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SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS OF SASKATCHEWAN — SASKATOON CHAPTER

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## President's Message



Congratulations and welcome to the new retirees who have joined our Chapter. My wish for you and for all our members is that you enjoy many happy, healthy years of retirement. There is really nothing to 'not like' about retirement - if you don't like what you're doing, choose to do something else. No more rules or expectations. Saskatoon, with so many opportunities for life-long learning, volunteering, employment or just socializing, is a wonderful city in which to be retired.

After a record breaking spring, where we learned that the weather man is not our friend; another short Saskatchewan summer is drawing to a close. Our hopes are for another lovely long autumn like 2009. My second and final year as Chapter president is beginning, and I am confident that our fall STS activities are ready to go. We begin with the Welcome Breakfast on September 8, the Fall Golf Tournament at Greenbryre on September 9, followed on September 15 by the boat tour of Lake Diefenbaker, continuing on with cooking demos, museum visits, high tea and green house visits. You will find a huge and varied list of other activities elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope many of our members are eager to become involved with our Chapter events. I thank Bill Meger and Loretta Metzger for all their work developing such a wide variety of possibilities for our membership. As the activities of autumn gear up, I do hope that you will choose to come out and get involved with the Chapter - and if you have alternative ideas please call Bill or Loretta. They are always open to new ideas.

Many of our Chapter members did not teach in Saskatoon. Your Chapter Executive reflects this - nearly half of our Executive members did not retire from careers in Saskatoon city schools. This brings ideas from many parts of the province, creating a diverse group who are unified in their objective to make a difference for their fellow superannuates.

As well, one third of the Provincial Executive members are members of our Chapter - including Provincial President - Margaret Martin, ACER CART rep - George Georget, Members at Large - Elaine Broughton and Jerry Mamer; and Executive

Secretary - Fred Herron. This certainly gives the Saskatoon Chapter many voices at the provincial table.

October brings with it our first evening social on October 13. Our Chapter holds evening meetings twice a year, so that even superannuates who are still employed can come out and socialize with former colleagues. We do hope you will come out and enjoy the evening - we keep the business portion very short - and focus on entertainment and socializing.

This year's Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 7, at the WDM. Please set the date aside - tickets will be on sale soon.

Renovations to Eamer Auditorium in 2011 have necessitated some changes to our meeting times and places in January, February and March. Please note the list in this issue. All dates have been confirmed at the time of printing.

My sincere thanks go to Linda Ashley and Donna Rolston for their work during the summer months to prepare this edition, so it could be in your hands early in the fall. If you would like to read The Voice online, and save a tree - please email me and I will remove your name from our mailing list.

If you have questions that I can answer or need help I can offer, please don't hesitate to call me.

Let's all plan to get involved and have a wonderful STS year together.

Irma Kittelson  
ijkitt@sasktel.net or 934-0881



### Saskatoon Chapter Annual Christmas Banquet



**Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

Socializing 11:00-12:00 / Lunch 12

Entertainment, Craft Tables, Honorary Life Memberships, Carols, Prizes

Butler Byers Century Hall

Western Development Museum, Saskatoon

Tickets: \$20. Will be available from Executive in October  
Ticket deadlines: From Executive - Sunday, November 28, 2010  
From STF reception - Thursday, December 2, 2010

# STS/STF Liaison Report

Margaret Martin

Welcome to all of the new members of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan! I hope that all of our new and current members have had a relaxing summer spent with family and friends. Our STS membership continues to grow as we now have well over 9300 members. Most of our new members have also become members of the STS Group Benefits Plans – the Extended Health Plan and/or the Dental Plan.

The Provincial STS Executive will meet on September 15 and 16, 2010 in Saskatoon. You will receive your first issue of *Outreach* usually within three to four weeks after this meeting. If you wish to receive your copy online please call the STS Office (373-3879) from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday to request this. *Outreach* is usually posted on the STS website a week earlier than you receive your paper copy.

A reminder, too, that if you are a member of the STS Group Benefits Plan but return to teach with a temporary full time or part time contract and are thus covered under the STF Benefits Plan, please call the STS Office and suspend your STS Group Benefits Plans until your contract has expired so you are not paying STS premiums when you are covered under the STF Plan.

Any changes to the premiums you pay for the STS Extended Health Plan will only happen if you notify the STS Office that you have reached the age of 65 and are eligible for coverage under the Saskatchewan Seniors Drug Plan and provide a copy of this eligibility letter to the STS Office. If you are nearing your 65th birthday you should apply for coverage under the Saskatchewan Seniors Drug Plan by filling out the form that will be sent to you.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Saskatoon Chapter meetings and activities.



## Saskatoon STS Executive 2010-11

**Back Row:** L to R - Alicia Klopoushak, Bill Meger, Judith Luciuk, Pat Orchard, Margaret Martin, Donna Rolston, George Georget, Loretta Metzger

**3rd Row:** L to R - Gladys Somerville, Lois Pyne, Carol Shanner, Faye Kunkel, Sadie Urban, Marion Kimberly, Esther Molina

**2nd Row:** L to R - Elaine Broughton, Linda Ashley, Mary Ann Nicholson, Cecile Martell, Freda Robinson

**Front Row:** L to R - Corinne Sturby, Jane Isinger, Jerry Mamer, Irma Kittelson, Marie Grimsen, Nettie White

**Missing:** Peter Stroh, Stella Shulhan, Irene Fahlman

# Visiting Committee

Pat Orchard and Stella Shulhan

Over the years, caring individuals have carried out visits to shut-ins or to hospitals and other facilities. In recognition and appreciation of these volunteer visitors, certificates for long service were presented at the luncheon on June 9.

**15 or more years** – Margaret Leaker

**10 or more years** – Joey Kiss, Herman Berg, Norma Wilson, Aldean Glass, Fern Adair, Joan Fast, Helen Lewis, Lily Hilderman, Gwyn Williams

**5 or more years** – Bergit Manley, Terry Manley, Stella Shulhan, Kathy Lindgren, Deanna Krug, Bill Meger, Joan Wallace, Marion Shutiak, Penny Banks, Laura Chernoff, Marlene Iachella, Lida Golonka, Lindsay Fast, Rose Yaworski

**Active visitors** – Bill Bender, Lorraine Friesen, Corinne Sturby, Anne Stachniak, Pat Orchard

As of June 1, 18 volunteer visitors were coordinated and 14 shut-ins were visited. Thank you to all of these visitors who give of their time to provide company and enjoyment to people who are confined to their homes, hospital or other facilities.

There is always a need for volunteer visitors. If YOU would like to volunteer or if you know someone who would appreciate a visit from one of our volunteers, please call Pat (373-9905) or Stella (242-9411). Your thoughtful consideration is appreciated.



## Saskatoon STS Visiting Committee

**Back Row:** Ann Stachniak, Bill Meger, Pat Orchard (co-chair), Herman Berg, Kathy Lindgren, Terry Manley, Corinne Sturby, Bill Bender

**Front Row:** Lily Hilderman, Helen Lewis, Rose Yaworski, Aldean Glass, Joey Kiss, Bergit Manley

**Committee Members who received recognition certificates for their service but who are missing from the picture:**

Margaret Leaker, Fern Adair, Gwyn Williams, Norma Wilson, Marion Shutiak, Marlene Iachella, Lida Golenko, Lindsay & Joan Fast, Stella Shulhan, Deanna Krug, Joan Wallace, Penny Banks, Laura Chernoff, Lorraine Friesen

# CARD Committee

We continue to need your help to keep us informed about Chapter members and their spouses, partners and family members who would benefit with a card from our Chapter. We send Thinking of You Cards, Congratulations Cards, Sympathy Cards, Thank You Cards, and Get Well Cards. It is also possible to send electronic cards upon request.

Contact: **Marie Grimsen**  
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Phone: 244-2454

**Mary Anne Nicholson**  
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# Communication Committee

Nettie White and Irene Fahlman

*"Far away, there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow them."*

Louisa May Alcott

The aspirations of the executive have been high this year. There have been interesting programs and exciting, adventurous activities. Of course one of the aspirations was to communicate the news to each of the members so that attendance would increase.

We do realize that as retirees, members do not want to be tied down to schedules and commitments; however, planned activities and programs require audiences and participants. Our volunteers, in the trenches, have worked diligently and valiantly to relay the information necessary for a cohesive and vibrant organization.

A huge vote of gratitude goes to the following members who either phoned or sent emails:

Margaret Cooper – Captain  
Mary Bowerman  
Patricia Chubb  
Fran Gordon  
Grace Skrudland

Kathy Guenther – Captain  
Ruth Bruce  
Marion Clark  
Pat Hawryliw  
Elin Sletmoen  
Gladys Somerville

Mary Anne Nicholson – Captain  
Joyce Chycoski  
Carol Hanson  
Louise Hefner  
Jim Holtslander  
Eileen Lambert  
Lois Pyne  
Freda Robinson  
Carmelle Toner

Marion Marcotte – Captain  
Paulette Andrieu  
Alice Fyke  
Marcella Gran  
Susan Livingstone  
Rose Marie Mackenzie  
Therese Morin  
Marion Shutiak  
Annie Young

Brian Parsons – Captain  
Connie Franko  
Marie Grimsen  
Olga Kaye  
Anne Klassen  
Linda Kolynchuk  
Ruby Parkinson  
Mel Petty  
Shelley Shycoski  
Norma Wilson

Judith Luciak – email captain  
Gail Dust – email assistant

These volunteers have not only been an integral branch to a successful year of activities, but they have created inter-relationships which have become very precious in a very large organization of 1200 plus. How unselfishly you give of yourself! We acknowledge your service and thank you generously. It is our aspiration that you will again help us in the new year. As communication coordinators, Nettie White and Irene Fahlman treasure your friendship and your work. We are so pleased to have shown our appreciation through the presentation of Certificates of Service at the June luncheon.



## Saskatoon STS Communication Committee

**Back Row:** Paulette Andrieu, Susan Livingstone, Lois Pyne, Freda Robinson, Linda Kolynchuk, Anne Klassen, Kathy Guenther, Margaret Cooper, Ruth Bruce, Elin Sletmoen

**Front Row:** Mel Petty, Alice Fyke, Nettie Friesen (Co-chair), Irene Fahlman (Co-chair), Marion Clark, Ann Young, Fran Gordon

# Social Committee Report

Cecile Martell

What a perfect day! One hundred and fifty-five teachers, spouses or significant others and friends came together at the Western Development Museum for a lovely spring luncheon. It was a perfect end to the year's Chapter Meetings before the summer break. Lunch was delicious, the entertainment was very enjoyable and door prizes were presented to the following: Helen Mamer, Mildred MacGillivray, Jacob Peters, Fran Gordon, Alicia Klopoushak, Diane Selby, Ruth Bruce, Ted Panchuk, Robina Laporte, Mike Luciuk and Joan Hickie. Congratulations! Door prizes were donated by: TCU Financial, Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, Saskatoon Teachers' Association, Elsie Sedgwick, Wilma Gauthier, Western Development Museum and others who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you for your contributions.

It has been a great season. We saw new people attending the monthly assembly meetings and scheduled activities. We invite you to keep coming and we encourage others to join us. Until you join, you will never know the fun and fellowship that goes on at these meetings. I wish to thank my assistant, Corinne Sturby, and the volunteers who helped with the preparation of goodies for the monthly meetings. Your help is much appreciated. Thank you. In September we will once again be asking for volunteers. Please be prepared to round up a friend and volunteer to help just once during the season. Many hands make the load a lot lighter.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Welcome Breakfast on September 8, 2010. There are a limited number of tickets so you may want to purchase yours as soon as possible. Mark your calendar for the October 13 wine and cheese social. It promises to be a fun event. Enjoy the summer and we will see you in the fall.

## 2011 Saskatoon Chapter Directory

The STS Saskatoon Chapter directory will be issued early in 2011.

To offset the increasing cost of printing and mailing, **a directory will be available only upon member request.**

Please email your request to the Saskatoon Chapter at [sts.saskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:sts.saskatoon@gmail.com) or complete and mail the form below. **October 31, 2010 is the deadline for directory requests.**

**If you do not want your name, address or phone number listed in the directory, please fill in the form below and mail to the address listed.**

When the directory is available, **Chapter members who reside in the city will be asked to pick up a directory at the STF.** Several pickup dates and times in late winter and spring will be announced and the directory will be available at specific Chapter meetings and special events. Members who reside in the city and are not able to pick up a directory in person are asked to have a friend or family member do so.

### 2011 STS Saskatoon Chapter Directory

I would like to receive a copy of the 2011 Saskatoon Chapter Directory.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please mail to M. Kimberley, 202 Skeena Crescent, Saskatoon SK S7K 4G8 by **October 31, 2010.**

### 2011 STS Saskatoon Chapter Directory

I do not want the following information listed in the 2011 directory:

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Please mail to M. Kimberley, 202 Skeena Crescent, Saskatoon SK S7K 4G8 by **October 31, 2010.**

# Activities

Bill Meger, Chairperson and Loretta Metzger, Assistant

## Fall Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 9 – 1:00 p.m.  
Greenbryre Golf Course  
Register by Monday, September 6  
Contact: Bill (249-1329)



## STS Bowling Club

Join STS Bowling Club at Eastview Bowl  
Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.  
Fall season begins Tuesday,  
September 7, 2010  
Contact: Terry Manley (343-6297)



## STS Activities for 2010-11

Please call Loretta (382-6769) to book your spot in each activity.  
Knowing numbers helps with the planning.

### Wednesday, September 15 – Sask. River Cruise on Lake Diefenbaker

\$60 includes bus from Saskatoon, tour from 12:00-3:30 and lunch. This is the rescheduled trip from the weather cancellation in June. Maximum 38 people. Send name and cheque to Bill (249-1329) or Loretta (382-6769).

**Thursday, October 7 – A Wine Education by Cava Secreta**  
Cost \$20/person, meet at the store #110 19th Street. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please call and book your spot.

**November 16, 2 to 4 p.m. - Bongo at Lakeview Civic Centre**  
If you haven't played this easy dice game before, now is your chance. Please sign up in advance so we know how many tables. We prefer those with absolutely no knowledge of this game! More info to follow.

### Wednesday, December 15 – Delta Bessborough Tour with Stefan.

Meet at 2:00 p.m. in those comfy chairs in the mainfloor lobby. After the tour we could have coffee/tea in the café, enjoy the view and chat.

**Tuesday, January 11 – Relax at the Movies**  
After the busy holiday season let's get together for a movie. Once the listings are out we will pick one. Save some time for coffee afterwards.

**Wednesday, February 9 – A Taste of Italy with Bill Giuseppi**  
This cooking demo will have you licking your lips and rushing back to your own kitchen with new recipes. 1:00 p.m. at the Farmer's Market. Cost: Toonie Collection. Quiche lunch prior to demonstration.

### March (Date TBA) – High Tea at The Rembrandt in the Senator Hotel

More info to follow

### Tuesday, April 12 – It's spring! Time for mudpies or maybe Hypertufa with Angie.

Make your own planter to resemble volcanic rock. Cost: \$55/person, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., maximum 10 people, location TBA

### May (Date TBA) – An Evening at the Horse Races – Marquis Downs

More info to follow

### June (Date TBA) – Sask. Trails Day – more info to follow

**June (Date TBA) – Fort Carlton – Seager Wheeler Farm – more info to follow**

## Travel Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Mulberry's Restaurant at Market Mall

Have you been looking for a group to travel with? Why not a group of retired teachers? Some people you know and some you don't but all with a common background and the desire to see a little more of this beautiful world.

Since planning the activities a few people have mentioned they would like to travel. So let's meet and "see where this takes us"! Since this is new to me, I have asked a resource person, a retired teacher of course, now working in the travel industry to join us.

Things to think about before the meeting: duration, cruise or sunny resort, relaxation or educational, best dates. Any questions?? ... start writing them down.

Get your passport out! If you don't have one give me a call and I can help you.

Contact: Loretta (382-6769)

## 2010 Horseshoe Tournament Results



On June 15, 2010, eight players took part in a Round Robin Horseshoe Tournament. Moe Hnatick claimed the Dale Shockey Trophy, winning six out of seven games. Bill Meger took home the Frank Nickel Trophy winning five of his matches. Others taking part in the Tournament were, Jack Peters, Terry Manley, Willmer Willems, Renelle Gauthier, Bill Coumont and Ron Fisher. We would like to thank Jack Adams, Don Adams and Dale Squires for helping to organize the event and keep score for this event.

## Provincial Bowling Champions

Two Saskatoon bowling teams traveled to Moose Jaw for the Provincial Tournament on May 6 & 7. The team consisting of Rick Murza, Stella Shulhan, Rose Yaworksi, Bill Michaluk and Tom Brophy won the tournament for the third year in succession. Rick Murza won the Mens' High Triple award. The members of other team competing were Donna and Peter Rolston, Jane Isinger, Dennis Kittelson and Renelle Gauthier.

The Provincial tournament in 2011 will be held May 5 & 6, at Eastview Bowl in Saskatoon. Activities chair, Bill Meger, is chairing the organizing committee.

## June Texas Scramble Results

Between thunder showers, the Texas Scramble was held on June 24. The Texas Scramble saw fewer entries than normal, but it was enjoyed by the participants. The team of Donna Rolston, Peter Rolston and Dennis Kittelson took first place with a score of 37. Second place went to Gladys Somerville, Wayne Somerville, Elin Sletmoen, and Judy Samoletsky with 39. Third place went to Don Mansfield, Eileen Mansfield and Bill Meger with a score of 40. Fourth place went to Irma Kittelson, Faye Kunkel, and Bill Martin with 41. Prizes were handed out to the winning team, for long drive, short drive, best putter and rookie of the Tournament. Next spring we will be having our Tournament at the new Warman Legends Golf Course.



**Back row:** Peter & Donna Rolston, Bill Martin, Gladys & Wayne Somerville, Bill Meger, Don Mansfield  
**Front row:** Faye Kunkel, Irma Kittelson, Eileen Mansfield, Elin Sletmoen, Judy Samoletsky, Dennis Kittelson

## Provincial Bowling Tournament

Our STS Chapter is hosting the Provincial Bowling Tournament, May 5-6, 2011. This tournament is open to retired teachers, spouses and friends. We are expecting 16 or more teams of five, from across the province for this event. We hope this tournament will be as successful as past tournaments.

We are requesting donations for prizes from our members: who are artists, photographers, artisans, business owners, or from anyone else who would wish to donate. Your donation will be recognized on the bowling program, as well as at the banquet.

Please contact Bowling Committee Members: Stella Shulhan (242-9411) or Rose Yaworski (249-3142)

# Future meeting dates for 2010-11 ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(Reminder: All STS activities are Scent Free!)

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|----------------------------------|--|
| September 8 – 9:30 a.m.          | Welcome Breakfast @ Eamer Aud. STF<br>Tickets \$5.00 at STF reception - deadline September 3                               |
| October 13 – 7:00 p.m            | Evening Social @ Eamer Auditorium STF<br>Band “No Hurry”   |
| November 10 – 1:30 p.m.          | @ Eamer Aud. STF Chapter Meeting Program: Geneology  |
| December 7 – 11:00 a.m.<br>12:00 | Social<br>Christmas Banquet @ WDM<br>Ticket purchase deadline: December 2<br>Honorary Life Member awards and Carol singing |
| January 27 – 1:30 p.m.           | Chapter Meeting @ HOLY CROSS High School LIBRARY<br>Program: Jane Isinger – South Africa                                   |
| March 17 – 7:00 p.m              | Evening Social @ HOLY CROSS High School<br>Entertainment: Jean and Doreen – Happy St Patrick’s Day!                        |
| April 13 – 1:30 p.m.             | Chapter Meeting @ Eamer Auditorium   |
| May 4 – 1:30 p.m.                | Chapter Meeting @ Eamer Auditorium<br>Election of 2011-2012 Executive  |
| June 8 – 11:00 a.m.<br>12:00     | Social<br>June Luncheon @ WDM<br>Ticket purchase deadline: June 3.   |






## Congratulations!

Our congratulations to STS member, Glen Sorestad, who was named as a Member of the Order of Canada for arts and writing.

## Honorary Life Membership



Jim Sego, STS provincial president presents Willmer Willems, a Saskatoon Member, an Honorary Life Membership.



# Saskatoon Council on Aging Programs

- **Scandinavian Dance** – October 1, 15, 22, and 29 at Stensrud Lodge from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost \$50.
- **Acrylic Art Lessons** – November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost \$95.
- **Photography Lessons** – September 15 to November 24. Beginners – from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Photo Shoot – 1:00-4:00 p.m. Cost \$200 per course.
- **Spotlight on Seniors Event** – October 5th at TCU Place. Come and go all day for \$5.00 to see trade booths, enjoy speakers and entertainment.
- **Free Drop-in Program** – 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.; 3rd Wed. of every month. Refreshments provided. September 22nd – Yoga; October 20th – Open House; November 17th – Celebrating Veterans; December 15th – Christmas Social; January 19th – Geographic Slides.
- **Free Blood Pressure Clinic** – first Tuesday of every month from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Refreshments provided.
- **Beginner's Computer Lessons** – Three courses: Microsoft Word, Internet and Facebook. Registration Cost: \$75. Computer Lab sessions to start in September. A Beginner's Internet Lab will run September 20, 22 and 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **Seniors' Week Walk** – Come celebrate senior's week and join a walk down Meewasin Trail on September 29 at 10:30 a.m. and have a complimentary lunch after. Cost \$2.00.

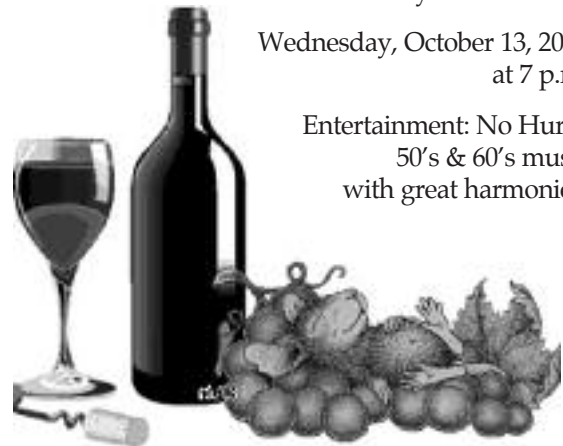
Please note: All paid programs require registering beforehand. Call Saskatoon Council on Aging at 652-2255 for more information.

## Wine and Cheese Evening

Everyone Welcome!

Wednesday, October 13, 2010  
at 7 p.m.

Entertainment: No Hurry  
50's & 60's music  
with great harmonies.



## ARTISTS or CRAFTERS!!!

Sell your wares  
at our Christmas Luncheon.

December 7

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
Limited tables available. STS members only.

Cost to you: one doorprize

Contact Irma @ 934-0881



# Zambia and South Africa – The Trip of a Lifetime!

By Jane Isinger

On February 14, 2010, I was part of a group of 18 from Saskatchewan who left Saskatoon for a tour to Africa. We flew to Chicago, Washington (overnight), Johannesburg (overnight) and Livingston, Zambia. Our hotel, the Zambesi Sun was a 5 minute walk to Victoria Falls and the Zambesi River. Zebras, giraffes and monkeys roamed the hotel grounds and the sign just outside our room said "Please Beware of Crocodiles." Breakfast was particularly entertaining as the monkeys tried, with some success, to steal food right off our plates.

Victoria Falls is absolutely amazing to see. They do provide raincoats because the mist is so heavy that it appears to be raining even though the day is sunny. I would also strongly recommend taking the helicopter ride over the falls. It is an experience you will never forget. A guided tour of the Makuni village, home of the Leya people, was a unique opportunity to see that they live very much as they have for hundreds of years. Our group took clothes and school supplies such as pencils and pens and left them with the teachers at the school for later distribution. The two-room school had dirt floors, rough tables and benches, and very few books/materials. While in Zambia we also attended a cultural show, took a sunset cruise down the Zambesi River to view hippos and crocodiles, and toured Livingston, the capital city, which is named after Dr. Livingston, the explorer.

Following a flight back to Johannesburg and an overnight stay, we boarded our bus for Kruger National Park. On arrival in the afternoon we did our first game drive. We saw giraffes, elephants, zebra, gazelles, kudu, white rhinos, Cape buffalo, wart hogs, wildebeest, impala, dwarf mongoose, numerous birds and the golden orb spiders in their giant webs. The next day our second game drive began at 5:00 am and we were gone until 4:00 pm. The vehicles are large and hold nine people besides the guide. They are open air, but do have a roof for sun protection. At two million hectares

Kruger is the largest game reserve in South Africa. The animals roam freely and the area is not fenced, but the resort we stayed at just outside the park boundary was fenced. One evening walking back to our cabin we saw five giraffe standing just outside the compound.

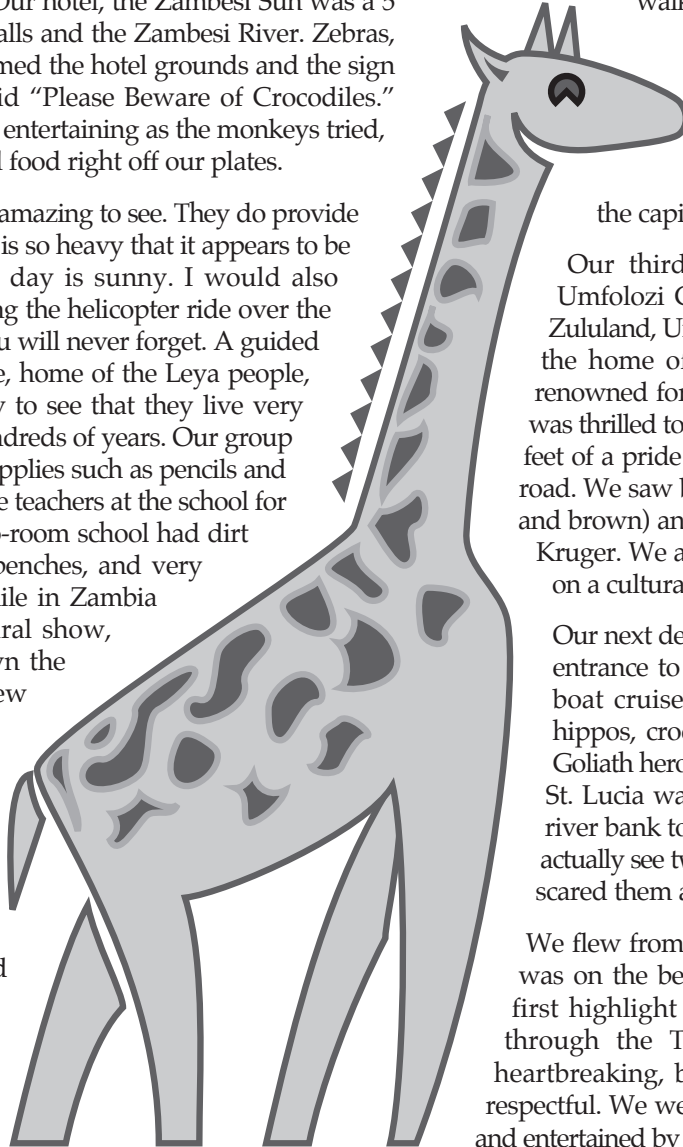
After leaving Kruger we entered the Kingdom of Swaziland, one of Africa's smallest countries. It is a lush, mountainous area. We drove through the capital, Mbabane, and visited a local market.

Our third game drive was at the Hluhluwe/Umfolozi Game Preserve. Situated in the heart of Zululand, Umfolozi, Africa's oldest game reserve, was the home of Operation Rhino and became world renowned for its white rhino conservation. My group was thrilled to spend half an hour parked within twenty feet of a pride of lions lounging in the shade along the road. We saw baboons, the Butchels zebra (black, white and brown) and most of the animals previously seen in Kruger. We also toured a Zulu village where they put on a cultural show.

Our next destination was St. Lucia, the southernmost entrance to the world-renowned Wetlands Park. A boat cruise explored the estuary as we observed hippos, crocodiles, monkeys and birds such as the Goliath heron and the African Fish eagle. Our hotel in St. Lucia was famous for the hippos coming up the river bank to drink out of the pool. We were lucky to actually see two hippos in the trees, but our enthusiasm scared them away.

We flew from Durban to Port Elizabeth and our hotel was on the beach overlooking the Indian Ocean. The first highlight of Port Elizabeth was a walking tour through the Township. The extreme poverty was heartbreaking, but the people were very friendly and respectful. We were served an excellent meal (kudu stew) and entertained by local singers/musicians at a local sheeban (bar) within the Township. The second highlight was a game drive at the Pumba Private Game Reserve. Here we saw white lions, many hippos and a huge elephant taking a mud bath.

The highway from Port Elizabeth to Knysna heads through the Garden Route to Tsitsikamma National Park. Along this route we stopped to do several activities. A guided tractor-drawn

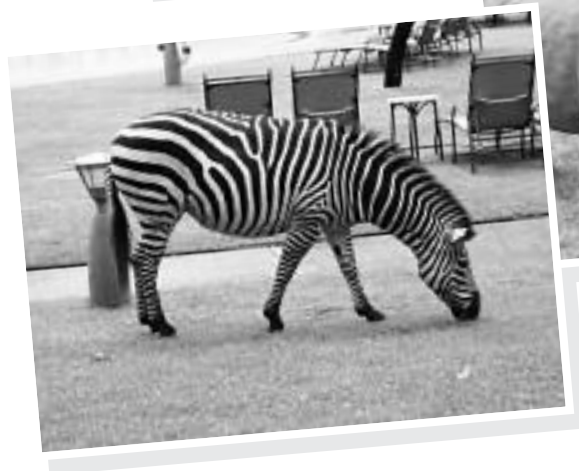


wagon ride through the forests concluded with a fantastic picnic. Next a ferry ride took us to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, a pristine piece of paradise only accessible by boat. On arrival we boarded vehicles that took us to an impressive viewpoint and from there we walked back down to the ferry. The views of the coast were absolutely spectacular. This was a long rugged walk downhill, but for those who felt they could not do it, transportation was provided. In the evening we visited an Elephant Sanctuary where we were able to walk among the elephants and feed them.

On the way from Knysna to Cape Town we stopped in the majestic and mountain-ringed Oudtshoorn valley, where we toured an Ostrich Ranch. My friend Denise and I were invited to ride the ostriches. What a fun experience that was and I have a certificate to prove I did it! As we arrived in Cape Town our guide asked if we would be interested in a side trip to the Township on the outskirts. He assists an orphanage there and we stopped at a store and purchased food supplies for the 200 children. This was another heartbreaking, but amazing experience. Once again the people greeted us with warmth and respect. When asked about the relationship between blacks and whites they speak of the importance of "forgiveness" and "reconciliation."

We toured the city of Cape Town, took the cable car up Table Mountain, visited the South African Museum, toured Robbin Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, traveled by boat to Hout Bay to see the island seals and to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. We also enjoyed a tour, wine-tasting and dinner at the oldest winery in South Africa and saw the Jackass penguins near Simons Town.

The travel pace of this trip was listed as "challenging" based on the number of cities visited, the number of activities and the length of flights and land transfers involved. The actual amount of walking was quite low, but the long flight from Washington to Johannesburg was approximately 18 hours. The oldest member of the group was 79 and his wife celebrated her 75th birthday on the tour. They had no problem keeping up with the pace. The hotels and meals were excellent. I always try to sample local foods and I ate crocodile, kudu and zebra. The people waved, smiled and greeted us warmly and I never felt afraid or uncomfortable. I have been lucky to travel to many places, but this trip to Africa was one of the best and I am planning to explore other African countries in the future.



To hear more about Jane's African adventure, and see more of her pictures, come to the January 27th Chapter meeting at Holy Cross High School.

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The next publication deadline for submissions is November 29, 2010 to [l.ashley@sasktel.net](mailto:l.ashley@sasktel.net).

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