceptional annual reports from dedicated members.

On 03 March 2007, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Chapter of Calgary, AB, and the Bestowal of Charter Ceremony for the Lady Loughheed Chapter. This energetic and enterprising group of vibrant women is thrilled to be new members of IODE. They have many plans in progress. This chapter is definitely a new jewel in our crown. In addition, I attended the Annual Meetings of the Municipal Chapter of Hamilton and Municipal Chapter of Toronto.

In April, I attended the Provincial Annual Meetings in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Prince Edward Island. I also visited primary chapters in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Visiting these four provincial chapters and three primary chapters has confirmed my enthusiasm for our beloved organization. Members at all levels have an intense zest for life and for the work being done in the name of IODE. They are proud of our timeless tra-



ditions and willing to *Embrace Change* as they *Light a Spark* in each other. I am humbled by the many ways they help those in need.

Membership is the key to this organization and chapters are working diligently to obtain new members be they young, old or anywhere in between. One hundred and thirty four new members were

welcomed into chapters in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Prince Edward Island in 2006. I met many new members attending their first annual meeting. It was an opportunity to open up new horizons for them and to leave them believing with all of their hearts in the success of IODE. Some of the new members were already officers with jobs to fulfill at their respective meetings. This is a great way to make new members feel that they belong.

As I write this message, the National Officers are busy finalizing plans for the 107th National Annual Meeting & Convention. This will be a celebration of your many accomplishments and the positive results of your efforts. As proud Canadians, this year we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Canadian citizenship. I look forward to greeting members from across Canada in Ottawa, especially from those areas I have been unable to visit due to scheduling conflicts. It will be my personal pleasure to meet with you and to share with you the special activities at the Annual Meeting & Convention. Members across Canada continue to *Motivate, Inspire & Empower* me.

Chris Bakken

RED IS IN

Let's support our troops by wearing red on Fridays. Whether you wear a red bracelet or t-shirt, you endorse the men and women of the Canadian military in Afghanistan by your red attire affirming the work of our troops and their efforts to bring peace, to educate men and women, to help them create their own democracy.

Please endorse our fellow Canadians and their families by wearing red on Fridays.



Guest speaker Clarissa Green was presented with a lovely bouquet by Louise Card of **Richmond Chapter**, Richmond, BC, following her presentation "Worries, Wisdom and Wonders of Aging".



Nine **Willowlodge Chapter**, Beaverlodge, AB, members display quilts completed at their quilting bee. The quilts are donated to victims of fire and the local daycare.



Diamond Jubilee Chapter, Brandon, MB, planted daffodils near their IODE 100th Anniversary bench and shrubs in Eleanor Kidd Park. Seen hard at work planting the bulbs are (l to r) Kay Addison, Gail Humphries, Olga McIntyre and Lorna Cowan.

W/C Blatchford Chapter, Edmonton, AB, members (l to r) Joyce Welsh, Glenna Bell, Ann Andrews, Louise Barr, Bonnie Stefanik, Gwen Johnson and Kathy Tougas walked in the June 2006 "Roy Financial Walk for Charity". All of their pledges supported chapter projects. **Ethel Cuts Chapter**, St. Albert, AB, also participated.



Jean Nebesny, Linda Irving and President Theresa Vail of **Blue Mountain Chapter**, Thornbury, ON, are pictured manning a table at the chapter's annual Yard and Bake Sale.



Students at North River Elementary School decorated boxes that held 550 pounds of non-perishable food that **Isgonish Chapter**, Truro, NS, donated to the Colchester Food Bank. Each of the 32 members filled a box.

Bemersyde Chapter, Campbellford, ON, holds an annual Toonie Tree Draw fundraiser. Seen drawing the three winners are (l to r) Secretary Judy Retallick, Education Officer Marie Locke, President Sheila Peters, Hospitality Convenor Teresa Shaw and Treasurer Fern McKelvie.



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**At the 50th Anniversary Celebration
of Claremont Chapter, Hamilton, ON,**
on Wednesday, 21 March 2007, National President

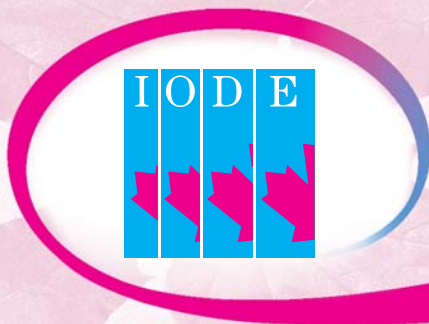
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MANITOBA PROGRAM

Wins 100th Anniversary Grant

The Preschool Enrichment Program, a prevention/family-strengthening program, of the Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba, Brandon, is the fourth winner of The National Chapter of Canada IODE 100th Anniversary Grant. Noreen Salari, Grant Program Chairman, made the announcement in celebration of IODE Founder's Day 2007.

Mrs. Salari said the \$20,000 grant would sustain this unique preschool/headstart program in Brandon specifically for children in high-risk situations, in need of stimulating, enriching experiences vital to their healthy growth and development. It is mainly for families who have been referred by Child and Family Services, public health and other community services. These children would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend a preschool program.

The program began in 1966 when a foster mother agreed to take four children into her home three mornings a week to play, read to and spend time with. A local IODE chapter volunteered to drive the children to this playgroup and agency staff provided backup and support. The commitment of volunteers allows for a more individualized program. A combination of community involvement, volunteer participation and agency staff enabled the program to grow.

Many of the children are abused, neglected or at risk because of the challenging and stressful situations their parents face. Many fall through the cracks due to poverty, low education levels, mental health problems, alcoholism, low self-esteem, spousal abuse, lack of parenting skills or understanding of children's development and needs. Through the Preschool Enrichment Program, parents are supported in their

efforts to understand and provide the necessities for their children.

The program operates weekdays from September to June. There are 32 half-time spaces and eight full-time spaces for children three to five years of age. Over 75 children attend each year. The Preschool Enrichment Program is unique in that its two vans and driver aides deliver the children to school and return them home daily overcoming the transportation barrier to participation. These children who often lack experience away from home enjoy field trips in the community.

A personal safety/sexual abuse prevention program is available for all the children with the approval of their parents. Many of the children require assistance working out their feelings of anger, fear and confusion resulting from abuse. Programs for parents have been an integral component of the Preschool since its beginning and parents are urged to become as involved as possible in the school. Many come with feelings of rejection, anger and inadequacy with respect to their parenting ability, so informal daily communication as well as more formal parenting groups and activities assist them. There is a Parent Management Committee and parents help run a weekly toy and book lending library.

In her letter of reference, Lorraine McConnell, Executive Director of Children's Den, Inc. wrote, "This program, rather than approach families when problems are full blown and attempt to fix them, identifies that families have enormous challenges today and some empathy, education and support can go a long way to helping families become competent guardians and advocates for their own children."



WE WELCOME New Friends



The Municipal Chapter of Calgary welcomed a new chapter, **Lady Lougheed Chapter**, on 03 March 2007 at their Annual Luncheon Meeting. Marcia Lapsley, Municipal Membership Officer, organized the chapter. The Honourable Peter Lougheed, past Premier of Alberta, his sister-in-law Doreen Lougheed, **The National Chapter of Canada IODE** President Chris Bateman and National Public Relations Officer Shirley Lamont attended as well as **Provincial Chapter of Alberta** President Angela Dean and First Vice-President Irene Eyre.

Lady Lougheed Chapter was named after the Honourable Peter Lougheed's grandmother. She joined the first IODE chapter in Calgary in 1908 and the first meeting was held in her home, now called Lougheed House. Isabella Hardisty Lougheed was born in 1861 at Fort Resolution on the shores of Great Slave Lake. She was a true westerner with deep roots in the Canadian Northwest and the Hudson's Bay Company. Lady Lougheed would be thrilled to know that the first meeting of the chapter named for her was held at Lougheed House.

The mission of IODE, a Canadian women's charitable organization, is to improve the quality of life for children, youth and those in need, through educational, social service and citizenship programs.