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IODE Ottawa Municipal Chapter's 96th Annual General Meeting—Saturday, March 28th, 2015

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The IODE Ottawa AGM for 2014 was held at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club in Aylmer. Primary Chapter member attendance was fair; most appreciated the lower ticket costs and the pared-down morning only meeting style.

IODE Canada was represented by National President E. Anne Mason. IODE Ontario was represented by 1st V-P Renate Schuetz who

brought greetings on behalf of Provincial President Karen Barker.

Members from IODE Captain Hooper Chapter in Carleton Place attended as well and kept us up to date on their various fundraisers.

Members didn't disappoint with their generosity once again this year, as the Services collection table groaned

under the weight of children's socks and underwear which were donated to various shelters and youth programs across Ottawa.

Ottawa firefighter Louise Hine-Schmidt won the IODE Ottawa Community Relations Award— see Page 2.

**Teamwork
makes the
Dream Work**



Outgoing IODE Ottawa President Jo Brodie received a gift of thanks for her term as President and for her dedication to the Chapter. April, 2015

Meet YOUR New Municipal Executive:

We work for YOU! If you have a question or problem, it's OUR job to answer it, or to HELP YOU find a solution. We want to help make your chapter as successful as possible.

IODE Ottawa meetings are open to ALL IODE members in Ottawa.

Come to a meeting and be a part of your Municipal Chapter!

- President: Gwyneth Harkin (Walter Baker)
- Past President: Jo Brodie (Laurentian)
- Secretary (Recording): Valerie Blais (Laurentian)
- Secretary (Corresp): Adrienne Alexander (Walter Baker)
- Treasurer: Ann Dyer (Walter Baker)
- Citizenship Officer: Betty Bertrand (Lorraine)
- Communications Officer: Elanor Brodie (Laurentian)
- Education Officer: **Vacant**
- Membership Officer: Caroline Rodgers (Walter Baker)
- Services Officer: Jo Brodie (Laurentian)
- Standard Bearer: Adrienne Alexander (Walter Baker)
- Archivist: Valerie Blais (Laurentian)

Primary Presidents:

- Laurentian: Jose Hamilton
- Lorraine: Grace Purdy
- Walter Baker: Charlotte J. Parry

Louise Hine-Schmidt: Winner of IODE Ottawa Community Relations Award

We were very pleased to present Louise Hine-Schmidt of the Ottawa Fire Services with the IODE Ottawa Municipal Chapter *Community Relations Award* for 2015. Louise received a glowing recommendation for this award from Acting Deputy Chief Phil Muggleton who praised Louise for her key role in organizing **Camp FFiT** (Female Firefighters in Training); a week long summer camp for young women between the ages of 15-19 that includes a physically and academically demanding program with an appropriate amount of team-building activities and fun. Camp FFiT's goal is to encourage more women to consider applying to the fire services.

Louise is also the President of

Fire Service Women Ontario, whose mission it is to encourage, promote and advance women in the fire services. Louise is one of only **3%** of female firefighters in North America and was the first female firefighter at her station. Through programs like Camp FFiT, Louise's goal is to steadily increase that percentage and for female firefighters to eventually be recognized simply as "firefighters".

Plans are in the works to expand the Camp FFiT program to Toronto, Hamilton and London, Ontario in the near future.

For more information about Camp FFiT or to donate a "Campership" for a girl in need of financial assistance email campffit@ottawa.ca



Louise Hine-Schmidt with IODE Ottawa President Gwyneth Harkin. April, 2015

New Meeting Structure for IODE Ottawa — Approved in April

January Full Executive Meeting	February Committee Meetings (All Presidents, All Treasurers, etc.)	March AGM (morning, corporate style going forward)	April Full Executive Meeting	May Committee Meetings (All Presidents, All Treasurers, etc.)	June NO MEETING (emailed Newsletter)
July NO MEETING	August NO MEETING	September Full Executive Meeting	October Committee Meetings (All Presidents, All Treasurers, etc.)	November Full Executive Meeting (Pot-luck lunch)	December NO MEETING (emailed Newsletter)

A Message from Gwyneth Harkin — President, IODE Ottawa

I had the pleasure of meeting most of you on my June Chapter tour, but for those of you I've yet to meet, I wanted to take a few words to introduce myself. Since joining IODE Walter Baker Chapter in 2008 I've held the positions of Services Officer, 1st Vice President, and President. I have been an active member of the Fundraising Committee since I joined and now I currently hold the office of Citizenship. I am also currently a National and Provincial Councillor.

I am a native of Ottawa (well, Nepean, really). I attended Confederation High School, and then Carleton University for both my BA and MA in Cultural Anthropology. I'm fluent in French and grew up playing competitive women's soccer, on a team that admittedly was not very good. Quite terrible, really, but

nonetheless, we were a team. No one member wanted to let the other down with a poor performance. So we always brought out our "A-games," such as they were. I can thank this experience for cultivating my "never quit" attitude that has stuck with me throughout my life.

Having a team you can rely on is essential to achieving success. IODE Ottawa Municipal Chapter Executive is your team to help your Chapter achieve success, whether it be helping attract new members, helping to come up with new fundraising ideas, or helping with annual reports.

With only three Primary Chapters left in Ottawa, I know many of you are asking if we really need a Municipal Chapter. My answer is **YES**. However, it does need to adapt itself to really meet the

needs of the Chapters under its jurisdiction. At the April Municipal meeting, I presented my proposed meeting restructuring to the Executive which was unanimously accepted after a brief discussion. It can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter. The goal of these changes is to create a strong line of communication between Municipal and its chapters and between the chapters themselves. Feedback from the committees who have already met has been extremely positive and all look forward to the next one.

Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to seeing you all, rejuvenated and ready to get back to IODE in September!



Ottawa Primary Chapter News

Laurentian Chapter

The 54th House and Garden Tour was held on Saturday, May 30th, featuring homes in the Rockcliffe/Rothwell Heights/Ottawa South neighbourhoods. Despite a bit of rain, it was a sell out—with over 625 tickets sold! WOW!

Lorraine Chapter

May 18th, members held their annual baby shower at St. Mary's Home. Fifteen hand-made quilts, plus loads of baby clothes, knitted items and toys were donated to the young mothers at St. Mary's. Members always look forward to this very special evening.

Walter Baker Chapter

Members were very busy in May holding their annual Giant Tiger BBQ & Bake Sale on the 9th and their annual Garage Sale on the 16th realizing a combined profit of over \$3,500.00! Well done ladies.



Welcome New Members!

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

Laurentian

- Liz Roberts

Lorraine

- Margaret Hideg

Walter Baker

- Marianne Dyer
- Marianne van der Jagt
- Brenda Ulley

Did You Know?

Did you know that IODE Ottawa has a website?

www.iodeottawa.weebly.com

This communication tool is at the disposal of all Ottawa Primary Chapters—advertize your fundraisers, events, and good works here. Chapters without their own website are encouraged to use it on their PR materials.

Make the time to **check it out** this summer!

Did you know that IODE Ottawa has an email address?

ottawa.iode@gmail.com

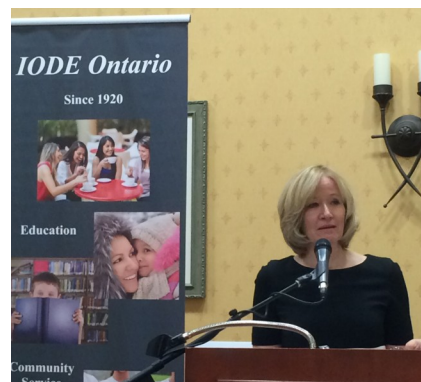
Feel free to give out this email address to anyone interested in joining IODE!

PAM in Ottawa — April 17th & 18th, 2015

For the first time in 95 years, the Annual General Meeting of IODE Ontario was held in Ottawa on April 17th and 18th, 2015.

91 members registered to attend all or part of this fun two day event held at the Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport.

Friday, members were invited to attend the PEC meeting and roundtable discussions followed by the IODE Ottawa hosted Fun Night lumberjack themed “*Days Gone Bytown.*”



Saturday followed with the Annual Meeting, the presentation of the OPP Community Relations Award to Constable Sparrock, guest speaker Mrs. Loreen Harper entertained us with a lively Q&A and a special video announcement by Chris Hadfield of the winner of the “We Go To The Best School” Competition.

Attendees were kept entertained and laughing by outgoing President Karen Barker (below, far left) and incoming President Renate Schuetz (below, second from right). Their obvious close friendship is an excellent example that IODE members have FUN and that life long friendships are made in IODE.

Member feedback has been positive; out-of-towners enjoyed coming to Ottawa. IODE Ottawa hopes to host a PAM again in the future.

