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## *Merry Christmas from Your STS Saskatoon Executive*



**2008-2009 Saskatoon Executive:**

**Front Row:** Cecile Martell, Jane Isinger, Stella Shulhan, Irma Kittelson, Linda Ashley **2nd Row:** Elaine Broughton, Pat Orchard, Sadie Urban, Freda Robinson, Judith Luciuk **3rd Row:** Mary Anne Nicholson, Marie Grimsen, Corinne, Sturby, Esther Molina, Margaret Martin **4th Row:** Peter Stroh, Donna Rolston, Marion Kimberley, Judy Schmid, Nettie White, Bill Meger **Missing on photo day:** Lindsay Fast, Irene Fahlman, Faye Kunkel, Gail Dust, Doreen Kerby, Terry Manley, Vic Anton, Willmer Willems

# President's Message

Stella Shulhan



The Christmas season and the New Year are a time when we want to be able to celebrate with our family, friends and to celebrate the things we are thankful for. Hopefully, you will be able to have some time to do just that. I'm certainly looking forward to having the opportunity to be with my son, his new wife and their first Christmas together. Family does become very important to us. At this time on behalf of the executive and myself, we wish you and your family a Christmas filled with love, peace, happiness, contentment and continued good health in 2008.

The STS Chapter Presidents from across the province will have had an opportunity to meet on November 1, 2008 at the STF Building in Saskatoon. At the time of writing the agenda had not been provided as yet to the STS Chapter Presidents.

The STS – Saskatoon Chapter is accepting Resolutions for January. If you have a resolution or an idea for a resolution, please pass it along to Doreen Kerby, myself or to an executive member. The Resolutions Committee will be able to put your idea(s) into a resolution format. What is it that the STF, STS, Provincial or the Federal governments can or need to do to improve your life and the life of others?

We have so many dedicated persons that are working for and with us to thank at the local level. During this holiday season,

special THANKS go to the STS Office Manager, the STS Assistant Office Manager, STF receptionists, STF Administrative Assistants, and STF Desktop, Printshop and Building Operations personnel.

Greatly appreciated are the hard work and the dedication of your STS - Saskatoon Chapter Executive, Telephoning, Visiting, pianists and many more volunteers. Last but certainly not least, you the superannuated teachers who make our meetings and functions such a success. Thank you.

I would like to leave you with these thoughts as we prepare for the holiday season.

*"Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends."*

*Margaret Thatcher*

*"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."*

*Agnes M. Pharo*

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## STS Saskatoon Chapter Annual Christmas Banquet

**Wednesday, December 10, 2008 • 12 Noon**  
**Socializing 11:00-12:00**

Saskatoon Travelodge - Galaxy A

**Entertainment by The Paddlewheelers**

"The Paddlewheelers", Doug Porteous, Maurice Postnikoff and  
Wayne Salloum, are all members of our STS Chapter



Tickets are \$20 and available until November 30 from all Executive members  
December 1-4 only from Esther Molina at 955-3810

# Bernhard Harold Fast

05 Oct 1910 – 07 Sept 2008



Ben Fast

B.H. Fast (Ben), above all, loved teaching. He regarded teaching, influencing future generations, as the noblest of professions. Ben accomplished many things in his 97 years – teaching, writing; ministry, (He was elected as a Minister of the Aberdeen Mennonite Church in 1945, and later served the Pleasant Hill Church in Saskatoon and the Warman Church), and farming. He always identified himself as a teacher, first.

Following a year of Normal School Ben taught in three rural schools: Steele and Gruenthal in the Rosthern Superintendency; and Lilly School near Aberdeen. In 1955 Ben and family moved to Saskatoon where he taught in Grosvenor Park, Haultain, and Thornton Schools before becoming the principal of Hugh Cairns V.C. School. He received his B.Th. degree from the American Bible College in Chicago, and B.Ed. and B.A. degrees from the University of Saskatchewan. Following retirement after 42 years in the School system, his next challenge was a labour of love because it allowed him to immerse himself, in what he revered the most – poetry. He spent 18 years teaching English Literature to grade 12 students at night classes in Saskatoon's Collegiates. Perhaps the certificate hanging on

his den wall which he treasured most is one he received from the Government of Saskatchewan congratulating him on 60 years of teaching service.

Ben was a great family man who treasured his family dearly and especially loved family dinners, family reunions and the annual Christmas gatherings. He also enjoyed writing, especially family histories. His latest two books are *From Windmills to Prairies* – a history of Mennonite migration along with a family genealogy, and *The Drama of a Pioneer's Son* – an autobiography in which he pays tribute to his family. For his last seventeen years as a laryngectomy patient himself he was called to cheer up laryngectomy patients several times a month at St Paul's Hospital. He always took great pride in the accomplishments of his family. During a long retirement Ben and his wife Mary travelled many times to Hawaii as well as to the Southern States, New Zealand and Australia for winter vacations, fulfilling his interest in other cultures and histories, and infecting his family with the travel virus as well. He also enjoyed cheering on his grandchildren at various cultural and athletic activities. He followed his favourite teams the Blades, Roughriders and Blue Jays to the end.

In conclusion, Ben enjoyed his relationship with the superannuated teachers in Saskatchewan. He was indeed very proud of being an Honorary Life Member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.

## Web Page/Mailing

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.**

**If you have mailing address issues please contact me at 343-0858 or email me.**



To have an article posted on our web page, please e-mail it to [wfwillems@sasktel.net](mailto:wfwillems@sasktel.net)

Willmer Willems  
Web Page /Mailing

## Visiting Committee

During the Christmas season, our visitors will be presenting a letter of Christmas Greetings on behalf of the Saskatoon Chapter, an STS greeting card and a small gift to the people that they visit throughout the year.

Thanks to all of you who make these visits. We appreciate what you do, and we know that the people you visit, look forward to seeing you.

Please note:

If you would like to volunteer as a visitor, please call us.

Phone us regarding anyone you know of who would appreciate a visit.

A Merry Christmas to everyone and the best in 2009!

Visiting Committee Co-chairpersons:

Pat Orchard: 373-9905

Stella Shulhan: 242-9411

## First Vice President

Irma Kittelson

Before we know it, the holiday season will be here, and winter will be upon us.

Even though the long, temperate fall will shorten the winter, in Saskatchewan winter always seems so long. Many of us escape for a time to a warmer climate - others cocoon in their homes, and enjoy indoor pursuits. At least now we aren't forced outside to supervise playgrounds or load buses.

I hope many of you are planning to join us at the Travelodge on December 10 for the Annual Christmas Banquet. Come early and have a visit with friends or make new friends, we look forward to seeing you. Tickets are available now and until December 1st, from Executive members; after that, up to December 4th only from our treasurer, Esther Molina.

I wish you a happy and relaxed Christmas season. If you are traveling - travel safe and come back refreshed and content.

## STS/STF Liaison Report

Margaret Martin

The Provincial STS Executive met on October 30 and 31, 2008 prior to hosting the Presidents of our 43 Chapters for our annual Presidents' Day meeting on November 1, 2008. The Executive and the Presidents have had a look at our most recently negotiated agreement with Blue Cross for the next three years. If you are a member of the Extended Health and Dental Plan please watch for information from the STS about the changes that will take effect on February 1, 2009.

If you are turning 65 years of age, please complete the application from the government to be eligible for your benefits under the Saskatchewan Seniors Drug Plan. Once you receive the letter from the Saskatchewan government noting that you are eligible, please send a copy of this letter to the STS Office so that you will also be eligible for reduced premiums if you are a member of the STS Extended Health Plan.

## Chapter Meeting Dates for 2008-2009

Wednesday	December 10	12 noon	Christmas Banquet Saskatoon Travelodge - ticket deadline December 4
Tuesday	January 13	1:30 p.m.	Panama Cruise Slides STF Building
Wednesday	February 11	1:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	March 11	7:00 p.m.	Evening Social Entertainment by "No Hurry". "No Hurry" is a group of three young men who sing and play guitar. All have ties to education in Saskatoon. They performed at the Curling Banquet in November and were very well received. Those in attendance felt their style of music would be excellent for a Wine and Cheese social for our Chapter.
Wednesday	April 8	1:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	May 6	1:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	June 10	12 noon ....	June Banquet - WDM



# Second Vice President's Report

Peter Stroh

As a new member on the Saskatoon STS Executive and a recent superannuate, I am extremely excited and invigorated by the multiple of functions and services offered by the STS and Chapter STS.

The multiple functions can probably be summarized in six key areas. Protecting and improving pensions. Group health services. Social, recreational, and travel opportunities. Services and advocacy for seniors. Supporting each other through times of need. Maintaining connections to the profession.

The single fundamental thing which we all have in common is the simple fact that we are superannuates. We all are in receipt of a superannuation allowance. This simple fundamental fact brings us together into a formal organization. Our primary focus then is, and must continue to be, protection and improvement of pension benefits.

We all know that our superannuation allowance is always threatened by unfunded issues. We all suffer from the unmistakable economic fact that our pensions are only indexed to 80 per cent of the Canadian Consumer Price Index. We are divided by the TSP and the STRP and often frozen into inaction as we try to reconcile the two plans. Lost in the history of time are the reasons for agreeing through collective bargaining to concede 100 per cent indexing to 80 per cent indexing. The reasons and the distribution of blame are no longer relevant.

Almost immediately upon giving up full indexing, we recognized our error, and we have been attempting to restore full indexing through STF collective bargaining ever since. Each round of bargaining we request and in each bargaining session our request falls on deaf ears. Sometimes we let ourselves forget that many pensions including the Federal Public Service are fully indexed to 100 per cent of the CPI.

We have two choices. One, we could continue to request in the same way and get the same result, mindful that insanity is often defined as doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result. Or we could try some new approaches. We might discover some intermediate steps between 80 per cent and our goal of 100 per cent indexing. Starting immediately examples of solutions we might propose are:

- Indexing at 80 per cent to the Saskatchewan or the National index, whichever is highest.
- Fully indexed pensions for specific years when the government has the financial means. A sunset clause could be bargained for specific years. Fully indexed pensions on a portion of our total allowance. For example 100 per cent indexing on the first \$25,000, or fully indexed up to the

poverty level. Gradually changing the 80 per cent indexing by degrees over several years until 85 per cent, or 90 per cent, or 100 per cent is reached. A more direct lobby with the government in addition to the STF channels. We could come to terms with the fact that two plans do exist and use one to leverage the other forward rather than hold up needed changes in one plan due to differences.

- Bargaining equivalent benefits which protect our purchasing powers. Why not government providing medical benefits and life insurance to superannuates at no cost on the same basis as those provided to active STF members?

We need to have the discussion. Your ideas are always welcome. We will never know which ideas will work until we try. One thing is certain. If we continue with the same methods as the in the last 25 years, we will get the same result. Are you ready to work for change? If you have ideas for resolutions please pass them on.

On the lighter side, thank you to all who supported our October 7 "wine and cheese" event. Mark March 11 in your calendar for the next "wine and cheese" social event.

In closing, I am requesting your assistance with new leads for entertainment at chapter events. Thanks to those who have sent me ideas. If you have ideas for entertainment or if you are willing to play the piano at chapter meetings, please call me at 374-3543 or e-mail to peterstroh@sasktel.net

## Chapter Archives

As our Chapter grows and develops, it becomes increasingly important to maintain a record of the Chapter's history. Business and Chapter activities are well documented, and form the backbone of our archives, but what really enriches and adds depth and interest to the archives is information about our members.

We would be more than happy to include such information in our archives, with the focus on the member as a superannuate – what retirement has brought, what activities, tributes, accomplishments have been experienced.

Please help us by submitting any pertinent materials to any member of the Executive, or to Sadie Urban at 343-6451, or s.urban@sasktel.net.

# Activities

Bill Meger, Vic Anton

## Team Hodgins Wins 28th Annual Provincial STS Curling Bonspiel



The bonspiel was officially opened on November 4, 2008 at the Sutherland Curling Club. Carson Tufts, held the broom for the first rock, thrown by Bill Meger, chair of the Bonspiel. Carson Tufts completed his 44 year teaching career in 1972. He won the Canadian Seniors Curling Championship in 1968 as the third on Don Wilson's team and in 1986 he won the STS Provincial Curling Bonspiel with the same team. He is a member of the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame. An avid golfer – Carson celebrated his 100th birthday on July 23, 2008 by going golfing!

Team Hodgins captured the G. Anderson Trophy, winning four games at the Provincial STS Bonspiel held at the Sutherland Curling Club, on November 4 & 5. Twenty rinks from across the province took part in this event. Seven Saskatoon rinks entered the Spiel.

### Placement of Saskatoon rinks is as follows:

**First in A Event** – Cec Hodgins, Barry Davies, Bill Martin, Marg Martin.

**Second in B Event** – Ned Riben, Bill Meger, Vic Anton, Bonnie Klimek.

**Third in B Event** – Don Mantyka, Mike LeClaire, Jim Beebe Eric Crellin, Ron Perkins.

**First in C Event** – John Toles, Roland Thiessen, Ernie Balzer, John Krahn.

**Fourth in D Event** – Barry Brusky, Roy Bartel, Bill Bender, Wally Krause.

**First in E Event** – John Wall, Ken Theis, Bill Woodward, Elaine Theis.

**Fourth in E Event** – Len Kirkland, Carol Keesey, Bob Payton, Trudy Payton.



Team Hodgins won the 2008 provincial STS spiel. Bonspiel winners Margaret Martin, Bill Martin, Barry Davies and Cec Hodgins received their trophy from Bill Meger, Chair of the bonspiel.



100 year old Carson Tufts, accompanied by his son Murray, also an STS member.



Bonspiel Chair, Bill Meger, threw the first rock – sweepers were Maurice Koszman ( Bengough) and Wally Oucharek(Melville).



**Provincial Bonspiel Committee:**

**Back Row:** Bill Bender, Ken Theis, Bill Martin, John Wall, Bill Meger (chair)  
**Front Row:** Margaret Martin, Elaine Theis, Irma Kittelson, Bill Woodward  
 Missing: Vic Anton, Ned Riben, Bonnie Klimek

We wish to acknowledge with thanks: the Sutherland Curling club management and staff, Touch of Ukraine catering, Crafty Ladies for the decorations and especially the STF for donating our banquet space, as well as the STF building staff for their help.

The donations of prizes from the following individuals, and companies helped to make the 2008 STS Bonspiel a resounding success.

25th St. Theatre Centre  
 Assante Wealth Management  
 Avon-Elsie Sedgwick  
 Birnie, Howard  
 Bouvier, Rita  
 Bryski, Alma  
 CAA  
 Canadian Tire  
 Conexus  
 Cooperators - J. Matheson

Folks Curling Corner  
 Great Western Brewery  
 Hanlin, Alice  
 Kiss, Joey  
 Kittelson, Irma & Dennis  
 Lindgren, Kathleen  
 Mary-Kay - Norma Anton  
 Meewasin Interpretive  
 Northridge  
 Party Lite - Cindy Berger

Party Lite - Marlene Hursh  
 Peavy Mart  
 Percy H Davis Ltd  
 Pezer, Vera  
 Piecowie, Stephonia  
 Porteous, Doug  
 Saskatoon Co-op  
 Saskatoon Travelodge  
 Shoppers' Drug Mart  
 STF

STS - Provincial  
 STS - Saskatoon  
 Taylor, Gordon  
 TCU Financial  
 Theis, Elaine & Ken  
 Tim Hortons  
 Travelodge  
 Wall, John  
 Woodward, Bill



# Chapter Bowling Results

Tuesday, October 21, 2008  
Eastview Bowl

## Shulhan Team Trophy

Peter Rolston (501)  
Gloria Mattson (479)  
Rose Yaworski (449)  
Dennis Kittelson (384)

**Men's High Triple** - Terry Manley (615)

**Ladies High Triple** - Gloria Mattson (479)

**Men's High Single** - Rick Murza (307)

**Ladies High Single** - Elin Sletmoen (242)

**Men's Consolation** - Dal Proudlove

**Ladies Consolation** - Esther Molina



Stella Shulhan presents the winners of the Shulhan trophy to the winning team - Peter Rolston, Gloria Mattson, Rose Yaworski, and Dennis Kittelson

Elin Sletmoen won the Ladies' High Single trophy, presented by Terry Manley



Mens' High Single trophy presented by Terry Manley to Rick Murza.



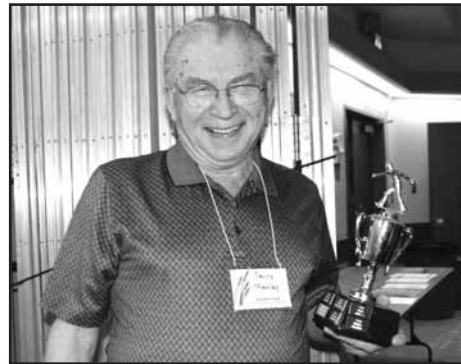
Esther Molina accepts the Ladies' Consolation trophy from Terry Manley.



Terry Manley presents the Mens' Consolation trophy to Dal Proudlove



Gloria Mattson won the Ladies High Triple trophy presented by Terry Manley.



Terry Manley proved he can do more than organize Bowling - he won the Mens' High Triple trophy.



## Fall Golf



Activities chair, Bill Meger, and Margaret Martin, Provincial STS Vice President, were two of our members who enjoyed an afternoon of golf at Greenbryre Golf Course on Wednesday September 10. The fall tournament was stroke play, not a Texas scramble. Winners were not declared but the weather was lovely and everyone involved had a great afternoon.

## Saskatoon Open Door Society

### Youth Study/Homework Help Program 2008-2009

Volunteer High School/Elementary Teachers are needed to tutor ESL Students in High School subjects such as:

English, History, Math, Science, Projects, Presentations, etc.

More information Contact:

Eleanor or Sabiha 653-4464

Youth Support Team for Newcomers

## 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](mailto:m.a.n@shaw.ca)**

**or**

**Marie Grimsen 244-2454, or e-mail at [ggrimsen@sasktel.net](mailto:ggrimsen@sasktel.net)**

## Social Committee Report

Cecile Martell

The 2008-09 season started with a bang!

It was a beautiful fall morning and everyone was anxious to meet new and old friends and without a doubt enjoy a delicious breakfast of sausage and pancakes, bagels and muffins, fruit and all the trimmings.

At this time I would like to extend to all the members of the executive, their spouses or friends that helped, a very heartfelt thank-you for the work that they did in helping make this a roaring success. Congratulations to Elaine Panchuk and Marion Shutiak who were the door prize winners.

In October the Chapter meeting took the form of a Wine and Cheese Social. Approximately 65 people enjoyed the evening. We missed those of you who did not attend. We hope to see you at some future meetings. There is always something of interest and of course the fellowship is next to none.

We hope that you will join us for the Christmas Banquet so do call for your tickets soon. We look forward to seeing you.

## Membership Tops 1800

Membership Chair -Marion Kimberley

Our current membership is 1804, retaining our place as the largest Chapter in the province.

Corrections to your current directory are not included in this issue of The Voice because a new edition of the STS Saskatoon Chapter Membership Directory will be published early in 2009.

We would like to ensure that information is current and accurate. Please contact Marion Kimberley by December 15, if there have been recent changes in your information.

**Also please let her know 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 would prefer not to receive this directory, please contact Marion Kimberley prior to December 15, 2008. Her e-mail address is [mmkimberley@hotmail.com](mailto:mmkimberley@hotmail.com) or phone 242-2204.

# Editorial... Our Summer Holidays

Irma Kittelson

I often ask others to write for *The Voice* about places they have gone, or things they have done. I just realized that our short summer trip might be of interest to others in the chapter.

One days' drive from Saskatoon is a tiny town in Montana called Bigfork. Every summer for the past 49 years they have produced live professional musicals. Their website is <http://www.bigforksummerplayhouse.com>. Their shows are now produced in a beautiful 400 seat facility. The organization of the shows makes it perfect for a short holiday – if you pick your dates, you can see three different shows on three successive nights.

Hotels are inexpensive and there is camping nearby. Spending the days in the area is no problem either – Flathead Lake has

nice parks and beaches (it's the largest American fresh water lake, west of the Great Lakes ), there is great shopping in Kalispell, golf at one of the many courses in the area, the Whitefish recreation area is nearby, as well as the picturesque 'Going to the Sun' road.

The town of Bigfork is reminiscent of Banff on a smaller scale – galleries, restaurants, and boutique type shopping.

The show tickets were just \$25 each – but since many nights are Sold Out, I would recommend arranging your tickets early and certainly before leaving.

If you need a nice summer getaway to the mountains – I would heartily recommend this destination.

## 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.

Esther Molina  
Treasurer, STS Saskatoon Chapter  
317 - 930 Heritage View  
Saskatoon SK S7H 5S6  
Phone 306-955-3810

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

## Program

Freda Robinson

### January Chapter meeting

Monday Chapter 12 - 1:30  
Eamer Auditorium STF Building

Slide Presentation by Dorothy and Paul Reimer  
Topic: Panama Canal Cruise

Come out and travel vicariously to somewhere warm.



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SASKATOON CHAPTER

## Income Statement

For the year ending June 30, 2008

**REVENUE:**

Memberships	14,102.00
AGM - STS Travel	273.00
Chequing Account Interest	6.37
Term Deposits Interest	305.44
June Luncheon	2,510.00
Meeting Donations	780.83
September Breakfast 2007	267.00
September Breakfast 2008	125.00
Term Deposits Cashed	7,500.00
Christmas Banquet	3,237.00
Curling Tournament (November '08)	1,680.00

**TOTAL REVENUE** \$ 30,786.64

**EXPENDITURES:**

Audit	\$ 75.00
Bank Service Charges	38.59
Cards, Gifts, Visiting	901.90
June Luncheon	3,110.87
Meetings & Socials	1,009.70
Meeting Entertainment	685.00
Meetings Executive	765.35
Membership Refunds to STS	154.00
Membership Rebate	168.00
Christmas Banquet	2,707.00
Term Deposit Purchase	5,000.00
Newsletter -Printing, Mailing Stuffing,	12,237.18
September Breakfast 2007	424.00
September Breakfast 2008	21.10
Miscellaneous	89.36

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** \$ 27,767.43

**NET INCOME** \$ 3,110.21

**BALANCE SHEET  
CURRENT ASSETS JUNE 30, 2008**

Bank Operating Account	4,666.00
Term Deposit Investment	5,000.00
Membership	5.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>9,671.00</b>

OCTOBER 30, 2008

Bank Chequing Account	17,429.11
Term Deposit	5,000.00
Membership	5.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$22,434.11</b>

(includes \$2,800.00 Curling Registration money)

# Fraud Prevention

Irma Kittelson

Our November 12 Chapter meeting featuring Brian Trainor as guest speaker was very well attended. He outlined some of the most frequent scams attempted and suggested ways to avoid being duped. Prevention of Power of Attorney Fraud is a topic Brian is very passionate about, and we will attempt to rebook Brian for that topic at a future meeting.

Here are some of the highlights of his talk at our November meeting.

- Beware of any phone calls regarding your credit card or banking information. If a bank, the police, or a credit card company need information from you, they will call you to come in, in person.
- Keep your eye on your credit and debit cards when using them at restaurants and gas stations.
- If you don't have call display on your phone, GET IT !
- Be sure to shred any pre-approved credit card applications you receive in the mail.
- Shredding material with your name and address or any other personal information before discarding is one way to keep your identity safe.

- Be careful to check references and deal with reputable firms for home renovations - workmen appearing at your door telling you that you need work done, may not have your best interests in mind.
- Returning a phone call to a 1-900 number could prove very costly to you in long distance charges.
- Call display showing all zeroes, ones, twos etc. are the result of a VOIP call (Voice Over Internet Protocol) Some people use these legitimately to avoid expensive long distance charges. However, scammers have also been known to use this type of phone system,
- 1-800, 866, 877, and 888 are legitimate toll free numbers. However they can be used by scammers too. Callers telling you that you have won a trip, a holiday or a cruise fall into the category of "legal scams" Do not supply your credit card number to these callers.

To quote Brian's book, "If it's too good to be true, it's a scam."

Brian's book, *Stop Fraud*, is available at McNally Robinson, and Indigo books.

## Paddock Wood Brewery Tour

Linda Ashley

Thursday, October 16 a group of retired teachers and their friends gathered at the Paddock Wood Brewing Co. which is located at B1 – 116 103rd Street E, Saskatoon for a tour. The tour was very interesting and informative.

We were welcomed by Steve Cavan who established the microbrewery in 1996 as a home based business. He shared with us how his business has grown and developed over the years. Today the Paddock Wood Brewery has a variety of beers in Saskatchewan Liquor Board Stores and in other provinces plus on tap in some pubs restaurants in Saskatoon. The following are a few of the pubs restaurants which have Paddock Wood beer on tap, Fuddruckers, Yard and Flagon, Boffin's and Original Joe.

One thing we learned that a craft microbrewery is classified by the size of equipment used and its annual production is usually less than 1.5 million litres. We also noted that the production is time and labour intense. Even now, their beer cartons are hand sealed.

No tour of a brewery would be complete without sampling the product. This tour was no exception. We were served three different samples (Vienna Red and Black Cat which both are a type of lager and Bete Noire which is a type of black ale).

As the tour came to the end we could buy off-sale to take home and enjoy later.

If you would like to know more about the Paddock Wood Brewery Co. or organize a tour, check out their website, [www.paddockwood.com](http://www.paddockwood.com).

# A Little Bit of History

**Sadie Urban**

*Historian*

Every year our Chapter chooses to honour deserving members with an Honorary Life Membership in the Chapter. This tradition of recognizing the contributions of our members was initiated in 1974, and continues to this day. The process of selecting who to honour in this manner starts with nominations – from members and from executive members. The Chapter records are checked to ensure that the eligibility criteria are met. The nominees are contacted to determine if they are willing to accept the Honorary Life Membership. These members' names are submitted to the Executive, and the recipient(s) for this year are determined. It has been the practice to present these honours at the Christmas Banquet.

So what are these eligibility criteria? They are fairly simple – six years of Chapter membership with five years of demonstrated leadership. There has been discussion about adding other criteria, or broadening the requirements, to provide further guidelines in the selection of the nominees, and to clarify what the honour represents. This gives rise to questions – What exactly constitutes “leadership”? A narrow definition would be holding an executive position, but there are many Chapter members who are active behind the scenes, and contribute regularly to Chapter activities. This also demonstrates leadership. Another question is what constitutes “contributing to the Chapter”? Should we be more precise in our criteria, or by having

broad-based criteria, do we allow for the entire gamut of individual contributions and Chapter involvement? Would redefining the criteria create restrictions for the process – or facilitate selection? Please let your Executive know if you have any suggestions.

The very first Honorary Life Membership was presented in 1974 to Frank Barber, who was ninety-seven years at the time. In her tribute, former student Mrs. Verdna Lewis remembered that he “insisted that anything worth doing was worth doing well.” A teacher herself, she cited Frank’s training and the fine example he set as key factors in both her choice of a career and her success.

Zip ahead 33 years to December 2007, when Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to Ernie Epp and Bill Meger. The tributes to these two worthy gentlemen show that the qualities Mrs. Lewis so admired in her former teacher are alive and well and living in the Saskatoon Chapter’s superannuates of today.

At one time in Chapter history, there were two categories for honouring our members – a service award, and an age award. The former recognized leadership and contributions to the Chapter, and the second extended our appreciation to members who had been with the Chapter for many years, or who deserved our tributes because of their longevity.

**My life .....broken down into segments:**



## Registration

Judy Schmid

We have held two Chapter meetings this fall.

The “Welcoming Breakfast” was held on September 9. Twenty six new members attended. In total, there were 133 members and guests who signed in.

Forty nine members and thirteen guests registered at the Wine and Cheese Social in October. We enjoyed listening to our guests the McClure United Church Handbell Choir. Afterwards, time was spent socializing with colleagues and friends.

# Poetry by Carl Krause

## December Sun by Carl Krause

The winter sun sleeps in,  
Reluctant now to rise,  
And even at its height  
Is angled low—  
Barely high enough  
To clear horizon's points.

And as this winter sun  
Retreats behind the wall  
It reaches out in precious irony,  
Bathing all in gold relief;  
And shadows,  
Even shadows long  
And growing longer,  
Lighten up a bit  
As they prepare for dark.



## sun snow by Carl Krause

#1

brushed of breezes brisk  
polished smooth  
tarnish-free  
laced with beaded tracks  
on drumlins undulating smooth

#2

the icy wind plays  
a reedy symphony  
on stubble glazed  
a gigantic pegboard  
catching bits of winter



## that first frost

by Carl Krause

that first frost  
by Carl Krause

that first sharp frost  
sends summer packing—

her belongings  
strewn about  
in careless colours  
everywhere—

the wind tugging at her hat  
she waits impatiently  
holding on—  
her ticket in her hand

and winter  
after months  
of r & r  
stretches  
yawns  
then zips his bag—  
his socks and scarf  
all packed—

digs deep  
into his pockets  
checking out the schedule  
for the trip  
just days away



## the waiting room

by Carl Krause

So, here I'm in the waiting room!  
The doctor's very busy;  
To see so many sick or sad  
Would put me in a tizzy.

It seems I've come to spend the day—  
My appointment was eleven—  
But I'm retired, I've got the time,  
As long as I'm home by seven!



## 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](mailto:jluciuk@sasktel.net). Please remember to e-mail Judy if your e-mail address changes or has recently changed.

## *The Voice*

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.

## *The Voice* Deadlines for 2008-09

February 11, 2009, and May 4 2009

Please contact Irma Kittelson at 934-0881 or e-mail submissions to [ijkitt@sasktel.net](mailto:ijkitt@sasktel.net). If you wish to access past issues of *The Voice* visit <http://www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/newsletter/index.htm>

## 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



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