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IODE Canada
109th Annual Convention in Beautiful Victoria, BC
Possibilities

Since 1900, the members of IODE Canada have been dedicating their volunteer time and talents for a better Canada. With over 4,700 members, this charitable women's organization promotes projects in the areas of literacy, education, community service and citizenship.

Members from across Canada will convene at the 109th Annual Meeting and Convention from 28 to 30 May 2009 at The Harbour Towers Suites and Hotel in picturesque Victoria, British Columbia.

President Chris Bateman will welcome Mayor Dean Fortin, City of Vancouver, and IODE members to the *Possibilities* of IODE at the annual business meeting where presentations of awards will be made to the winners of The National Chapter of Canada IODE Violet Downey Book Award and The National Chapter of Canada IODE (RCMP) Police Community Relations Award.

During the All Members' Luncheon, the guest speaker will be Mr. Dave Sinclair, Command President of the BC/Yukon Command, Royal Canadian Legion. Following lunch, past recipients of IODE War Memorial Scholarships will speak on their experiences as War Memorial Scholars.

Friday evening, members will be dressed royally for IODE BC's fun event, *Anything Royal*, with perhaps an Elvis sighting that night!

Saturday morning, the 110th Anniversary Project will be announced. Saturday afternoon, Kareen Hudson of Greater Vancouver Family Services, will speak on their Respect, Safety and Violence Prevention (RSVP) Project, the winner of the \$25,000 grant for IODE's 100th Anniversary project.

Saturday evening guests and members will be entertained by the Esquimalt High School Jazz Band, and then, Catherine Moore will be installed as the 41st President of IODE Canada for the term 2009 – 2010.

For more information, please contact Karen Barker, Secretary of IODE Canada, at iodeadmin@bellnet.ca or telephone 416-487-4416.

Founded in 1900, IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals, through education support, community service and citizenship programs. For a list of past winners or for more information about IODE, please visit www.iode.ca.

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NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS

The following media opportunities are available:

- Wednesday, 27 May
Interview with National President Chris Bateman
Please call in advance to schedule time. Contact: iodecanada@bellnet.ca
- Friday, 29 May, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Upper West Harbour Ballroom
Annual Business Meeting with Mayor Dean Fortin, City of Victoria, in attendance
Presentations: IODE (RCMP) Community Relations Awards, IODE Canada Violet Downey Book Award
- Friday, 23 May, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Salon B: David Sinclair
Activity: Signing of 8 foot banner "IODE Canada celebrates Canada Day with our Troops", to be signed by all members and then forwarded to the Armed Forces

2:00 p.m.
Presentation: IODE Membership Awards and Membership Crystal Challenge Cup
- Saturday, 25 May, 10:00 a.m.
Announcement of IODE Canada's 110th Anniversary Project and celebrations

2:00 p.m.
Salon A
Keynote Speaker: Kareen Hudson, Greater Vancouver Family Services
- Saturday, 24 May 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Shaughnessy Room
Entertainment: Esquimalt High School Jazz Band