

Two of the Great Canadian Youth Supported by IODE

Brett Clifton became interested in World War I and Canada's role at Vimy Ridge after he participated in a high school trip and attended the re-dedication of the monument at Vimy, France in 2007. Inspired by what he saw and imagined, Brett returned home to Lethbridge, AB, and began to research the personal history of soldiers killed in action who never returned home. Lethbridge had one of the highest enlistment rates and endured the highest per capita loss of men of any community in Canada during World War I. As in so many towns across Canada, a significant number of that generation aged 17 to 30 were lost.

Local service clubs invited him to speak and share his knowledge.

Brett's research was of interest to many who wanted to know more about the circumstances of a relative before and during the Great War. Individuals and organizations such as IODE Alberta and local chapters donated the money necessary to fund Brett's research. As well, at the provincial annual meeting, National First Vice-President Catherine Moore presented Brett with a National Citizenship Award and \$1,000 to help create this tangible reminder of Canada's past.

They Never Came Home - The Lethbridge Cenotaph Project, to research the lives of 262 soldiers, continued.

Brett followed the military tradition of universal treatment. Every soldier has a page, and every page has three paragraphs, which tells their personal story, military story and how they died. Each biography takes 10 hours to complete. The anticipated completion date is November 2009 when his collection will be donated to the Galt Museum and Archives. The University of Lethbridge has agreed to digitize all the material. Brett, as a first year student there and library assistant, is willing to help. Eventually this information will be available via the university web site.

Brett is majoring in Canadian Studies and said, "I am proud to be Canadian and plan to visit every province and territory to learn more about the diverse cultures and landscapes of Canada."

Teegan Kollmann, Brampton, ON, a graduate of Canada's National Ballet School, flourished under the intensive training provided there.

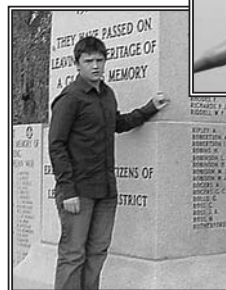
"Expressing myself through dance and sharing the stage

with an inspirational company is my goal," Teegan told IODE members. Teegan received IODE support over five years and members were privileged to watch her progress and mature. Teegan lived and trained at the downtown Toronto facility from a young age and IODE is proud to have been part of her support system both

emotionally and financially.

Through scholarships provided by the sale of IODE calendars, primary chapter members have helped young artists like Teegan at Canada's National Ballet School for more than 40 years.

Currently, Teegan dances in a post-graduate program of the Royal Conservatoire in The Hague, Holland. She was accepted at both the Amsterdam Ballet Academy and at the "Hogeschool voor de Kunsten" (The Hague), which she now attends. The two-year program provides an opportunity to learn a variety of ballets and contemporary works. It permits her to audition for various European companies or return to audition for Canada's National Ballet. Teegan is grateful for her IODE support. She wrote, "It has meant a lot to me to know you are still thinking of me and wishing me well." Like many students primary chapters have supported, Teegan was amazed that IODE women from across Canada would show such interest in her progress.



NOTICE OF THE NATIONAL CHAPTER OF CANADA IODE Annual Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of The National Chapter of Canada IODE will be held at the Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites, Victoria, British Columbia, on Friday, the 29th day of May 2009 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon (Daylight Saving Time) for the fol-


lowing purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2008 together with the auditors' report;
2. To appoint auditors for the ensuing year;

3. To receive and consider recommendations from the War Memorial Committee and the National Executive Committee;
4. To confirm the results of voting on proposed amendments to the IODE Constitution and By-laws.

Dated at Toronto, Ontario, this 15th day of January 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


Karen Barker, Secretary

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NEW BRUNSWICK FLOOD RELIEF

When the St. John River flooded in April, 2008, families were affected from northern New Brunswick to Saint John. The devastation was widespread; in many cases homes and their contents were completely ruined.

Funds were made available to the victims from an auction held at the National Annual Meeting in St. Andrews by-the-Sea and \$2,500 from the Canadian Disaster Fund for victims. **IODE New Brunswick** is distributing \$4,355, with the assistance of the Red Cross, to families in need. Provincial Chapter President Rita Beattie said, "The Red Cross knows where the need is greatest and will distribute the money through gift cards. In some cases, building materials are needed, in others, bedding and household items are being purchased."

Message from the National President

During the year it has been my privilege to represent you on many happy occasions. The year 2008 proved once again that IODE is an organization of possibilities and positive action. As I travelled from sea to sea, I have seen the diversity in our work and unity in our purpose. I have gained an appreciation for the differing points of view that have confirmed my belief in the many *Possibilities* before us.

The year began with the Bestowal of Charter Ceremony of IODE Shore of Nine Points Chapter, Conception Bay South, Newfoundland. I have travelled throughout the country to Provincial Annual Meetings in British Columbia and Ontario, to Coordinating Committee meetings in Manitoba and Quebec, to primary chapter anniversaries. I was thrilled to travel to Dawson City, Yukon, to meet members who strive to enhance the lives of others. The opportunity to meet so many members in their communities has impressed me with members' commitment and ability to fulfill IODE's mission. Members are good citizens involved in all aspects of their community



from day care centres to seniors' centres and everything in between.

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 109th National Annual Meeting 29-30 May 2009, at the Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites, Victoria, BC. Conveniently located downtown, the hotel is close to all major points of interest. This

year's annual meeting themed *Possibilities* offers educational and networking opportunities. Members convene to conduct IODE business, attend workshops, witness award ceremonies and meet the National Officers. If you have never attended an annual meeting, you are encouraged to join us as nothing compares to having fun meeting your fellow members from across Canada and sharing your chapter accomplishments.

Read the details on page 4 and use the registration form on page 5.

I look forward to seeing you in Victoria when the Officers will provide you with *Possibilities* for chapter and member fulfillment.

Chris Bateman



Quebec chapter members and officers from IODE Canada met in Monkland Grill late in October for discussions at a working luncheon. Those who braved the rainy day included (l to r): Eileen Motton, Elizabeth Chaffey, Janet King, Helen Reid, Betty Racey, Shirley Knautz, National President Chris Bateman, First Vice-President Catherine Moore and Jean Stafford.



IODE BC Fun Night
Strut Your Feathers Be
Proud as a Peacock.

**IODE Dawson City
Chapter**, Dawson City, YT.



National President Chris Bateman with Manitoba members from **IODE De Winton Chapter**, Carberry; **IODE Canadian Fliers Chapter**, Winnipeg; **IODE Jon Sigurdsson Chapter**, Winnipeg and **IODE Diamond Jubilee (1960) Chapter**.





Spotlight on...

Yukon

Martha Black, wife of Yukon Commissioner George Black, organized the first Yukon chapter in Dawson in 1913. A year later, **Dr. George M. Dawson Chapter**, named after the leader of the government geological expedition sent out to explore the region, was thriving when Yukon Chapter was formed in Whitehorse. Three more chapters were soon formed in the Dawson area: Inspector F. J. Fitzgerald (a young women's group), Klondike (a junior chapter) and Martha Munger Black.

Inspector F. J. Fitzgerald Chapter was named for Inspector Fitzgerald and his "lost patrol" that froze to death in the winter of 1910-11 during the annual police trek from Fort McPherson to Dawson. In cooperation with the Royal North West Mounted Police, the chapter erected a monument with a bronze tablet in Barracks Square as a memorial to the Inspector and his lost patrol. It still stands, but in a different location.

Yukon chapters enthusiastically focused on WWI war efforts. They raised \$6,500 in two days for the Canadian Women's Hospital Ship Fund thanks to generous donations energetically sought by IODE members in town and on Bonanza and Hunker creeks.

Martha Black, the organizer and first regent of Dr. George M. Dawson Chapter, Life Member and a National Councillor left Dawson in October 1916. She went overseas in 1917 with her husband, now Captain George Black and his recruits, the 275 strong Yukon Infantry Company. In Britain she established and administered the Yukon Comfort Fund, well supported by Yukon IODE, and also provided a home for the Yukon "boys" on leave.

Back in Dawson, Sadie Stringer, wife of Bishop Isaac Stringer also known as "the bishop who ate his boots", took over as regent and L. Beatrice Berton, author of *I Married the Klondike* and mother of Canadian historian and author Pierre

Berton, was secretary.

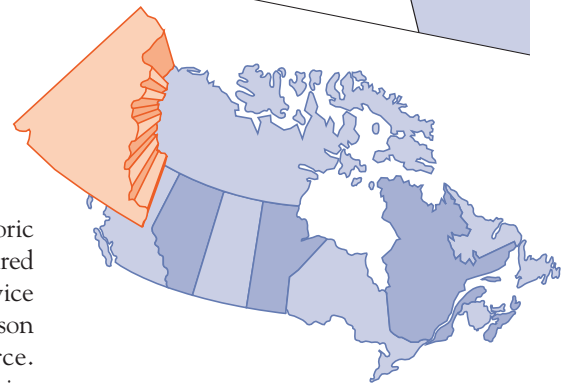
IODE took on a project of local historic note in 1917. Members preserved and cared for the cabin in which poet Robert Service had lived while a bank clerk in the Dawson Branch, Canadian Bank of Commerce. Members continued to care for the cabin, declared of national and historic significance in 1967, until Klondike National and Historic Sites took it over in 1970.

Declining membership after WWI led to the amalgamation of Dawson area chapters into Dawson City Chapter on June 10, 1919. Soon the new chapter was busy canvassing for the Red Cross and CNIB, supporting local schools with an emphasis on patriotic and historic programs, promoting knowledge of the British Empire through Martha Black's pamphlet *Birth of an Empire*, and providing appropriate relief as required to the needy, especially after the 1925 flood. Members distributed Christmas Cheer Boxes in Dawson City and area, an activity dating back to the inception of IODE in Dawson.

In 1941, Yukon Chapter adopted a new name (**Whitehorse**) specifying its locale. During WWII the three Yukon chapters, Whitehorse, **Mayo** (chartered in 1923) and **Dawson City** contributed money towards the National Chapter Bolingbroke Bomber Fund and were proud when Martha Black had the honour of presenting the plane to the RCAF on behalf of IODE.

Dawson City Chapter is the only remaining chapter in Yukon. It demonstrates its ongoing commitment to youth with an annual scholarship plus yearly donations to the local school's band, choir and library. Financial support is also given to school projects such as Young Women Exploring Careers and other community projects.

The Chapter continues its Christmas Cheer Program which is now called Xmas Parcels for Seniors. All seniors in the area are remembered with either a gift box or a donation made in his or her name to the



Xmas Hamper Fund administered by Dawson Shelter Society. "Books for New Babies" is the chapter's latest program and has been a successful addition to older projects for two years.

An annual highlight is the Chapter's Commissioner's Tea (a partnership with Klondike National and Historic Sites) held in early June on the verandah and lawn of the Commissioner's Residence. This old style afternoon tea honours the Commissioner of Yukon and is open to locals and tourists alike.

Fundraising over the years has consisted of canvassing for special causes, arranging and charging admission to concerts and other entertainments, putting on dances, rummage and bake sales. In the late 1940s, Dawson City Chapter took over the Ice Guessing Contest. Participants purchase a form and enter their guess as to the month, day, hour and minute, a.m. or p.m. when the ice will break up in the Yukon River at Dawson. That contest began in 1896.

Homage must be paid to Martha Louise Munger Black for her numerous contributions to IODE, to Yukon and to Canada. She was awarded The Order of the British Empire for volunteer work in Britain during WWI and was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society for her research on Yukon flora. Replacing her husband who was in failing health, she became the second woman elected to Canada's House of Commons. A Canadian Coast Guard vessel, built as an ice breaker for the Beaufort Sea, is named the Martha L. Black, a highly visible tribute to a remarkable Yukon woman.

National Annual Meeting

Visit Beautiful British Columbia—

*Enjoy meeting your IODE friends
in gracious Victoria and stay awhile!*

Rudyard Kipling raved that Victoria was a blend of all the best places he had ever seen and in 1842, James Douglas of the Hudson's Bay Company proclaimed it "as perfect as Eden".

Victoria is a pacific northwest gulf island paradise. This enchanting little city boasts the best of all worlds. Explore windswept beaches that surround the city on three sides, marvel at migrating pods when you take an exciting whale watching expedition, feed a hungry harbour seal at Fisherman's Wharf, take a romantic carriage ride up Government Street and experience the thrill of seeing an eagle soar downtown in Beacon Hill Park. Victoria has the mildest climate in Canada with gardens blooming year-round. The wild beauty of the Pacific coast and the adventure of the great outdoors are within the city limits. Ocean and mountain vistas will follow you wherever you go.

At the heart of this charmed haven is a bustling inner harbour filled with marine wildlife excursions, attractions and activities. Victoria offers world-class golf courses to conquer, century old architecture to explore, art galleries and antique shops to browse. Shop windows are full of British imports, Native art and the latest trends. Restaurants and cafés serve the freshest cuisine. The harbour is alive with the romance of an era when tall ships moored alongside the wharf and evenings glitter as lights twinkle and cast their magic from atop the landmark British Columbia Legislative Buildings. Discover spectacular gardens, an abundance of local breweries, theatre, music, festivals and all the ambiance you would expect from a culture steeped in British tradition.

When visiting Victoria and

Vancouver Island, you are more likely to run out of time than things to do. Whether exploring on foot, bicycle, horseback, scooter, motorcycle, bus, rail, plane, ferry or car, visitors to Victoria and the Islands experience scenic beauty and charm that are always in season.

Stay with your IODE Friends at the Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites

Our 4-star meeting hotel is conveniently located downtown just an easy stroll to Victoria's famous inner harbour, waterfront Transportation Terminals, Parliament Buildings, Royal British Columbia Museum, shopping, dining, attractions, whale watching expeditions and much more. Featuring a variety of accommodations, both rooms and suites, beginning at \$119 per night (convention rate if booked prior to 26 April 2009), the Harbour Towers is a fully non smoking facility.

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Airport Shuttle

Transportation is easy and affordable from the Victoria Airport to our hotel. Akal Airport Shuttle Service has a fleet of new deluxe air-conditioned buses and vans and provides daily 1/2 hour service from Victoria International Airport to downtown hotels. One way fares are less than \$20 per person; all major credit cards are accepted.

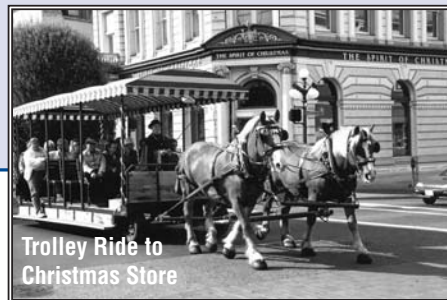
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ENJOY BC WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Thursday, May 28th – Join us for our tour, shopping and dinner followed by the show at Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre by the shore of the Cowichan River. Depart the hotel by bus (included) at 5 p.m. returning to the hotel by 10 p.m.

Sunday, May 31st – Join us at 9 a.m. to stroll to the dock for the 10 a.m. departure of the three hour IODE Whale Watching Charter Cruise. View Five Star's BLOG for photos and narrative at www.5starwhales.com.

OR Climb on the Victoria Carriage Trolley for your 90 minute tour of Beacon Hill Park, downtown and the older James Bay residential area.



THINGS TO DO WHILE EXTENDING YOUR VISIT

Victoria boasts the mildest climate in Canada and offers outdoor activities year round. Golfing and gardening are a way of life on Vancouver Island as are walking, hiking, cycling and birding. The ocean is integral to life on Vancouver Island and, to truly experience it, getting out on the water is recommended. Boating, sailing, fishing, canoeing, diving and whale watching adventures abound. Exploring on the Island is a must and numerous tours and educational vacations are available.

Self-Guided Heritage Walks Of Victoria: Secrets of the City – Take a walk and discover the wonderful and mysterious secrets that are part of Victoria's hidden history with one in a series of four self-guided walks created by the City of Victoria. Choose from: **Forbidden City** which goes back to when Canada's first Chinatown was born; **Fools Rush In** which visits the Gold Rush era sites; **Law and Disorder** featuring stories of criminals and Victoria's lawmen; **Happy Hauntings** takes you through this haunted city where you expect the unexpected ghosts and ancestral spirits. Visit www.victoria.ca/visitors/wlkngr.shtml before arriving in Victoria or pick up a copy of your choice at our registration desk.

Victoria Harbour Ferry Tours are equally renowned for their friendly skippers and fun, informative tours. Hop aboard one of the little ferries and see Victoria from the water. Look for the "FERRY STOP" signs at major waterfront locations around the harbour.

Discover Victoria's waterfront and enjoy a 45 minute harbour tour or the 50 minute Gorge tour. Tours depart every 12 to 15 minutes March through October every day. Welcome aboard Victoria's friendliest tour.

Visit throughout Victoria using your **Big Bus** ticket which is valid for 2 days hopping on and off at 24 stops throughout the city and for the 90 minute tour.

THE 109th IODE NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

26 – 31 MAY 2009

Possibilities



A	FULL REGISTRATION (includes 2008 Annual Report) FRIDAY 29 MAY – Annual Business Meeting, Presentation of Awards, Luncheon with Guest Speaker, Plenary Sessions, IODE British Columbia Dinner <i>“Anything Royal”</i> SATURDAY 30 MAY – Plenary Sessions, National Chapter Dinner	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$225
NOTE – REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO 15 APRIL ARE OFFERED A DISCOUNTED RATE OF \$200		<input type="checkbox"/>		\$200

B	ONE-DAY REGISTRATION (includes 2008 Annual Report) FRIDAY 29 MAY – Annual Business Meeting, Presentation of Awards, Luncheon with Guest Speaker, Plenary Sessions, IODE British Columbia Dinner <i>“Anything Royal”</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	\$150
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C	SATURDAY 30 MAY – Plenary Sessions, Workshops, National Chapter Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100
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D	THURSDAY 28 MAY – 5 p.m. Quw’utsun’ Cultural & Conference Centre Dinner, Entertainment and Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60
E	SATURDAY 30 MAY – 8 a.m. Primary Chapter Presidents Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25
F	SATURDAY 30 MAY – 8 a.m. Councillors Under National Jurisdiction Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20
G	SATURDAY 30 MAY – 8 a.m. New Members & First Time Attendees Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	included
H	SUNDAY 31 MAY – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Whale Watching IODE Charter (Limited availability)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$85
I	SUNDAY 31 MAY – 10:00 a.m. to noon Residential Victoria Carriage Trolley (Limited availability)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20
J	WEDNESDAY 27 MAY – National Officers Working Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25
K	WEDNESDAY 27 MAY – National Officers & Convenors Dinner at Spinnakers Gastro Brewpub & Bistro	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50
L	THURSDAY 28 MAY – National Executive Committee Working Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25
M	SATURDAY 30 MAY – National Executive Committee Working Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25
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IODE Registration Deadline 06 May 2009

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Your first National Annual Meeting Yes No

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Photocopy this form for your records. Your cancelled cheque is your receipt.

Refunds will not be issued after 15 May.

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The room block for the IODE convention will be held until 26 April 2009 after which reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Late reservations will be subject to regular hotel room rates.

Bright Ideas

• **IODE Sir Fredrick Banting Chapter**, New Glasgow, NS, experimented this past year with co-presidency. The formula is still being negotiated, but success is measured in the outcome. The chapter's nearly new shop, open 1:00-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, provides the income to undertake community service. Projects include Tearmann House, a women's shelter; an adopted class in Labrador; financial assistance for an emergency help line and the music festival. Once a month, the chapter is one of the community groups that takes a monthly turn to provide the noon meal at the Shepard's Lunchroom.



IODE Major John Richardson Chapter, Windsor, ON, held an insightful presentation given by Phone Busters member Gary Lumsden entitled "Charitable Giving: Get the Facts Before You Give."



IODE Dardanelles Chapter, Carstairs, AB, members worked a total of 285 woman hours on their "Big Red Hat" float honouring the 100th anniversary of the community's volunteer firefighters for the July Beef and Barley Days Parade. Standing proudly with the chapter's "Best Theme Float Award" winning entry are (l to r) Clare Hawkins, Frances Wald, Donna Olinyk, Pat Van Tetering and Christel Foster.



Students of Ms. Rose's grade three class, Peacock Primary School, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL, enjoy 25 new backpacks supplied by **IODE Dr. Innis Mary MacDonald Chapter**, Markham, ON. In honour of President Linda Dennis' special birthday, guests invited to the party brought school supplies and filled twenty-five backpacks.

Each One-Bring One: Host an Event

Members hold the key to the future of IODE. Renew and rebuild your chapter by involving community spirited women in your projects and fundraisers. Plan events that encourage all members to bring a friend. This winter or spring every chapter should plan to have an Each One-Bring One affair: a cooking lesson, a speaker's night or Valentine's Tea. The possibilities are endless! Submit a write-up and picture of your event to share your ideas with other members.

Think back and consider: Who asked you to join IODE? What do you enjoy most as a member? How does your community benefit? Women today still want to belong and contribute as their own time permits. Invite, involve and promote IODE.



NEW opportunities for Membership

The primary chapter is the centrepiece of IODE membership, but changing times allow new opportunities to join.

Women unable to attend regular meetings of a primary chapter or living in a community without an IODE chapter can belong to the **E-chapter** to meet online. There members share ideas and work towards a common project, perhaps support for Snack Pack or an adopted class.

The **Alumni Chapter** provides a way for past members to continue their IODE membership and to continue to receive information about the charity they have supported over their many years of service.

Contact iodeinfo@bellnet.ca for further details on these new chapters or if you know someone who might be interested in joining.

News From Across Canada



IODE Gloucester Chapter, Bathurst, NB, chapter member (l to r) Joan Wilson and President Jane Crozier-Ellis standing near the table where the Canada Day 2008 cake is being served. Local MLA Brian Kenny is shown serving cake.

IODE Diamond Jubilee Chapter celebrated Penticton, BC's 100th birthday with a Violet Tea. Over \$1,000 dollars was raised. Celebrants included (l to r) Madelaine Cumberland, Mary Ragen, Mabel Carter, Min Petley, Rhelda Pawulski, Jean Rawkins, Phyllis Davies and Bette Snowdon.



IODE Sarnia-Lambton Municipal promoted its 2008 Christmas Home Tour at the September "Art in the Park" held by the Gallery in the Grove, Brights Grove, ON. Pictured manning the booth is Gerry Taylor, Membership Officer, **IODE Hon. Malcolm Cameron Chapter**. This is the second year for this fundraiser; the debut last year attracted 1,300 people.



IODE White Cloud Chapter, Wiarton, ON, welcomed guests to their annual Strawberry Fair at the Women's Institute, Oliphant, in July. Funds generated at this fun-filled summer event support bursaries to local students, knitted goods for children and educational materials for First Nations people. Author Sharon Eibisberger (l) donated a copy of her book *Wedding Chill* and the lucky winner was IODE Ontario President Anne Mason. Chapter members (l to r) Jackie Yates, Barb Sinclair and Pat Caldwell looked on.

IODE Gloucester Chapter, Bathurst, NB, honoured seven very active members for their many years of service ranging from 25 to 60 years to IODE. In the photo (l to r) Membership Officer Dorothy Comeau; President Jane Crozier-Ellis; Frances Peterson; Isabel Eddy; Second row (l to r) Emma MacKay, Joan Williamson; Back row Sharon McKinnon. Missing from photo are Mary Rogers and Doris Good.



Co-chairperson, Linda Gryner snapped these three "Art in the Park" helpers who donned IODE aprons while taking lunch orders from the many crafters and vendors. Some members were certain these men were not going to wear the aprons, but surprise - they wore them all day! Six homes were featured at the November Christmas Home Tour. Membership brochures were available and distributed in an effort to promote membership in IODE.



Members of **IODE Susie Sorabji Chapter**, Uxbridge, ON, were thrilled to hear guest speaker Barbara Murphy tell about her experience when she attended the Royal Wedding of her great-niece Autumn Kelly to Peter Phillips (son of HRH The Princess Anne). Member Judy Findlay designed and created Barbara's hats and some of her outfits for this occasion.

Standard Bearers were present at **IODE Nova Scotia Founder's Day Service** held in May at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Halifax.



Good Works

• **IODE Isgonish Chapter**, Truro, NS, uses their members to knit newborn baby bonnets that are gratefully received by the Colchester Hospital nursery department and brightly coloured afghans that are given to the Palliative Care Unit. At Christmas time, members outfit a needy family with hand knit and carefully purchased clothing, toys and personal products. As well, they gave 15 frozen turkeys to the Isgonish Food Bank.

• Members of **IODE Mary Lawson Chapter**, Dartmouth, NS, are innovative when seeking resources to help the community. A grant of \$1,000 was then used to purchase a RealCare Baby II infant simulator for Prince Andrew High School. Special project coordinator, Charlene Greenfield, successfully navigated the project through the various community agencies.

Member/artist Barb Meade contributes her beautiful watercolour paintings to help raise funds at the chapter's coffee party and sale.

• **IODE Cobequid Chapter**, Springhill, NS, delivers lessons on life to youth. The chapter provided four infant simulators for the parenting program at Springhill Junior High School. Educator Dean Smith said, "IODE sponsorship makes possible this virtual parenting program which teaches the reality of parenting responsibilities". To support the expenses of the program, the chapter hosted a Turkey Burger and Dessert Sale in February. The chapter also purchased books for the West End Elementary School library, particularly books for boys to encourage reading as a life-long interest.



IODE Cooking Lake Chapter, Sherwood Park, AB, President Doris Pocock (back) is seen with Ministic School Senior Kindergarten students and teacher Mrs. Horricks who are sitting on the play and learning carpet contributed by the chapter.

IODE Bowfort Chapter, Calgary, donated 40 bags of Easter goodies to Discovery House which offers temporary housing for women and children leaving a shelter. Services Officer Shirley Lamont (l) and Vice-President Bev Lalli (r) visit with Discovery House staff.



Communications Officer Ann Turner of **IODE Cowichan Dogwoods Chapter**, Duncan, BC, presented a \$1,000 bursary cheque to Heidi Schulz at Cowichan Secondary School. She started in the Fine Furniture-Joinery Trade at Camosun College, Victoria, in September 2008.



IODE Baron Tweedsmuir Chapter, Olds, AB, donated their original 1935 charter to the Olds Museum. Barry Freeman accepts the charter from (front row, l to r) Beatrice Derch, Jean Rix and President Joyce Quaife who are surrounded by other chapter members.



President Angela Dean (l) of **IODE Fort Calgary Chapter**, Calgary, and Maria Van Der Sloot (c) recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship at the Calgary Kiwanis Festival are seen with Festival Director Mary Ross. The young violinist received the highest aggregate mark in four violin classical classes.

IODE Bowfort Chapter, Calgary, members enjoyed getting together to fill 50 boxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Items included school supplies, toiletries, plush animals, games, puzzles and toys which were sent to children in third world countries. The hardest part was getting the lid to stay down as no one wanted to remove any goodies.



"Adopt a Road Crew" **IODE Fort Kamloops Chapter**, Kamloops, BC, members (l to r) Jean Tait, Shirley Brown, Linda Foster and Louella Garner meet to clean up their stretch of Schubert Drive a couple of times each year.



Local hero goes national! PC Ojo Tewogbade, seen here next to IODE Toronto President Mary K. Anderson, announced his plan to use the money received with the IODE Toronto Community Relations Award to purchase computers for a community youth program. The award was presented during the chapter's 95th Annual Meeting. Members from across Canada may also recognize him from the Global Network Everyday Hero award he won announced Christmas Eve 2008. Viewers across Canada voted to determine who of the many nominated and whose stories were broadcast would be Canada's Everyday Hero.



Dwight Throop (l), author Elizabeth Quan (c) and IODE Toronto Education Officer Jennifer Werry are seen at the presentation of the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE Jean Throop Book Award for *Once Upon a Full Moon*. The book tells of the Quan family's journey back to China during the 1920s. A number of her siblings also featured in the story joined Ms Quan to celebrate at the annual meeting dinner.

- For IODE Kathleen Drope Chapter, Toronto, involvement with youth is a passion. For many years members have started their Christmas party by assembling good grooming bags for Youth Without Shelter. They also prepare Christmas gift bags with items such as movie passes, socks, underwear, chocolate bars and gift certificates. Each year around Valentine's Day members cook and serve dinner to the 50 shelter residents.

The shelter recently began a stay in school program, and the chapter used this opportunity to honour deceased member Diane Munshaw, a former teacher. The chapter designed an a memorial to hang in the shelter that records the names of high school graduates. Each grad is given a personalized medallion as a memento of the accomplishment. In addition, the chapter covers the cost of graduation for those who cannot pay so that each grad has a cap, gown and graduation photo.



IODE Earl of Chester Chapter, Edmonton, funded the purchase of hand puppets for pre-school story telling sessions and family language kits at Millwoods Public Library as a memorial to longtime member Anna Eyre. Family language kits are lent to immigrant families to assist them in the study of English. Youth Services Librarian Susan Mikytyshyn (l) is seen here with chapter member Mary Brice.

IODE Sir Wilfrid Laurier Chapter, Edmonton, AB, members (l to r) Eileen McCallum, Darleen Springsteen and Education Officer Diane Duce presented reading awards to grade one and two students at C. B. McMurdo School in Wetaskiwin in June, 2008.



IODE Gloucester Chapter, Bathurst, NB, recently donated several comfort bags to the Community Homeless Network Inc. which will be used for less fortunate youth in the community. The bags were presented to outreach worker Laura Aubie (l) by Services Officer Wendy Gionet-Landry. These donations are considered a vital tool in the healing process of local youth. There is an effort underway to open a local emergency shelter.



IODE W/C Blatchford Chapter, Edmonton, members (l to r) Bonnie

Stefanik, Dorothy Morris, Kathy Tougas and Louise Barr, deliver 80 much appreciated Christmas bags filled with flannel nightgowns and toiletries to Tonia Tellier of the Women's Emergency Shelter.



IODE Lady Lougheed Chapter, Calgary, Alberta's newest chapter, served supper to 35 women and children of Catholic Family Services Teen Parent Friend Program. The young mothers appreciated the meal and the chance to share their stories with (l to r) Nancy Kiff, Donna Johnson, Laureen Borgland and Services Officer Karen Johnson. This was only one of the projects that the total of 16 enthusiastic members participated in during their first year together.

Anniversaries

- **IODE Dr. Herbert A. Bruce Chapter**, North Bay, ON, celebrated barely 75 years in their community with the launch of their calendar to raise funds for the creation of an educational bursary for current and former residents of Nipissing Transition House. The chapter has already reached their \$20,000 goal.

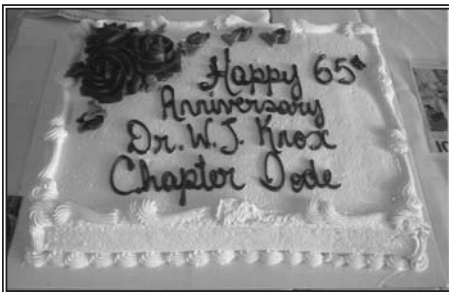
- **IODE Archibald MacMechan/Westmount Chapter**, Halifax, NS, celebrated 75 years of service to their community in 2008. In 2006, seven members of this chapter amalgamated with Westmount Chapter to form a larger group to continue helping their community. Members of IODE Archibald MacMechan/Westmount Chapter enjoy working together.



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IODE Lord Dufferin Chapter, Orangeville, ON, celebrated their 100th anniversary by unveiling a wooden carving of a nurse on the site of the town's first hospital which they had built. Pictured (l to r) are Orangeville Mayor Rob Adams, carver Jim Menken and Chapter President Derel Brodie.

In September, **IODE Dewdney Chapter**, Maple Ridge, BC, prepared Fresh Start Baskets for Cythera Transition House. Clockwise are: Elaine Stinson, Margaret Strocel, Trudy Dumont, Aleima Johnson and Beverley Montague (front).



IODE Dr. W.J. Knox Chapter, Kelowna, BC, celebrated 65 years of service and active operation of their Thrift Shop at a May Luncheon held at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club.

IODE de Gaspé Chapter, New Carlisle, QC, celebrated 80 years of community service at the 10 September 2008 buffet supper at Town Hall. Since members and guests enjoyed wearing 1930s vintage hats President Marilyn Flowers invited everyone to wear a hat again at their 100th anniversary. Chapter work focuses on education as well as support for seniors and the needy.



The Teardrop Section in the Brookside Field of Honour is dedicated to the internment of War Dead and Veterans. It was first started by the women of **IODE Manitoba** in 1914.



- Charter members of **IODE Frontenac Chapter**, Stettler, AB, had a dream in 1927 – they wanted a library. Members worked to supply all the books and even staffed the first town library. It was not until 1963 that a non-IODE member became the librarian! While the library has changed locations over its 80 year history, IODE members have been consistent in their original vision of promoting literacy in their community.

- **IODE Diamond Jubilee (1960) Chapter**, Brandon, MB, took out a newspaper advertisement inviting the public to attend the October 25th presentation of 500 Born to Read bags to the Brandon Regional Health Authority. The bags contained 2,000 books to be used in the Families First and Healthy Baby Programs. The Born to Read program has been provided in Brandon since 1996. The ad thanked the numerous community partners including Manitoba Community Services Council Inc. for the grant which assisted this time.

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IODE Tantramar Chapter, Amherst, NS, recently held an awards evening. Beginning at the left, Timmy Howatt received a Primary Life Membership. Ed and Carol MacKay were presented a community cultural award. Allie Daley was recognized for more than 60 years of IODE service. Constable Paul Calder was presented with a community policing award.



IODE Gorham Chapter, Liverpool, NS, members were overwhelmed when the chapter won first prize in the non-commercial class of the Privateers Day Parade.

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IODE Cobequid Chapter, Springhill, NS, Membership Officer Audrey Allbon (l) met Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis at the garden party held at Cumberland County Museum and Archives in Amherst. IODE Cobequid, Lord Amherst and Tantramar Chapters provided refreshments for the hundreds of guests.

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IODE Lady Slipper Chapter, Charlottetown, PE, members Sandra McCormick (l) and Dianne Hatfield display Food for Thought nutritious snacks for school children. The chapter is partnering with a local seniors’ club to provide daily snacks to children in four elementary schools.



Book Sales are a fundraiser for **IODE Maid Marian Chapter**, Dartmouth, NS. Shown (l to r) are members Ruth LeLacheur, Jean Inkpen, Reta Keizer and Shirley Fraser.



IODE Glen Stewart Chapter, Toronto, purchased a horse named Misty for the CARD (Community Association Riding for the Disabled) program and sponsored a rider in the annual 2008 CARD-A-THON.

