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SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS OF SASKATCHEWAN — SASKATOON CHAPTER

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President's Message



It's my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all superannuated teachers. A special welcome to new superannuates of Saskatoon, Prairie Spirit and to superannuates who may be joining our chapter from other areas within the province, across Canada and outside of Canada.

It's a privilege to be the president of 1791 members strong and growing. The Saskatoon chapter was one of the chapters to receive the Membership Growth Award for 2007 – 2008. The Membership Growth Award is an engraved plate. The membership had to increase by 10% over the previous time in which we last received recognition at the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) May 2006.

The chapter continues to grow with members paying the \$30.00 membership fee and opting for the superannuated teachers' Blue Cross dental plan, health benefits and travel benefits.

This fall Al Reichert will continue to offer the 55 Alive Safe Driving Course. The course is offered over a two - day period from 9:30 – 11:30 am. and resuming at 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Lunch is on your own. The course requires a minimum of twenty participants. If there are only nineteen participants then SGI requires Al Reichert to cancel the course. The commitment has to be there on our part. One option may be to have a form filled out with a cheque attached and sent to Al Reichert. The cheque/money would be returned upon attendance of the course. We hope to offer a few of the 55 Alive Safe Driving Courses.

As active participants and Lifelong Learners you will find yourself participating at different levels of the STS – Saskatoon Chapter whether it is attendance at meetings, Wine and Cheese

evenings, the Christmas Banquet, as an AGM delegate, June Luncheon or volunteering a name of a speaker or an idea for a resolution. By being informed your voice affects change to member benefits, group benefits, teacher welfare and public policy at the Provincial and Federal levels of government.

STF Diaries are available for pick up at Chapter meetings and in the mornings from the STS Office Manager Colleen Bailey or Assistant Office Manager Heather Hase. The STS Office is located downstairs at the STF building.

Thank you to the superannuates and to our dedicated, committed executive members, assistants and volunteers working to make this a very successful year.

Stella Shulhan

Directory

A new edition of the STS Saskatoon Chapter membership Directory will be published early in 2009. To ensure that information is current and accurate, please contact a member of the Membership committee, if there have been recent changes in your information.

Please let them know also if you would prefer not to be included in the Directory, or wish to have any of your information excluded from the publication.

If you have no need of this directory, please contact Marion Kimberley prior to December 15, 2008. Her email address is mmkimberley@hotmail.com or phone 242-2204.

"In an effort to get this newsletter into your hands early in the fall term, it was prepared early in the summer months, for mailing about September 1. This is a one year trial for this process. If changes have occurred after printing, corrections will be noted in the next issue."

First Vice President's Report

by Irma Kittelson

Here we go again ...another new year has arrived. Isn't it interesting that after our careers in education, many of us continue to think of the beginning of the year as September, rather than January !!!!

Again I especially welcome our newly superannuated members. We attempt to plan events, and programs with enough variety to appeal across the broad spectrum of our membership. Regardless of the topic or event, the social time at each meeting is perhaps the most key component.

Welcome to Peter Stroh, our new Second Vice President. It will be good to be working with him again.

Tickets for the Christmas Banquet will be available at the October and November Chapter meetings and from Executive members. Catering costs continue to rise with the cost of food and of course this is reflected in our ticket price.

We are continuously exploring ways to keep our costs down while maintaining a high quality event.

Newsletter deadlines for the coming year are October 30/08, February 2/09, and May 4/09. Membership submissions about your interests or travels are highly encouraged. "The Voice" needs more meaty content, in addition to our Chapter committee reports, so please give this some consideration.

Please let me know how you like the earlier mailing date for this first newsletter - the length of time between deadline and mailing, may affect the timeliness of articles, but our focus was getting it into your hands very early in September, rather than late in October.

We need your opinions so we can make a decision for future years.

Secretary's Report

by Faye Kunkel,
Assistant Secretary – Jane Isinger

I am honoured to be your secretary for the upcoming year and I look forward to working with the executive and with Jane Isinger, the assistant secretary.

In my role as secretary, I view it as my duty to provide pertinent information from each chapter and executive meeting. Minutes are made as a reminder of finished and unfinished business. The role of the secretary is often viewed as that of a historian, future members will be able to read and gain an understanding of where the Saskatoon Chapter of the STS has been and why.

The minutes from previous years are kept in our archives and they are accessible to those who would like to have a look.

If any member would like to review the minutes for this year, please call me.

Faye Kunkel at 934-7163

STS/STF Liaison Report

Margaret Martin

As we begin the 2008-2009 year I would like to remind Superannuates who are participants in the STS Extended Health Plan and age 65+ to send in to the STS Office a copy of your letter of eligibility for coverage under the Saskatchewan Seniors Drug Plan as soon as possible. Your rate will revert back to the regular rate for your age if the STS Office does not receive a copy of this eligibility letter by August 15. If you have any questions, please call Heather or Colleen at the STS Office (373-3879).

This will be a busy year for the STS Provincial Executive. Our first Executive meeting is on September 25, 26, 2008. We will also soon begin the process of negotiations for the STS Benefits Plans. The Chapter President's Meeting for all of our 43 Chapter Presidents will be on November 7, 2008.

Have a great year!

Be sure to call me if you have any questions (373-4433).

Activities

Bill Meger



Golf

GOLF Fun Tournament
Wed. Sept. 10th --1:00 P.M.
Greenbryre Golf Course
Register by Sat. Sept. 6th.

Call either:
Bill Meger 249-1329 or Vic Anton 373-1447



Bowling Tournament

You needn't be a regular bowler to come out for this one!!

Tuesday, Oct. 21st --1:30P.M.
Eastview Bowl
Register by Tues. Oct. 14th

Call Terry Manley 343-6297



Horseshoes

June 16th saw eight players get together at the Exhibition Horseshoe Pitch for our yearly tournament. We played a Round Robin Tournament to determine the winner.

Gayvin Franson won the tournament with 12 points, and took home the Dale Shockey Trophy. Bill Meger came in second with 11 points, and received the Frank Nickel Trophy.

Menno Nickel came in third with 10 points.

Others taking part in the tournament were: Wilmer Willems, Terry Manley, Stella Shulhan, Dick Epp, and Jack Peters.

Texas Scramble Results

The Texas Scramble was held on June 4th at Warman Golf Course.

Thirty-six golfers took part in the tournament.

Winners are pictured below.

Second Place Team: (No photo available)
Gerry Weinkauf, Dave Babey, Ernest Boyko, Ken Rambler.



First Place Team:
Len Kirkland, Terry Warren, Peggy Warren, Moe Hnatick



Lady's Long Drive:
Connie Coumont



Men's Long Drive:
Walter Belyk



Lady's Closest to the Pin:
Wilma Gauthier



Men's Closest to the Pin:
Cec Hodgins



Golf Organizers: Bill Meger, Vic Anton assisted by Frank Bryski

Micro Brew Tour



A tour of Paddock Wood Micro- Brewery is set to take place on Thurs. Oct 16th at 2:00 P.M.

Steve Cavanaugh, former teacher of Philosophy and Greek Literature, has recently turned his interests to beer making. His dedication to beer making has resulted in several awards for fine crafted beer. Paddock Wood is the only micro brewery in Saskatchewan.

Phone Bill Meger at 249-1329 to register for this event, as only twenty people can visit the site at one time. If more people register we will set up another tour.

**Paddock Wood Micro Brew is located at:
Bay 1, 116- 103rd St. E., Saskatoon**



Provincial Curling

Tues. & Wed., Nov. 4th & 5th.
Sutherland Curling Rink
***See May-June Outreach** (p. 16) for details.

Contact: Bill-249-1329, or Vic-373-1447
or e-mail Bill wmeger@sasktel.net

Help Wanted

The Saskatoon Chapter is hosting the Provincial Curling on Nov. 3rd., 4th & 5th.

We are looking for volunteers to help us carry out the activities associated in holding this event.

We also are looking for donations from our many talented members. If you are an author, artist, crafter, woodworker, and would like to donate to this event it would be greatly appreciated. This would be a way to showcase your talents to the rest of the province. All donors will be invited to the Social on Monday, Nov. 3rd., where your donations would be recognized.

If you have a donation, or are willing to volunteer, contact Bill at 249-1329 (wmeger@sasktel.net), or Vic at 373-1447.

CARD Committee

Do you know of any STS Saskatoon Chapter Member who is grieving, ill, or celebrating a special occasion?

Our STS card committee would appreciate your help in keeping us informed.

Mary Anne Nicholson 374-5517 or e-mail at m.a.n@shaw.ca
or
Marie Grimsen 244-2454, or e-mail at ggrimsen@sasktel.net

Chapter Meeting Dates for 2008-2009

CONFIRMED MEETING DATES

Tuesday	September 9	9 :30 a.m.	Welcome Breakfast
Tuesday	October 7	7:00 p.m.	Wine & Cheese Social
			Entertainment: McClure United Church Handbells
Wednesday	November 12	1:30 p.m.	Speaker: Brian Trainor - topic: Fraud
Wednesday	December 10	12 noon	Christmas Banquet
Monday	January 12	1:30 p.m.	

Tentative dates, Pending confirmation with the STF for use of the facilities.

Wednesday	February 11	1:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	March 11		
Wednesday	April 8		
Monday	May 11	1:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	June 10	June Banquet	



Receipts for Membership Fees

The Chapter issues receipts for fees on a request basis only. If you require a receipt for your personal records or for income tax purposes, you may request one from the Treasurer at the address below. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your request.

It is preferable that requests for receipts be submitted before December 31 of the year. Check with your tax preparer to determine if you need a receipt. In most cases the annual statement you receive from the Superannuation Commission in December is acceptable documentation.

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Saskatoon SK S7H 5S6
Phone 306-955-3810

or Donna Rolston
Asst. Treasurer, STS Saskatoon Chapter
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Saskatoon SK S7N 3X5
Phone 306-249-4547

STS Wine Soiree/Octoberfest 2008 hosted by Wakaw Chapter

Saturday October 18, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.
314 3rd Avenue S. Wakaw
\$25.00 - register by October 7
Wine tasting - Catered supper - Entertainment
**more info in May-June Outreach

Program

by Freda Robinson

We are looking forward to our first "regular" fall meeting, which doesn't happen until November. We will be having Brian Trainor as our Guest speaker. Brian is retired from the Saskatoon Police Service and will speak on Fraud - his speciality is Power of Attorney fraud, and those who have heard him speak say he makes a great presentation. As well, at that meeting we are expecting a brief presentation from Marie Prebushewsky who is involved with the Seniors on Seniors Mechanism for Saskatchewan.

Please be sure you come out and join us for this interesting and valuable meeting on November 12 at 1:30.



\$5.00
Fall Welcome Breakfast
Tuesday September 9, 2008
9:30 a.m.
Eamer Auditorium (STF)
Last day to buy tickets is
Tuesday September 2
(subject to availability)

STS Saskatoon Chapter offering

2 Day .. 55 Alive Safe Driving Course

at the Eamer Auditorium (STF Building)
9:30 am - 3:30pm.
Lunch on your own (11:30 am - 1:30pm)

Dates: Sept. 18 & 22 (Thurs./Mon.)
Oct. 2 & 3 (Thurs./Fri)
Oct. 8 & 9 (Wed./Thurs.)

Minimum number of persons is 20 registered persons.
If we have only 19 persons, then the class will be cancelled.

Contact: Al Reichert 374-3843
a.reichert@shaw.ca

Web Page Information

The Chapter newsletter *The Voice* is posted on our web page, generally about five or six days before you will receive your copy in the mail.

If you wish to save a tree and read it only on the web page, please contact me to remove your name from the mailing list.



To have any article posted on our web page, kindly email it to me, wfwillems@sasktel.net

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Social Committee Report

Cecile Martell

A great year for the STS Saskatoon Chapter came to an end on Wednesday June 11th, 2008 at the Annual June Luncheon which was held at the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel. More than 130 guests enjoyed a delicious lunch which was followed by entertainment provided by a group of five gentlemen who call themselves the Young At Heart. It was great to see everyone socializing and reminiscing as well as meeting new people. The room was filled with a sense of celebration as indeed this year we are celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Saskatoon Chapter.

Siegrid Schergel, STS Provincial President, brought to the gathering, her greetings and a summary of some of her activities during her time as President.

The following door prizes were awarded: to Laura Kroeger, a BBQ set that was donated by TCU Financial; to Faye Jones, a painting donated by Alice Hanlin; to Walter Belyk, a painting donated by Kathy Lindgren; to Reta Saunders, a Mary Kay product donated by Wilma Gauthier; to Audrey Gullickson, a pen set and note cards donated by the STF; to Anne Klaassen and Rose Yaworski, each a DVD of past and present pictures of Chapter activities. We wish to extend to our donors a sincere thank you for your generous donations.

We look forward to seeing some of you at our fall Welcome Breakfast at which time we will honor new retirees. May you have an enjoyable summer and we hope to see you at our assembly meetings and activities in the fall.

Visiting Committee Highlights

Do you know a retired teacher who is shut in, living in a nursing home or is hospitalized and would appreciate visits from a caring, fellow superannuate? Names of such people are welcomed.

As of June 1, twenty-four volunteer visitors were coordinated. Thank you to all of the visitors who give of their time and talent to provide company and enjoyment to twenty-one people who are confined to their homes or other facilities.

There is a need for more volunteer visitors. Would YOU like to volunteer in a meaningful way? Presently, there is a gentleman who would welcome a visitor. Please call Pat (373-9905) or Stella (242-9411) and we will pair you with someone who would appreciate visits.

For shut-in or nursing home residents, we assign one volunteer to each person visited. For those who are hospitalized, a visitor from the following list is designated for that particular hospital.

City Hospital: Aldean Glass – 652-0881

RUH: Fern Adair – 653-5900

St. Paul's Hospital: - Marion Shutiak – 242-1582

It is our hope that the upcoming year will be a successful and satisfying one for the volunteer visitors and for the people being visited.

We encourage you to give serious thought to joining our Visitors' Team

Visiting Committee Co-chairpersons:

Pat Orchard: 373-9905

Stella Shulhan: 242-9411

Registration

by Judy Schmid

Since the first newsletter is being prepared before we have had a meeting with the new slate of officers, there is nothing to be said about registration yet.

However, at this time, I would like to thank the pianists who offered to play at the afternoon meetings last winter and spring- Karen Kowalenko-Evjen, Deanna Krug, Penny Banks and Anne Klaassen. Thanks also to the vocal group, Young At Heart, who entertained at the June luncheon.

Plans are now being made for the new year. The McClure United Church Handbell Choir will entertain at the Wine and Cheese Social in October. If you have suggestions for entertainment for other meetings, please let the executive know. We will be needing pianists to play for a few minutes before each meeting and then to open the meeting with O Canada. Please consider volunteering for this, if you are able to help out- please let Peter Stroh know.

E-mail

If you are not receiving e-mail notices of monthly meetings and events, but would like to receive them, please e-mail Judy Luciuk jluciuk@sasktel.net

The Voice

This newsletter is the first of four publications of The Voice for the 2008-09 year.

Submissions of interest to Chapter members are encouraged - travel destinations or ideas, activities, special events, creative writing and tips for retirement living would be possibilities.

The list is endless - superannuated teachers are interested in so many things.

Voice Deadlines for 2008-09

October 30, 2008, February 2, 2009, and May 4, 2009

Please contact Irma Kittelson at 934-0881 or e-mail submissions to ijkitt@sasktel.net

Scent Alert

Because some of our members experience harsh and often debilitating reactions to strong scents, we ask your cooperation in not wearing perfumes, scented deodorants, or other scented grooming products to the meetings. We want everyone to be able to enjoy our get-togethers in comfort and good health.

Support Services Website

The information packed Support Services website created by the provincial STS may be accessed at:
http://www.sts.sk.ca/support_services/index.htm

