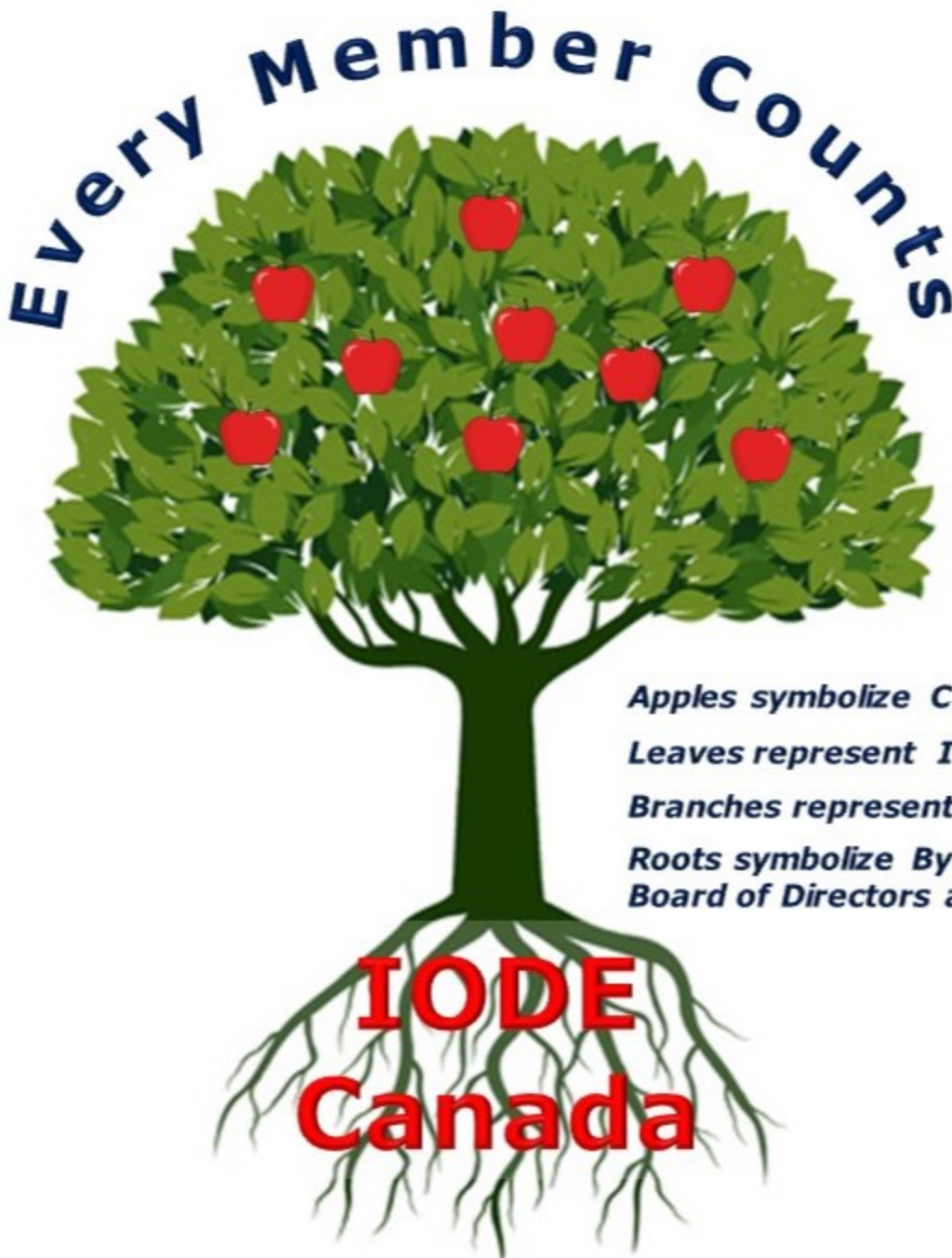




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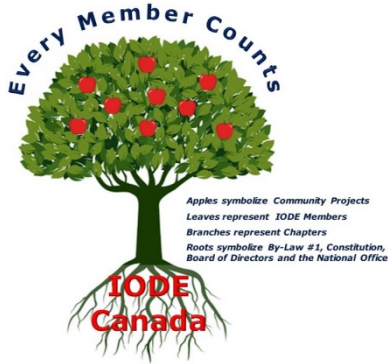
Apples symbolize Community Projects
Leaves represent IODE Members
Branches represent Chapters
*Roots symbolize By-Law #1, Constitution,
Board of Directors and the National Office*

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In a few short months, IODE will be celebrating 125 years of service to others. And what a year it promises to be!!!

National Councillors have been busy planning exciting activities to recognize this milestone year. The key goal, at the forefront of everything, is to ensure every member has **fun** and is able to participate in some way. Information will be shared as 2025 approaches.

Often members wonder how they fit into the IODE picture. How do members count when donating to communities across Canada? How do members make a difference for IODE Canada? What impact does chapter work have at the provincial level?



When thinking about the organization, visualize a great tree that has grown over 125 years and continues to grow. Trees can live thousands of years and greatly influence the living community around them. They lose leaves and sometimes branches but, sustained by their roots and trunks they live on and continue to contribute and produce fruit. A tree is an integrated living thing. Each part requires the other parts in order to live. So too with IODE. We are all dependent on each other. Without participation by every member, we fail to thrive.

What projects, old and new, fit on **Every Member Counts** tree for your chapter, province, or community? Fill the tree with members - existing and new. More chapters (tree branches) are always welcome and in fact encouraged!

Members have recently received information regarding a couple of IODE 125th Anniversary pieces. The 2025 planners, have been specially designed for the 125th year, and pre-orders are encouraged. Chapters have been asked to update their histories with a view to sharing these accomplishments for a look at what has been achieved across the country. Every single project your chapter has done is important to the organization and its rich history. Share your fantastic work loud and proud! Be counted! These achievements create ripples through communities across the country, even though you may not see or hear the effects.

IODE New Brunswick has started planning their 125th celebration by arranging to have their first meeting of 2025 at Fredericton City Hall. Members will gather in the same room where the first meeting was held by the women who established the first IODE chapter, 125 years ago.

The theme for the 125th anniversary is **Embracing the Future - Honouring Our Past**. Unite in the enthusiasm for the great things that members are doing now, have accomplished in the past, and are planning for the future. How will members acknowledge this achievement? How will you participate? How will primary chapters participate? How will provincial chapters participate? Be counted!

Stay tuned for more on the 125th Anniversary Celebration.

Founded in 1900, IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals through education support, community services and citizenship programs.

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