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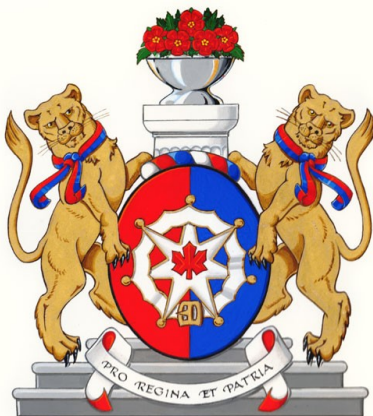
*Women dedicated
to a better Canada*

IODE Ottawa Members Included in Coat of Arms Presentation

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On Tuesday, November 24, 2015, IODE was invited to officially receive its Coat of Arms. As the offices of the Canadian Heraldic Authority are located in Ottawa, the invitation was extended to members from all Ottawa IODE Chapters. Members were treated to a behind the scenes tour of the offices, given by Deputy Chief Herald Bruce Patterson and were introduced to the regional Heralds, whose official titles are named after Canadian rivers. Chief Herald, Claire Boudreau joined the tour and allowed us to see her official tabard, which will be worn for the first time in Canada when she installs the next Governor General of Canada.



Pro Regina et Patria

For Queen and Country

**Teamwork divides
the tasks and
multiplies the
successes!**



L-R: Ann Dyer, Chris Bateman, Valerie Blais, Deputy Chief Herald Bruce Patterson, Chief Herald Claire Boudreau, Marnie Van Steen, Gwyneth Harkin, Charlotte Parry, Jose Hamilton, and Anne Mason.

Members learned how Coats of Arms are produced, from the original concept idea to the final product, and were shown beautiful examples. It is interesting to note this office has only existed in Canada since 1988. A fun and informative afternoon!

IODE Ottawa puts on Display at Canadian War Museum

On Sunday, November 29th, 2015, IODE Ottawa had a display at the Canadian War Museum as part of their Awesome Sundays programming. November 29th, called “*Awesome Yarn*”, was a companion program to the current temporary exhibit *World War Women* (Oct/15—Apr/16.)

IODE is featured in this exhibit, but unfortunately only for the knitted contributions made by our members during WWII. The invitation to put up a display was an opportunity to highlight the many, many other contributions made by IODE during both world wars.



IODE members, with their knitting, attended the event from 10am-4pm, answered lots of questions about IODE, and taught a few people how to knit.

The museum launched a campaign to collect knitted mittens, hats, scarves, etc., in any colour, size

or pattern as an homage to the knitted items donated during the wars. The museums’ hope is to fill a WWI horse-drawn transport wagon with donations. Local knitter Amanda Schwabe hand-knit a magnificent “onesie” for the full-sized horse mannequin that is harnessed to the wagon.



The yarn-bombed horse and wagon will be on display until January 31, 2016. Knitted donations will be accepted until then as well; then the collection will be turned over to IODE Ottawa for distribution to all the organizations we support locally. If you have a stash of knitted items you’d like to donate, feel free to take them to the museum—the wagon is in the lobby and admission is not required.

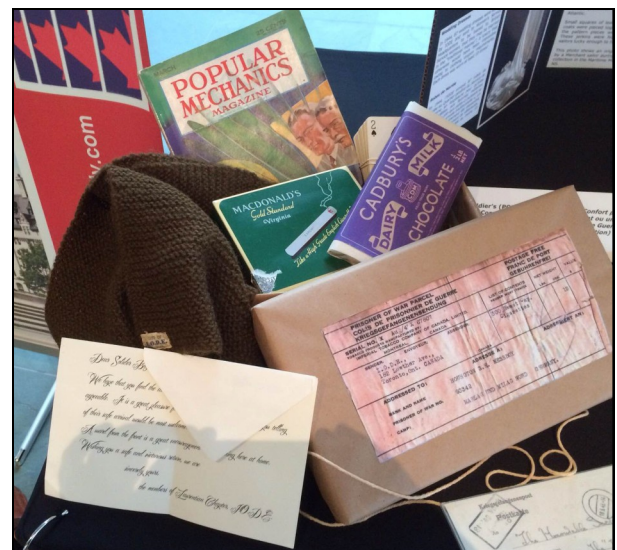
IODE Fact:

Did you know that the quota set by IODE Canada during WWII was for each member to knit and donate one item per month?

1 item X 12 months X 30 000 members =

360 000 items donated per year!

1939-1945: approx. 1 800 000 items donated.



Reproduction IODE POW parcel, complete with original scarf, 1940s chocolate bar and a tin of smokes!

President's Message — Gwyneth Harkin

As 2015 draws to a close, I look back on the last few months with pride.

Proud of IODE members in Ottawa for giving IODE Ottawa Municipal Chapter a chance to transform, to improve, to become useful to the primary chapters under its jurisdiction.

Proud that the Municipal Executive has taken its responsibility to our primary chapters seriously, and by now have held at least one “Committee Meeting” with their primary chapter officers — feedback from which has been overwhelmingly positive!

Proud that members from all chapters have worked together as a team to help each chapter achieve success. IODE Ottawa is no longer a Chapter that operates at arm’s length—we stand along side you. We are united.

I am truly excited for the many opportunities that are ahead of us for 2016. For example, plans are in the works to have the city of Ottawa proclaim “IODE Week” during the month of February and will hopefully have the IODE Corporate Standard flying outside City Hall.

Officers are now facing the task of Annual Reports. Reports should not be approached with apprehension or with distain — this is the official record of your chapter’s activities for the year and should be **fun**.

I know how busy Ottawa Chapters are; so be proud too, and shine a light on yourselves by filling up those reports with **all** your good works. I hope the tips and

tricks suggested at the Committee Meetings, such as keeping a monthly record of your office’s activities, are making this job much easier this year. I will close by wishing you all, a very **Merry Christmas** and a happy and healthy New Year. See you all in 2016!

IODE Ottawa Meeting Schedule — January to June, 2016

January 25, 2016: Full Executive Meeting at 229 Colonnade Road South;

February: Municipal-Primary Officer Committee Meetings;

AMG: Saturday morning, **April 2, 2016** — location and ticket cost, TBA;

April 25, 2016: Full Executive Meeting at 229 Colonnade Road South;

May: Municipal-Primary Officer Committee Meetings;

June: **No Meetings**—Email Newsletter

**Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success!**

New IODE Ottawa Fundraiser — “A Gift from IODE” labels

IODE Ottawa Municipal Chapter launched a new fundraiser this September.

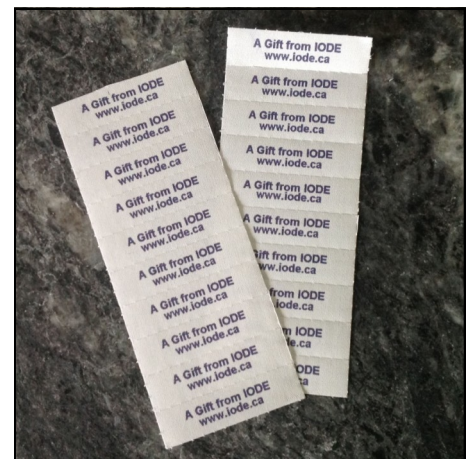
“A Gift from IODE” labels, similar to what National sold years back, are now available for purchase — 10 labels for \$3.50 (+ \$1 postage, if required).

These labels can either be ironed onto fabric donations (clothing, quilts or baby blankets); or sewn

onto knitted/crocheted items (mittens, hats, teddy bears, or afghans).

Generically designed so that all crafty IODE members across Canada can choose to identify their “gifts” with a label from IODE Ottawa. Sales have been brisk! Email your order to: ottawa.iode@gmail.com

Get yours today!



What's New with Laurentian Chapter?

Laurentian Chapter once again held a very successful Garage Sale on September 19th that helped raise approximately \$4,000.00, a large portion of which came from their ever popular bake sale table.

The Linden House theater night benefiting Laurentian Chapter was a sell-out as well. The play, entitled *Glorious*, starred chapter member Janet Uren as an enthusiastic, but rather untalented

opera singer. The play received rave reviews and ticket holders were treated to wine and nibbles to round out their evening.

The Chapter acknowledged two very special birthdays; one for Rowena Pomeroy, who turned 95, and one for Margaret Baldwin, who turned 99.

The chapter treated them like the royalty we all know they

Margaret Baldwin receiving her "royal birthday crown"



Communication News — Elanor Brodie

Elanor Brodie, Municipal and Provincial Communication Officer would like Chapters to know that tall, vertical, customizable banners are now available through IODE Ontario. For \$125.00, chapters can create their own chapter banners using their own

high quality photos that best represent their good works.

Elanor has also asked chapters to each come up with 5 "outside the box" ideas we can use to promote IODE. Canada's 150th anniversary is in 2017. Use this important milestone to influence

your ideas.

As always, Elanor has offered to help any chapter in need of improving it's PR. Contact her with your 5 IODE ideas, and for more information on the purchasing a banner: elanor.brodie@gmail.com

What's New with Lorraine Chapter?

Lorraine Chapter members have started adding a lunch to their regular monthly meetings. Members pay \$15 and enjoy a delicious homemade meal prior to getting down to business. The money goes into the chapter's general operating account.

Members have been quilting up a storm, having already held several quilting bees in preparation

for their annual donation to St. Mary's Home for unwed mothers in May, 2016.

Lorraine Chapter reported with sadness, the death of former, long-time member, Helen Clost,

who died in her 90s this past summer.

Finally, condolences are extended to Mary Simpson on the death of her newly-wed husband. She is in all our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

You can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed!

What's New with Walter Baker Chapter?

On October 4th, Walter Baker Chapter held their semi-annual litter clean-up at Mowat Farm Park, their adopted park. The occasion was marked by an awkward “selfy” by some of the cleaners- see photo at right.

On November 5th, the chapter once again held an extremely successful Dinner, Fashion Show and Silent Auction, which raised over \$10,000.00. This year's focus recipient was the *Women's Special Care Unit* of Shepherds of Good Hope. Funds will go towards

purchasing medical equipment and refurbishing and redecorating the Unit's common lounge area. 184 guests attended the evening of fun and fashion, which were once again provided by Earlene Hobin of Earlene's House of Fashion.

The chapter is excited to report that they will be trying a new fundraiser format next year —stay tuned for details!

**If you want to go fast,
go alone.
If you want to go far,
go together.**



C-CW from top left—Linda Price, Diane Sykes, Gwyneth Harkin, Nancy Wiles, Charlotte Parry, and Minion by day - Susan Kemp by night!

February IODE Display — Ruth E. Dickinson Library Branch

For the entire month of February, IODE Ottawa will have a display at the Ruth E. Dickinson Library Branch showcasing all three Ottawa primary chapters.

Items will be displayed in a three-shelved, all-glass cabinet and will hopefully feature something special from each of the three Ottawa chapters.

A special brochure will be produced that will have IODE Ottawa contact info on one side, and the contact info, meeting dates and times of the three Ottawa chapters on the other in the hopes of attracting new members.

Do you have a piece of IODE memorabilia you think would be suitable for the display?

There is a member from each chapter on the display committee; contact her about loaning your piece of IODE history **before January 27, 2016**.

The display cabinet will be locked at all times, and all items loaned will be returned to their owners at the end of February!

Ruth E. Dickinson Branch is located in the Walter Baker Sports Centre (100 Malvern Drive) in Barrhaven.

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10am-8:30pm; Fri: 1pm-6pm; Sat: 10am-5pm; Sun: 1pm-5pm.



The cabinet that will house our display for the month of February. Be sure to check it out!

Laurentian Awards Two Primary Life Memberships

On December 2nd, IODE Laurentian Chapter chose to honour two long-standing and hard working members at their December Meeting and Christmas Luncheon .

Valerie Blais and Lee Smith were both surprised to receive the highest honour that can be bestowed to a member by her chapter.

Both ladies have been extremely dedicated to Laurentian Chapter since joining, quickly becoming officers and taking on leadership roles with chapter projects.

Congratulations to you both!



Left—Lee Smith with Joan Drummond after receiving her Primary Life Membership.

Right— Jose Hamilton (left) and Joan Drummond (centre) presenting Valerie with her Primary Life Membership.



Adrienne Alexander receives 10-year Service Pin — At Long Last!

Adrienne Alexander was presented with her 10-year service pin at the June meeting of IODE Walter Baker Chapter. Adrienne joined IODE Lord Dundonald Chapter in 1998 and has been just about every executive officer, often 3 or 4 simultaneously. When Lord Dundonald disbanded, Adrienne transferred to Walter Baker Chapter. Presently, Adrienne is IODE Ottawa Standard Bearer. When she's not doing IODE work, she's knitting comfort dolls that are sent to Guatemala, teddy bears and bunny rabbits for children who are in need of comfort from Ottawa Emergency Services, and countless mittens and hats for Pinecrest Public School. Thank you Adrienne, for your service and dedication to IODE!



Adrienne receives her 10-year pin from Charlotte Parry, Walter Baker President

Laurentian Welcomes Victoria Walker to the Chapter

Laurentian installed new member Victoria Walker at their October Chapter meeting. Victoria is an Australian citizen, having moved to Ottawa with her diplomat husband. She has also represented her country in some Asian countries.

Welcome to IODE, Victoria!



L-R — Jose Hamilton, Nancy Hooper (Citizenship Officer), Victoria Walker, and Marilyn Patrick (Membership Officer)

Teamwork,
simply stated,
is less “me”
and more
“we”.

Walter Baker Welcomes Marg Friesen to the Chapter

Walter Baker installed new member Marg Friesen at their December Potluck and meeting. Marg is originally from Saskatchewan, but has lived in Auckland, New Zealand for the past twelve years.

Welcome to IODE, Marg!!!



Marg (right) received a warm welcome from President Charlotte Parry and the Walter Baker members.

Ottawa Organization Ships Donated Knitted Items to Children in Nunavut Communities

The Warm Hands Network ships warm, hand-knit and crocheted clothing to children in remote locations. Families in the Canadian North often struggle to balance the costs of warm clothing against other essentials, such as food and shelter. Their goal is to provide children with donated hand-knit clothing, which

warms them through long winters, while also conveying the message that others wish them well.

They supply children in these communities with hats, mittens, neck warmers (**no scarves please**), socks, sweaters, vests and blankets. Their preference is for wool items and large sizes.

Go to their website:

www.warmhandsnetwork.org
for their Guidelines and for their 4 Ottawa donation drop-off locations. So, no shipping costs required on our part—
Bonus!

The strength of the team
is each individual member.
The strength of each
member is the team.



Welcome New Members!

Since June, 2015 Ottawa Chapters have installed the following new members!

Laurentian

- Victoria Walker

Walter Baker

- Marg Frieson

Should all chapter Presidents dress like this for their official portrait?



*E.T. Kellman
1st Regent of IODE
Niagara Rangers
Chapter (1920)*

Yes! Yes, I think they should.

YUM ... That Looks Good!

Do you have a **new** recipe that you've tried and would recommend? Send it in and one will be selected at random for publishing in each newsletter.

Savory Herb & Cheese Pull-Apart Bread

- 2 cans of refrigerated jumbo buttermilk biscuits (like Pillsbury)
- 1/4 butter
- 1 garlic clove; grated, or 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 5-6 small dishes each with a few tbsp. of different chopped herbs and cheeses (e.g. parsley, dill, cheddar and bacon, chives, poppy or sesame seeds, parmesan, sliced almonds, etc.)

Preheat oven to 350F and grease a non-stick 9" or 10" Bundt pan;

Place butter and grated garlic (or garlic salt) in a microwavable dish and slowly heat until butter is melted. Stir and set aside.

Cut each individual biscuit in half and form into a ball.

Roll each ball into the melted garlic butter and then roll in desired coating.

Arrange in pan so that the various coatings alternate.

Bake for 30-35 minutes until biscuits are done and the surface is golden. If it's browning too quickly, cover loosely with foil.

Cool in pan for 5 minutes, then remove to a serving platter; serve warm allowing diners to "pull-apart" the biscuits at the table.

Great served with turkey leftovers, turkey "leftovers" soup,

or turkey "leftovers" chili!



Recipe adapted from
www.fivehearthome.com