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ICE & FIRE

Twenty Years for the Canadian Disaster Fund

When the wild fire in Fort McMurray caused Alberta to declare a provincial state of emergency on 03 May 2016, IODE members across Canada immediately contacted the National office and IODE Alberta to enquire how best to provide support. IODE Alberta President Mary Lou Wilson worked with contacts from Fort McMurray to determine where funds from the Canadian Disaster Fund, IODE Alberta and many Alberta primary chapters would best be used.

After several enquiries, a decision was made to support Beacon Hill Public School. The school was not destroyed by fire. However, the building suffered extensive smoke and water damage. IODE funding would be used to replace supplies and books for Kindergarten through Grade 6 classrooms and the library.

This fall, IODE Canada received a certificate from the school district in Fort McMurray recognizing major contributions



by chapters in Alberta and the Canadian Disaster Fund. The combined donations were more than \$18,000.

The Canadian Disaster Fund began twenty years ago. In the two years preceding the National Annual Meeting in May 1998, IODE members across Canada had responded to a severe ice storm in Ontario and Quebec and floods in the Saguenay region of Quebec and Manitoba's Red River basin. Primary, Municipal and Provincial chapters made donations and helped organize the responses. IODE Canada chipped in with money from the National Services Fund.

At the National Annual Meeting in May 1998, a decision was made to respond to the increase in demand for disaster assistance by establishing a national fund to receive chapter and personal donations on a regular basis as well as during emergencies. The fund became the Canadian Disaster Fund. Unfortunately, this fund has seen a lot of demand over the ensuing twenty years

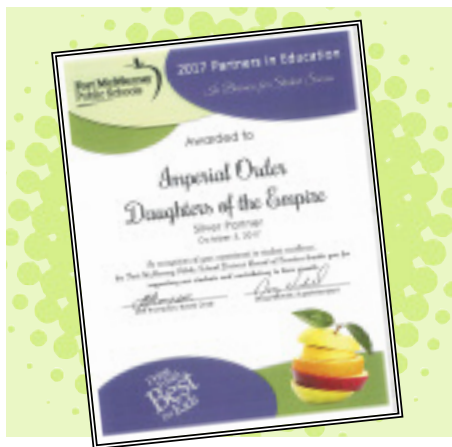
including a previous fire at Slave Lake, Alberta. In times of disaster, the National Advisory may contact a Provincial Chapter to offer assistance or alternatively, any chapter may apply for help.

Aristotle said, "To give money is an easy matter and in every man's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter." Your National Advisory depends heavily on the IODE members who are closest to the need to make these decisions. Under emergency conditions it is often very difficult to reach the people who know best what is needed and a lot of time and effort goes into making these decisions.

After the Lac-Megantic railway fire, the IODE Board of Directors worked with



Quebec chapters to purchase books for the school library. The Canadian Disaster Fund is now assisting the recovery of an elementary school in Cape Breton that was devastated by flooding.



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IODE Shop to Give Continues

IODE Shop to Give began as a pilot fundraising campaign for *IODE Snack Pack* in May 2016. Since then, IODE members have shopped and raised more than \$4,000 in partnership with Indigo Books and Music. Indigo is Canada's largest book and specialty retailer operating under the banner names of Indigo, Chapters, Coles, Smithbooks and The Book Company.

Anyone can support this fundraiser by purchasing Indigo eGift Cards through the link to the IODE campaign. For every Indigo eGift Card (paper or electronic) purchased, Indigo Books and Music will donate 15% of the value of the purchase to *IODE Snack Pack*. The eGift card you receive from the website can be converted to plastic gift cards in store and used to shop in retail locations or online at Indigo.ca. Every Indigo eGift Card purchased will make a direct contribution and help IODE continue the *IODE Snack Pack* program. We provide daily nutritious snacks to more than 1,700 children in 14 schools located in remote areas of Labrador. IODE has funded this important program continuously since 1978.

Generations of Women Have Joined IODE

By joining IODE, you will become part of a growing community of women who play an important role in making a difference in the lives of children, youth and those in need. The time commitment for being a member is whatever suits you in your personal circumstances. The time and talent you contribute to IODE, whatever that might be, is much appreciated.

A new chapter can be formed with ten interested women who agree to follow the Constitution. A nominal annual membership fee is required by each individual. Guidance and support is provided by neighbouring chapters and through IODE Canada. Every contribution a member can make will be welcome. Every gift of time and talent helps and creates positive change for those in need. Ten members working as a team can make a significant difference.

The IODE friends you make along the way will enrich your life. The work you accomplish will uplift your soul. Get your friends together, form an IODE chapter and make a difference in your community.



IODE Manitou, North Bay, ON, members Daphne and Laurel Mayne. Daphne has been a member since 1962 and Laurel since 2005. Share your membership story!

IODE President's Message

A new year – a renewed enthusiasm for the goals of IODE. Chapters are making plans for their projects and fundraising. Members are gearing up for the work ahead. At the National office, officers are busy beavers reading and compiling your annual reports; some are reading the many book submissions for the IODE Violet Downey Book Award; other officers are reading the submissions for the IODE War Memorial Scholarships. Remember that all National programs were established by primary chapter members who voted for them at by-gone National Annual Meetings. It is hoped that chapters will continue their loyal support of the programs they initiated over the years.

New Governor General Julie Payette has been invited to accept the role as our Honorary President. A congratulatory letter has been sent to Her Majesty and Prince Phillip on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. A letter was also sent to extend heartiest congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness on the engagements of their grandson Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and their granddaughter Her Royal Highness Princess Eugenie of York and Mr.



Attending an open house at The Redwood, Toronto, ON. This women's shelter was a recent recipient of an IODE 100th Anniversary Grant.

Jack Brooksbank. Best wishes were extended to them as they await the birth of their two new great grandchildren: Prince William and Catherine's baby due in April and Zara Phillips and Mike Tyndall's baby due during the summer. The IODE 2017 Yearbook has been sent to Her Majesty, the Prime Minister, Provincial Premiers, other dignitaries and all National Councillors.

No doubt many IODE Adopt-A-Class students in Labrador schools as well as local schools were delighted to receive

Christmas parcels from chapters. They are most thankful for the school supplies sent as well as the snacks and treats! The prizes and awards given to school children are incentives of inestimable value in building self-esteem and the desire to learn.

Winter is firmly upon us. IODE members clean out their closets and donate much gently-used clothing to thrift shops and shelters. They also ply their knitting needles to good purpose. Members make very good use of the cold months. No hibernating among our members!

This fall, Canada will honour the end of WW I. However, the cessation of hostilities was preceded by unprecedented warfare and strife. Our Canadian Forces fought for our freedoms. IODE was there throughout and afterward, to support those men and women and to recognise their sacrifice for our freedoms. The initial IODE War Memorial Scholarships grew from a desire to honour those who paid the ultimate price. In war, in peace, IODE upholds its strong traditions of patriotism and civic responsibility. May it ever be so.

Bonnie G. Rees

2019 IODE 100th Anniversary Grant Program



The *IODE 100th Anniversary Grant Program* is a national fund that awards grants to programs aimed at prevention and rehabilitation of children and youth at risk of abuse and neglect. Members are encouraged to search for candidates to apply for the Grant. Previous applicants are welcome to apply again. The Grant will support a program that develops a new idea, tests a new approach, replicates, adapts or scales an existing evidence based model that alleviates the danger of abuse in children and youth ages 0 to 25. Measurement tools gauging the expected outcome are an important part of the applicant's information. The Grant originated as a financial gift from members intending to benefit Canada's children as well as to celebrate, by a tangible award, the longstanding commitment IODE has to Canada's youth. The Grant, valued at \$25,000, was first awarded in 2001 and is given in alternate years.

Applications and further information are available online at www.IODE.ca. Applications should be carefully prepared outlining the social issue, the program, research to support the program, methods of measurement and the expected outcome. Applications and reference letters are accepted via email to iodeinfo@bellnet.ca from 01 September until 31 October 2018. The winning application will be announced on Founder's Day, 13 February 2019.



No Stone Left Alone



IODE Alberta President Valerie Braiden speaking at the *No Stone Left Alone* Ceremony.

For the second consecutive year, **IODE Baron Tweedsmuir**, Olds, AB, joined community partners the Royal Canadian Legion, three schools and the Olds cemetery to support a project, *No Stone Left Alone*. The project is part of a Canada-wide initiative to recognize the sacrifices of our military and place a poppy, the symbol of remembrance, on every headstone. Through these ceremonial efforts, the main goals are to educate and engage the next generation. Political dignitaries from every level were invited to participate, as well as members from IODE Alberta, the Legion, local schools and the public. Following the formal ceremony, poppies and Canadian flags were placed on all 220 veterans' headstones.



Remembrance Day 2017

IODE National President Bonnie G. Rees was honoured to place a wreath on behalf of IODE at the National War Memorial in Ottawa, ON, on 11 November 2017. Many branches of Canadian Forces and their bands marched with cadets from the Royal Military College, the RCMP, police forces, first responders, members of the Royal Canadian Legion and veterans organizations. Disabled veterans were given prominent seating and bright red Legion blankets. Dignitaries included Governor General Julie Payette, Sophie Trudeau and the 2017 Silver Cross Mother Mrs. Diana Abel. Religious and First Nations leaders blessed the ceremony. There were no speeches. A twenty-one gun salute led solemnity to the proceedings. A fly past of military planes flew majestically over Ottawa. The first wreaths were laid by dignitaries, particularly at the base of the Tomb of the Unknown



IODE National President Bonnie G. Rees with **IODE Ottawa**, ON, Education Officer Lorna King at the National War Memorial.

Soldier. The ceremony, full of pomp and circumstance, was respectful and reverential.

The wartime experiences of veterans are incomprehensible for many people today. The horrors of war and the aftermath of war must never be forgotten. As the Royal Canadian Legion says, "Never Again".

IODE Family Members Also Serve



When Lieutenant Michael McCauley was serving in Afghanistan, a poignant moment was captured by professional photographer, Finbarr O'Reilly. The picture of the Canadian soldier reaching out to touch hands with an Afghan child was featured in major newspapers and magazines. In British Columbia, the Greater Victoria Afghanistan Memorial Project Society decided to use the picture on a cenotaph recognizing those who served in Afghan-

istan. The picture was chosen because the veterans felt that it conveyed the true spirit of the Canadian contribution in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant McCauley is shown here visiting the newly completed cenotaph with the design inspired by that moment in Afghanistan. He is the grandson of Bessie Pickrell a member of **IODE Dr. William MacIntosh**, Saint John, NB. Bessie has been a member of IODE for more than 70 years.

IODE Encourages Good Citizenship

Canadians celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Confederation last year in many innovative ways. IODE created a special award program designed to recognize young people who demonstrated empathy, patriotism and civic responsibility. The certificate read: *Canada's 150th Anniversary IODE Good Citizenship Award* and 49 chapters awarded 274 certificates. As well as the many IODE Canada 150 projects presented in this and past issues of *Echoes*, the results were heart-warming, sometimes surprising and always reassuring. They clearly demonstrated that youth are Canada's best resource. The monetary award up to \$150 per award may have helped the recipient but occasionally it was donated to other causes, or used collectively to benefit a larger school population or to benefit Brownies, Scouts and Guides. Library books were purchased (**IODE Bridlewood**, Toronto, ON);



celebratory parties planned; commemorative boxes collected and school gardens planted. Members also planted red and white tulips designed to resemble



Canada's flag in their own gardens. Chapters participated in Canada Day parades and another assisted a Youth Revolution Team (**IODE Diamond Jubilee 1960**, Brandon, MB) where youth used art to promote diversity, inclusion, environmental protection and reconciliation. A school choir used funds to help them sing to seniors and a key organizer of a special

commemorative Remembrance Day vigil was honoured. Ideas were as varied as the many chapters of IODE. Benefits included new community partnerships, better IODE awareness, youth recognition and increased confidence and an influx of financial support for *IODE Snack Pack* via the *IODE Shop to Give* program.

Chatham-Kent IODE Chapters Participated in Remembrance Vigil

Ontario members from **IODE Kent Regiment**, Chatham, **IODE Catherine McVean**, Dresden, **IODE Confederation**, Ridgeway, and **IODE Captain Garnet Brackin**, Chatham, undertook an exceptional remembrance vigil and Canada 150 project in 2017. They joined service groups, emergency service providers, businesses, cadets, sports teams, soldiers and individuals in an interdenominational community event to stand vigil and guard Chatham's Cenotaph. Scheduled around the clock, the vigil honored those who gave their lives defending our freedoms. The vigil, referred to as *C-K Keeping 150*, began at 6:00 a.m. 05 November and teams stood guard in three hour intervals until 11:00 a.m. 11 November - the Remembrance Day Service. The effort honored Canada's 150, the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and the 75th anniversary of the Dieppe raid. The community rallied to help the participants. Anglican Christ Church was open for respite and warmth. Revera Retirement Living of Blenheim and Ridgeway donated refreshments and *Gathering our Heroes*, a project that compiled all of the names and stories of the WW I and WW II veterans from Chatham-Kent, was on display. In a world increasingly divided and



threatened once again, it seemed fitting that the community would be so united.

A Parkette in Celebration of Canada 150

IODE Catherine McVean, Dresden, ON, chose reviving a downtown parkette as its Canada 150 project. The chapter received a \$20,000 grant from the municipality and a \$1,000 business grant. Rural Roots Landscaping and Design Inc. was contracted to rejuvenate the town centre parkette located in the centre of historic Dresden. The project included extensive stonework and a new fountain and was completed just in time for the Canada 150 holiday weekend. The remainder of the funds for the project were raised by IODE Catherine McVean and by a 50/50 draw. Tickets for the 50/50 draw were handled by members of IODE, Rotary, Kinsmen, Legion, Dresden Fair Board, Terry Fox Committee, LKCS Reunion Committee, the Dresden BIA and local businesses. It was truly a community wide effort. The fountain was officially dedicated in October 2017 and the winning name was "Four Corners Fountain".

Spotlight on IODE Ontario

“2020 is the centennial year of IODE Ontario. Over the years there have been many extraordinary women who joined IODE but it is the ordinary women who have performed extraordinarily that are celebrated.”

Renate Schuetz, IODE Ontario President

Members organize events and enjoy friendships kept strong over time and distance. Large and small fundraising events include art shows, house and garden tours, theatre nights, speakers and luncheons, geranium and garage sales. Funds raised support educational awards and every year children and

young adults are the recipients of bursaries and scholarships to ensure they are able to continue their studies. IODE Ontario also recognizes the military, first responders and those providing outstanding service in the community.



IODE Kathleen Drope
spring flower sale.



IODE ONTARIO EDUCATION AWARDS

The IODE Ontario Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund for Education provides bursaries and awards for students to assist them in fulfilling their life goals. Bursaries of up to \$1,000 are awarded to students at colleges and universities in Ontario who have completed one full year of study and are Canadian citizens. IODE Ontario bursaries have helped many students who otherwise could not finish their school term. Since 1992, more than 300 recipients have received \$375,000 in financial assistance.

IODE Ontario introduced its first sponsorship with Canada's National Ballet School in Toronto in 1965. More than 35 students were sponsored, from grade 10 through to post-graduate study. To provide support for young artists, IODE Ontario started a scholarship for students in their second or third year at OCAD University (formerly Ontario College of Art and Design). To date, 66 students have benefitted.



(l-r) IODE Ontario President Renate Schuetz, OCAD University 2017/2018 award winner Samantha Hazard, OCAD University representative Tonya Wray, IODE Ontario Education Officer Helen Danby.

IODE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AWARD

The IODE Ontario Police Community Relations Award was established in 1977 to honour the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) men and women who volunteer and give back to their community. The OPP Professional Standards Bureau selects an appropriate candidate each year for this award among those who have been outstanding examples of the difference they make in a community. The award consists of an engraved plaque, a commemorative certificate and a donation made in their name to their chosen charity. Many Ontario chapters also recognize their communities' police, firefighters and first responders with annual citizenship awards.



(l-r) IODE Ontario President Renate Schuetz, Acting Superintendent Dumond, Staff Sergeant Witty, Award Winner Constable Sandro Cave and IODE Ontario Citizenship Officer Caroline Rodgers.

IODE JEAN THROOP BOOK AWARD



One of the first awards in children's literature in Canada was established in 1975 by IODE Toronto to encourage and recognize authors of 'Can lit' as it came to be known. Now called the IODE Jean Throop Book Award, Dennis Lee was the first recipient for his children's book *Alligator Pie*. This is a prestigious award valued by the recipients. The winners in 2016 were Chris Hadfield and Kate Fillion for *The Darkest Dark* illustrated by The Fan Brothers. The selection committee includes members from Toronto primary chapters and the IODE Ontario executive.

IODE ONTARIO SERVICES PROGRAMS

IODE Ontario Services programs for those in need, flood victims, youth and women's shelters and hospitals take the form of money, equipment and thousands of knitted and sewn articles. In 1927, one Toronto chapter undertook a unique



IODE Errol Egremont, Sarnia, ON, donated a number of Good Grooming Bags for patients at the Bluewater Health Foundation. (l-r) Assistant Services Officer Margaret Macklin, Services Officer Sheila Brown and Bluewater Health Foundation development assistant Danielle Cooper.

piece of child welfare in partnership with the Canadian Pacific Railway when a Pullman car was renovated for living quarters for a dentist and his wife. It toured northern Ontario rail lines and provided children with free dental work covered by the Ontario Health Department.



Packing toys for the North at the Provincial Packing Room.

During WW II, all overseas parcels and books for camp libraries which were handled by the National Chapter, were packed at a large packing room at Provincial Headquarters by Hamilton members. This partnership between IODE Canada and IODE Ontario remains. The packing room functions today as it always has, but now in a different location. During 2017, over 127 parcels packed by IODE members were sent to twelve locations in Labrador, five in Nunavut and one in Manitoba with shipping costs paid by the National Services Fund. Nursing stations, schools and community centres in remote northern locations are served.



IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal, Sarnia, ON, celebrates Canada's 150th with a donation of tulips to the city of Sarnia.

The **Provincial Services Fund**, the **Footwear for Kids Fund** and the **Christmas Toys Fund** are supported by Ontario chapters and members. The Provincial Services Fund covers the cost of purchasing special requests from northern communities and shipping costs within Ontario. In 2017, 108 packages were shipped to 14 locations.

There is a much appreciated partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) who deliver cartons to Thunder Bay to the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service where the First Nations officers 'fly in' to very remote communities with treasured IODE parcels. The Footwear



IODE Bishop Hellmuth, London, ON, Adopted Schools Officer Norma Lyttle Chicoine was awarded the Black Community Achievement Award from the Congress of Black Women of Canada, London Chapter for her community volunteer work.

for Kids Fund provides winter boots, Duckies, athletic shoes and socks. The Christmas Toys Fund purchases books, toys, games, puzzles and all things that children and teens wish for. Often these toys are the only Christmas presents the children receive.

While in the past IODE members were known for their knitting and cooking, most chapters now raise funds to support IODE Ontario efforts to enable the purchase of footwear, toys, winter jackets, mitts, scarves, hats and other sundries that northern children need. The commitment of IODE Ontario to helping those in need is as strong as ever. Many things have changed but there is still great demand which IODE Ontario is meeting creatively.



IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Sarnia, ON, held a very successful two day yard sale.

Annual Meetings

118th IODE National Annual Meeting & 98th IODE Ontario Provincial Annual Meeting



SAVE THE DATES!
31 May – 02 June 2018

*London, ON, is our host city for this special three day event in 2018.
IODE Members and guests are invited to attend both events.*

Purpose With Passion is the theme for the combined annual meetings of IODE Canada and IODE Ontario being held on 31 May to 02 June 2018, in London, ON. The combined structure provides an opportunity for all members to learn more about chapters in other provinces while attending the National meeting.

The Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre is the venue for the event. Located in a park-like setting within the city of London, the Centre is renowned for its fully-equipped site for corporate meetings. The comfortable amphitheatre ensures perfect sight lines and acoustics. Well-appointed guest rooms on site have hotel quality amenities and free parking. A unique feature is the Nourishment Hub – an all-day grazing snack bar.

London is known as the Forest City for its excellent and extensive park system. The Thames River winds its way through the city, providing a plethora of trails for walkers, runners and cyclists. The Arts

community is well established with theatres, galleries and boutiques about.

A varied and informative agenda is planned. Kelly Ziegner, CEO, Elgin Middlesex United Way, will be the speaker on Saturday 02 June, to address the “London for All” initiative and the topic “What does Poverty look like?” IODE Ontario will be reporting on the work that has been done by its Strategic Planning Committee and its 100th Anniversary Project. Two evening dinners have been arranged. On Thursday, a casual dinner at Windermere Manor and on Friday, an interactive culinary experience at Fanshawe College.

One of the Early Bird Registration gifts to be won is a guest room package courtesy of the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre. For those travelling a distance, VIA Rail has offered a 10% discounted fare for registrants. WestJet has offered 10% off econo fares and 15% off plus fares. Refer to the IODE website for full details. Note that travel arrange-

ments to attend the National Annual Meeting in London, ON, including hotels and post conference tours are not organized by IODE. Arrangements must be made independently by each delegate.

Members are invited to participate in *Share a Story ... Bring a Book* held annually at the National Annual Meeting. Please pack a book or two suitable for young readers ages 0 to 6 years. You can also join members on a local shopping trip in London to a nearby bookstore for some retail therapy that is always fun. All books donated will be presented to a local children’s centre. IODE Ontario will gratefully receive donations for *Clothes for Northern Communities*.

This is YOUR annual meeting. A time for you to share your ideas with fellow members across the country, voice suggestions, recommendations or concerns and seek answers to your questions. Meet the National and IODE Ontario Officers and Convenors face-to-face. See how your *Purpose With Passion* can make a difference.

Plan to attend and be part of a memorable experience. View the conference page on the website and download the combined provisional agenda and registration form for complete details.

We look forward to seeing you in London!

IODE National Annual Meeting – IODE Ontario Provincial Annual Meeting

2018 PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Everyone welcome at all meetings except meetings of the Board of Directors

THURSDAY, 31 MAY		FRIDAY, 01 JUNE		SATURDAY, 02 JUNE	
9:00 am	Registration	9:00 am	Registration	9:00 am	Registration
9:30 am	IODE Ontario PEC Meeting	10:00 am	IODE Ontario Award Presentations	10:00 am	IODE Canada Annual General Meeting & Election of Directors
Noon	All Members Buffet Lunch		Announcement – Ontario 100 th Anniversary Project	11:30 am	Speaker
1:30 pm	National Advisory Committee	11:30 am	Speaker	Noon	All Members Buffet Lunch
3:15 pm	IODE Canada War Memorial Committee	Noon	All Members Buffet Lunch	2:00 pm	IODE Canada Awards Presentations
4:00 pm	IODE Canada Board of Directors	2:00 pm	IODE Ontario Business Meeting	3:30 pm	Membership Awards & Plenary Installation of National Officers
5:15 pm	Depart for Dinner at Windermere Manor	3:15 pm	Plenary Session - Strategic Planning & Membership Awards Installation of Provincial Officers	5:00 pm	Reception – Cash Bar
		5:15 pm	Depart for IODE Ontario Fun Night – Dinner - Fanshawe College	6:00 pm	Casual Dinner – McGinnis Landing



118th IODE CANADA & 98th ONTARIO ANNUAL MEETINGS



31 May - 02 June 2018

Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Road, London, ON

..... **REGISTRATION FORM**

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 Chapter _____ IODE Member since _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____
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* You will be charged for alternate meals if dietary restrictions are NOT specified here.

First Time Attendee

**EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION
DRAW PRIZE**

Register on or before
07 April and be
eligible to win
one of two Early Bird
Draw Prizes!

31 MAY, THURSDAY ONLY

Registration Package, Provincial Executive Committee (PEC), National Advisory Committee (NAC), National War Memorial Committee Meeting, Buffet Luncheon & All-day nourishment hub.
(Accepting donations for *Share a Story ... Bring a Book*)

AFTER 07 APRIL
 \$90 \$100

01 JUNE, FRIDAY ONLY • IODE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING

Registration Package, Giveaways, Provincial Presidents' Meeting, 2017 IODE Ontario Annual Report, Opening Ceremonies, Business Meeting, Ontario 100th Anniversary Project, Strategic Planning Update, Buffet Luncheon, All-day nourishment hub, Guest Speaker, IODE Jean Throop Book Award, OPP Community Relations Award, Membership Awards, Installation of Provincial Officers, Marketplace.
(Accepting donations for *Clothes for Northern Communities & Share a Story ... Bring a Book*)

\$100 \$110

02 JUNE, SATURDAY ONLY • IODE NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Registration Package, Giveaways, 2017 IODE Canada Annual Report, Business Meeting, Buffet Luncheon, All-day nourishment hub, Guest Speaker, IODE Violet Downey Book Award, IODE RCMP Community Service Award, IODE War Memorial Scholarships, Membership Awards & Plenary, Installation of National Officers, Marketplace. (Accepting donations for *Clothes for Northern Communities & Share a Story ... Bring a Book*)

\$100 \$110

OPTIONS:

Thursday Buffet Dinner • Windermere Manor (Cash Bar) + Bus No: _____ x \$50 pp. **Total \$** _____

Friday Interactive Dinner • Fanshawe College (Cash Bar) + Bus No: _____ x \$55 pp. **Total \$** _____

For guests & registered attendees NOT booked at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre

Buffet Breakfast (Ashers) THURS. No. _____ x \$21 pp. FRI. No: _____ x \$21 pp. SAT. No: _____ x \$21 pp. **Total \$** _____

For guests NOT registered for the Meetings

Buffet Luncheon (Ashers) THURS. No. _____ x \$32 pp. FRI. No: _____ x \$32 pp. SAT. No: _____ x \$32 pp. **Total \$** _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED BY CHEQUE \$ _____

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Community Service

Tribute to Dr. John Crocker IWK Health Centre



It all began in 1975, when IODE Canada began a project of selling roses as a fundraiser for the 75th Anniversary of IODE. To commemorate this anniversary, each provincial chapter was asked to fund a project which demonstrated concern for children. IODE Nova Scotia chose to fund the Paediatric Kidney Research project of Dr. John Crocker, a nephrologist associated with the Izaak Walton Killam (IWK) Health Centre in Halifax. After the initial donation, money was raised through a cent-a-meal donation where, throughout July and August, every member donated a cent for every meal they had. When the penny was phased out it was changed to a nickel-a-meal donation. Dr. Crocker was invited each year to attend the IODE Nova Scotia annual meeting to share his successes and, on occasion, failures. He rarely missed a meeting, following IODE around the province wherever they gathered. In 1981, IODE New Brunswick and IODE Prince Edward Island joined IODE Nova Scotia in presenting Dr. Crocker with a cheque for \$23,000.

Sadly, Dr. Crocker died in October 2016, and any IODE member who met him has fond remembrances of a wonderful and dedicated man of faith, with a twinkle in his eye and a self-deprecating sense of humour. He loved to tell how he missed a donation from Ray Kroc – think golden arches – because he thought he was having a joke played on him. Fortunately, Dr. Crocker did recognize Paul Newman when he called and gratefully received monies from him.

Dr. Crocker was known throughout the world for his dedication to his field and his patients. IODE Nova Scotia and IODE New Brunswick funding will continue, and they know that Dr. Crocker's work is in good hands with his partner, Dr. Philip Acott.

Autumn Art and Treasures Show

Over the past fifty years, IODE Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H., Sydney, NS, has hosted an Art and Treasures Show each fall. A local artist is chosen to be featured while artists from all across Cape Breton have an opportunity to have their works displayed. A percentage of each sale is donated to IODE and admission fees help cover overhead costs. Because the show takes place annually, artists can depend on having their works exhibited. The local fire hall is the spacious location for the event and the public looks forward to the opportunity to see and buy from local artists. A chapter member prepares a brochure featuring

IODE Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H. members (l-r) Florence Ripley, Colleen Noseworthy, Evelyn Peters, Mora Smith, Feature Artist Cassie MacLeod, Pamela Baker Clarke, Kathy Ojolic, Alice MacLanders and Lorraine Walker.



ing the artists and their works. This year, Hands Earning Respect for Self (HERS) was invited to sell their handmade items and E-Bead Jewelry was also invited to participate. The three-day show opens with a wine and cheese party and information about how IODE uses the money to serve in the community.

Each year, numerous community projects are supported by the funds raised by the art show. The Cape Breton Regional Hospital Oncology, Palliative Care, Neonatal and Pediatrics units received equipment. The Patient Comfort Fund and Branch 16 Legion Comfort Fund has also been assisted. Schools of the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board receive bursaries and breakfast programs are supported. Other local charitable organizations and non-profits have received aid: Every Women's Centre, Whitney Pier Youth Centre, Breton Ability Centre and numerous others. Many individuals and businesses support the work of IODE Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H. Appreciation is shown by acknowledging each in the art show brochure.

HIKE FOR HOSPICE RAISES \$4,600

IODE 40th Northumberland Regiment, Norwood, ON, broke all previous records and raised \$4,600 in their annual walk-a-thon. Last year, funds benefitted the proposed new Hospice Norwood. Twenty-five members and



supporters walked a four kilometre route through town streets, ending with refreshments at the community centre. The chapter finds this to be an easy fundraiser. Some participants walked their dogs. Some walked a shorter distance. Non-walking members still collect pledges or help with organization. A recipient is chosen in advance each year and is published with the pledge forms distributed. The support of the local firefighters who followed the walkers for safety and assistance purposes was a welcome addition. The walk-a-thon started in 2010 with the IODE Walks For Canada initiative. The chapter decided to continue the walk on an annual basis.



Annual Bridge Tournament for S.E.N.A.C.A.

For more than 12 years, IODE Angela Bruce, Oakville, ON, has held a bridge tournament fundraiser with monies raised donated to Seniors Enjoying Nurturing Activities Companionship and Achievements (S.E.N.A.C.A.). Art supplies, treats for the clients and supplies for their various day programs have benefited from the financial support from IODE Angela Bruce. The tournament this year raised \$2,000 and was used to purchase chairs, art supplies and carpeting. S.E.N.A.C.A. is a senior's program that provides a nurturing and safe environment for adults who need companionship, recreation and a sense of achievement while supporting their caregivers.

House and Garden Tour supports Diane Morrison Hospice



On 27 May 2017, IODE Laurentian, Ottawa, ON, held their 56th annual IODE House and Garden tour. The tour concentrated on the post-war suburb of Alta Vista, with four houses showcased and on Rockcliffe, which featured two fabulous gardens. The event was a huge success raising \$10,000 for The Diane Morrison Hospice at the Ottawa Mission. The 21 bed hospice at the Mission cares for both homeless men and women who are in need of palliative and end of life care.

Meet Simba and Louie



IODE Boundary Bay, Delta, BC, has donated towards the care of "Simba" and "Louie". In looking for a new project, a chapter member recommended the BC & Alberta Guide Dogs and Autism Support Dogs, founded in 1996 in Delta. The organization began professionally training guide dogs for blind/visually-impaired British Columbians, becoming fully accredited members of the International Guide Dog Federation in 2001. In 2014, the two charities amalgamated to form one organization, collectively known as BC & Alberta Guide Dogs. Alberta Guide Dogs and Autism Support Dogs are divisions of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs. BC & Alberta Guide Dogs breeds, raises and trains guide dogs for individuals who are blind/visually-impaired and autism support dogs for children with moderate to profound autism ages three to ten years and their families. It takes two years and upwards of \$35,000 to produce one certified dog, provided free of charge to the recipient. The chapter is so pleased with the work that this organization does that they hope to continue their support for many years to come.



Cadets Benefit from IODE Support

IODE 48th Highlanders, Toronto, ON, is affiliated with the 48th Highlanders of Canada Regiment. It is one of two such regimental chapters of IODE. Over the years, their support to soldiers of the 48th Highlanders serving in two world wars, in Afghanistan and on many overseas operations has included care packages and messages of support. The chapter has encouraged a partnership with Canadian Tire who provides funding for the purchase of riflescopes for the cadets to use at the Shooting and Biathlon Program. The tradition continues. The chapter provides hand-sewn ditty bags with specialized contents to suit the needs of cadets going to training camp. The chapter president and many members are on hand at the conclusion of training to present a trophy to the top cadet. Both efforts improve the training experience of the 48th Highlander Army Cadet Corps.

IODE NOVA SCOTIA PRESENTS THE Annie G. Murray Scholarship

Annie G. Murray, a lifelong educator and native of Springhill, NS, had a motto “not failure, but low aim, is a crime”. She was a volunteer in many community-based organizations and was a charter member of **IODE Springhill** and **IODE Nova Scotia**. After her death in 1986 at 99 years of age, an IODE scholarship was set up in her name at the Nova Scotia Teachers’ College in Truro, NS. Following the closing of that institute it was moved to Acadia University, which was Annie’s alma mater, and each year it is presented to a second year education student who is chosen by the faculty. In the photo is the 2016-2017 recipient, Fallis Thompson (center), a native of Dartmouth who hopes to teach Grade 9 science and math. Shown with her on the left is Shelley Reycraft, Assistant Provincial Education Officer and on the right **IODE Rosemary**, Middleton, NS, member Marilyn Rawding. Miss Murray was a remarkable woman who made a deep impression on her community.



IODE supports South Delta Secondary School

IODE Boundary Bay, Delta, BC, continues to support programs at South Delta Secondary School. On 07 June, \$900 was presented to principal Terry Ainge providing funds for a fine arts program and to purchase food for a lunch program. This lunch program is funded annually by IODE Boundary Bay and is important to the continued progress of students enrolled in this very successful program. In past years, the chapter has provided funds for the automotive program, the textiles program, the library and some student sponsored activities.



(l-r) IODE Boundary Bay President Frances Dickson, South Delta Secondary School students, Principal Terry Ainge.

Book Nook at the Calgary Drop-In Centre

Inside the Calgary Drop-In Centre (“DI”), a homeless shelter that sleeps up to 2,000 people some nights, can be found the Book Nook lending library. Although conceived of by a DI volunteer in 2005, the library soon became the responsibility and pride of **IODE Colonel James MacLeod**, Calgary, AB, under the leadership of Education Officer Beth Paul. Through years of collaboration between DI clients and IODE Colonel James MacLeod members and friends who choose to volunteer, the Book Nook has created a place where the marginalized, disenfranchised and homeless population of Calgary can receive much more than reading material. Here, they are welcomed with a smile by members who listen to and converse with clients in a discourse

that may begin with a discussion about books but end with that of a life story. Behind the scenes, member volunteers have taken it upon themselves to maintain and enhance the physical environment of the library, collecting and stocking books, magazines, puzzles and comics, constantly sorting and shelving the collection, scheduling volunteers and generally organizing most of the library operations. Providing this front-line educational opportunity has proven to be of mutual benefit to both the homeless who walk through the Book Nook doors and the members of IODE Colonel James MacLeod, who share both their love of reading and their gift of time.



IODE Colonel James MacLeod member Donna Parks assisting a DI client.

IODE New Brunswick – *Born to Read*

IODE Heritage, St Stephen, NB, started a book giving program in 1991 to promote reading to children from birth. The first 100 hand-made 'little red bags' were distributed in a partnership with the local health system, in a period when reading to babies was deemed a waste of time. It was, in fact, the start of something quite spectacular in New Brunswick. *Born to Read* was based on a similar program in Quebec and captivated the interest of IODE members across the province and the country. At the 1993 IODE National Annual Meeting in Moncton, the *Born to Read* display with its teddy bear logo created a groundswell of support for the idea of reading to infants. Other provinces wanted information on how to start similar projects. In 1994, under **IODE New Brunswick** President Gladys Moore, members voted to make *Born to Read* a provincial project. Various chapters starting sewing little bags, sourcing books to fill them and setting up displays to promote this IODE sponsored project. By 1997, when a display by IODE member Mary Stickles' in Fredericton caught the attention of Lieutenant Governor Marilyn Trenholme Counsell, who was herself an IODE member, the program was ready to take on additional life. One could say that the Lieutenant Governor fell in love with the concept that met her agenda to promote early childhood literacy. She rallied the government of the



Another book in the *Born to Read* New Brunswick program launched at Fredericton's Government House.

day to make this available to every child in the province in 1997. New Brunswick being a bilingual province, a French equivalent called *Le goût de lire* came into being. Both *Born to Read* and *Le goût de lire* are now incorporated entities and enjoy annual government support. Because IODE NB provided the volunteer base and resources to bring the program to this point, it is named the project founder of BTRNB Inc. Members have continued to give financially to BTRNB Inc. and to volunteer by filling bags and delivering them to distribution sites across the province. Going from 600 handmade to 6,000 mass-produced bags per year required the involvement of many partners as well as considerable government money. IODE is honoured to be remembered as the organization that started, promoted and made possible the spark that has become this im-

portant program today. The passion and perseverance of members such as Shirley Downey, the consistent government financial support and the continued donations of generous members and IODE chapters have made *Born To Read* a huge success and the model for other provinces such as the *Read to Me* provincial program in Nova Scotia and several smaller versions initiated by IODE members across Canada.

In 2017, BTRNB Inc. commemorated 20 years as a provincial program. IODE celebrated with all the amazing partners that have made and continue to make this program such a success story. Since its inception, *Born to Read* has seen over 108,000 'little red bags' delivered into the hands of New Brunswick newborn children and families, working to improve their quality of life.



A group of Fredericton area women with their freshly made *Born to Read* bags.



IODE Celebrates Queen's Sapphire Anniversary

IODE has sent sincere good wishes to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh in recognition of their 70th Wedding Anniversary. To recognize this special occasion, IODE made an initial donation of \$700 to the IODE National Education Fund. Her Majesty has been informed. Members and chapters are invited to contribute to the National Education Fund in honour of this milestone anniversary.



When thinking about IODE contributions to “the war effort” during WW I, minds often turn to the “big-ticket items” such as the Naval Hospital at Haslar, the purchasing of trucks and ambulances, or the outfitting of field hospitals with cots and equipment. While those big items were obviously significant, it is equally important to recognize the thousands of “little things” given by IODE members that made an equally huge impact on those individuals who received them.

The IODE Archives was recently contacted by a gentleman wishing to return a very important piece of IODE history – a WW II IODE ditty bag. This small, olive drab drawstring bag was given to his grandfather Sergeant 1st Class Ray Purcell while he served in France with the United States Army at an American base hospital under British command.



IODE chapters across Canada stitched ditty bags by the thousands during WW I and WW II, filling them with necessities such as soap, razors and warm woolen articles and comforts like chocolate bars, magazines, pocket books, playing cards, cigarettes and personal notes of encouragement from the chapter members. These ditty bags filled with love and comfort from home were received with extreme enthusiasm by the service men and women (and often prisoners of war) who were fortunate enough to get them.

While it is estimated that IODE and its members raised approximately \$5 million for “patriotic purposes” during WW I, it is unclear how much of that worked out to ditty bags and field comforts. During WW II however, the total value of field comforts donated by IODE was estimated at over \$1 million with a

total overall contribution of \$5.5 million for WW II work. Given the totals for the two wars are fairly similar, one could surmise the value of field comforts donated during WW I and WW II were also very similar.

IODE receives letters and emails from people across the world telling about a cherished IODE donation given to a family member. The donation is never anything grand; a blanket, a patchwork leather jerkin or small ditty bags like the one given to Sergeant Purcell. But however small one might think these donations were, the recipients viewed them as a life line. It was a sign that people back

home had not forgotten them and that people were concerned for their wellbeing. It told them that people other than their family members cared about them and were hoping and praying for them to come home safely. That people have held on to these items throughout their lifetime, ultimately pass-

ing them and the story of how they got them on to their family members is evidence of just how important these small items were to them.

Some people like Ray’s grandson, want to return small artifacts like the ditty bag to IODE. But most people email the IODE Archives simply to share the story of their family member and their IODE blanket, jerkin or ditty bag. It is an acknowledgment of the importance their family member placed on the gift and a reassurance to IODE that it, along with its story, will be protected and passed down through the family. The email is a thank you to IODE members long since gone for their thoughtfulness, their generosity and their hard work during those dark uncertain times.



THE JERKIN

“Please find attached some images of a jerkin my father received from IODE whilst he was in the Merchant Navy. I am now the owner of this item which is still in excellent condition. My father passed away in 2008 at the age of 94, but it was not until my mother passed away recently that I rediscovered the jerkin. My father joined the Merchant Navy in December 1944 and was assigned to a Liberty ship named SS Fort Albany, which sailed under Admiralty orders until the war’s end.

After the war, the ship was bought by a Greek-Canadian by the name of Mr. Papachristidis and he renamed the ship SS La Flèche, the home port being Montreal. My father served on this ship until 1951 when he had to leave the service for family reasons. He attained the rank of Second Engineer. I do not know how my father came to receive the jerkin, whether it was presented to him personally or as a gift to the ship. I know that it was greatly appreciated by him. He had intended to write to you and thank you himself but passed away before he could. On behalf of my father, thank you for your generous gift.

PS: The company relocated to Greece and is known as The Hellespont Shipping Company, the Chairman is Basil Papachristidis, the son of the original owner. In 2007, I contacted the company and as a result he came over to England and met my mum and dad.”

Kind regards,
Bob Fry

IODE Welcomes New Chapter in Saint John

IODE Canada 150, IODE's newest chapter, received its charter on 14 October 2017, in Saint John, NB. The Bestowal of Charter took place at Loch Lomond Villa a senior's complex where the chapter will focus its service activities. The presiding officer was Donna Cole, IODE New Brunswick President. The chapter calls itself a "cyber chapter" meaning that instead of doing business at monthly meetings, business will be conducted by email. Most of the chapter members have previously belonged to other IODE chapters and have found monthly meetings hard to fit into their busy schedules. The chapter will meet in person too but meetings will be arranged to fit tight schedules and will be used to carry out chapter projects.

Members of IODE Canada 150 were delighted that in addition to IODE New



Front row: (l-r) Mary Tibbits, Shelly Burke, Sharon Grozik, Jane Cushing, Bonnie Rees. Back row: (l-r) Kristen Wheaton-Clayton, Carol Anne Foster, Muriel Lindsay, Marilyn Williams, Donna Cole.

Brunswick members, five directors and guests from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia joined them for the bestowal. They were honoured to receive standards, table

standards and gavel from Saint John area chapters that have disbanded. The standards were present for Remembrance Day services this year. Gifts from IODE National included IODE briefcases and note books and all the IODE documents a chapter needs. Mary Tibbits, a member of the chapter, presented each member with a handmade bag embroidered with the chapter name and the Canada 150 logo.



In December IODE Canada 150 began its service work creating and presenting a Christmas program of poetry, essays and music by candlelight at the Villa. Some professional musicians partnered with the chapter in this first service work.



(l-r) IODE Calgary President Shirley Lamont, IODE Calgary Membership Officer Angela Dean.



(l-r) IODE Alberta Child Abuse Prevention Program Officer Irene Eyre, Past President Mary Lou Wilson, President Valerie Braiden.

Calgary Woman's Show

IODE Calgary and IODE Alberta co-hosted a booth at the Calgary Woman's Show on 21 - 22 September 2017. Members from across Alberta volunteered their time to man the booth and prepare materials for display. Those attending the show were genuinely interested in IODE and the work that the organization does. Attention was given on many fronts. Visitors wanted to partner with IODE to provide service to the community. Others wanted to volunteer to work on a project sponsored by IODE and several were keen to join and be part of the impact of the work of IODE.

Brochures, *Echoes*, annual reports, business cards, bookmarks and other promotional material were available to all. A draw was held which resulted in over 400 names and email addresses gathered. Visitors perused the historical table and asked many questions and the children's table filled with crayons and colouring books made even the youngest visitors pleased to stay. The event was a huge success motivating existing members and encouraging new members to join the efforts of IODE. The promotional materials offered by IODE Canada including the posters and banner provided a professional, consistent message to the public. For information on what materials are available through IODE Canada visit the website.



Ice Breakers



IODE has developed a wide array of marketing materials to benefit all chapters. Many of these materials are provided at no cost to members. When necessary to defray costs, other items are offered for a nominal fee.

Marketing tools like the *Be the Change* print campaign brochures, banners and posters can also be customized on request. Many IODE chapters use the attractive IODE business cards and vertical banners at their local events.

NEW! Extra copies of *Echoes* are now available on request. Visit Member Resources at IODE.ca for more information.



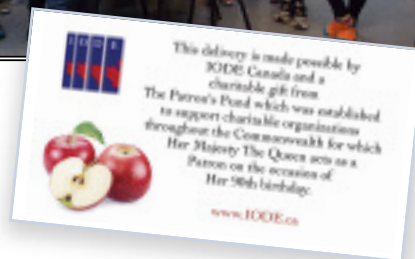
Patron's Fund Apples

The Patron's Fund provided apples for all the *IODE Snack Pack* schools stretching from Nain to St. Lewis in Labrador. Fewer than half the schools can be reached by road. The others are accessed by ferry or plane. St. Lewis is one of the schools on the road and was among the earliest to receive the apples. Joan Jenkins at St. Lewis Academy tells us the apples "were thoroughly enjoyed by all!!!!.... Please extend our gratitude to everyone involved in such a great venture." St. Lewis is a community of 180 people. As the only public facility in St. Lewis "the school is the 'hub' of the community hosting all events."

The students are pictured in the kitchen given to the school by the *Kids Eat Smart* program. Joan

told us that they received the kitchen because they had IODE as a "community partner".

Since apple trees are very rare in Labrador a teachers' guide with pictures of apple trees at various stages of growth and showing grafts was developed and sent to the schools receiving the apples. IODE members in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick spent three seasons taking pictures of apple orchards and trees and their blossoms and fruit. These pictures were used in the teachers' guide.



IODE Chapter Milestones & Member Anniversaries

IODE chapter milestones and member anniversaries are important events in IODE that deserve recognition. New for this year, IODE will publish a special keepsake programme that will be presented at the National Annual Meeting in London, ON, this May. It will be presented as a special page in Member Resources on IODE.ca and will include the milestones and anniversaries we have observed in the past year.

The IODE Milestones & Anniversaries Programme for 2017 will be announced to all subscribers of *IODE Canada Express News* via email. Be sure your chapter milestones and member anniversaries are properly recorded. Please contact IODE Head Office to submit your information on or before 30 April 2018.

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