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President's Message



The Saskatoon Chapter and the provincial STS have passed their 40th anniversary milestones. Memberships have grown to over 2200 in the Saskatoon Chapter and over 10,000 in total in the provincial STS. For 40 years both organizations have enjoyed a mutually supportive relationship with the STF for the benefit of members.

Superannuation Commission information from June 30, 2011 revealed that the liability of the TSP was \$4.573 billion. A total of 11,407 superannuates were receiving an allowance. Most STS members belong to the TSP with the youngest member of the plan being 54. If he/she lives to 94 the plan will essentially terminate around 2055. The liability is then spread over the next 40+ years. No one has joined the plan since 1980 so virtually all active teachers belong to the 22 year old STRP.

Since the STS is defined as a "resolution driven organization", at this time we are again called to assist our parent organization with resolutions for the AGM in May 14-16, 2013. The entire resolution process is modeled on STF Council procedures. Resolutions continue to have the same impact at STS AGM as at STF Council. That is, they have the potential for strong debate which can be a unifying exercise, but also risk the danger of deteriorating into petty divisions. Currently resolutions do form the process under which the STS is governed. Therefore, your Saskatoon Chapter Executive has considered several ideas for resolutions on topics of: pensions, life insurance, legal alcohol consumption age, health plan, structure of the provincial collective bargaining team and prescription drug plans. While able to find merit in all ideas, no consensus could be reached by press time. All members are invited to submit ideas and resolutions for debate and discussion at the January 23, 2013 chapter meeting.

As you think upon resolution ideas remember that the single fundamental thing which we all have in common is the fact that we receive a superannuation allowance. This fact brings us together into a formal organization. Our primary focus then

is, and must continue to be protection and improvement of pension benefits. Following pensions our other primary interest is the Group Benefits Program to which most members belong.

We have an excellent executive team again this year. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the entire Saskatoon Chapter Executive and thank each of them for their commitment to our organization. Members are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people who willingly volunteer their time for our collective good.

I invite you to join in the activities of the chapter. Please volunteer to join the fun in helping with any of the committees and do take part in our many fellowship activities.

As president I look forward to continuing to advocate for members for the rest of my term.

Best wishes for 2013.

Peter Stroh
STS Saskatoon President

Evening Social

Cash bar featuring the music of



Stephen Maguire

March 13, 2013

7 p.m. - Eamer Auditorium

No cover charge!!

Come and bring **all** your friends.
(This event is not restricted to retired teachers only.)

www.stephenmaguirelive.com

Support Services Update

Elaine Broughton

In May 2003, a resolution to the AGM supported the establishment of a committee to assist STS members dealing with personal issues. These issues include, but are not limited to, loss of a loved one, financial crisis, health problems, addiction, loneliness or depression.

Since then on-going Support Services Committee meetings have established a website that continues to grow and provide information for STS members. When you access the Support Services website you have the option of choosing "Chapter Support" or "Personal Support." Chapter Support gives a listing of Chapter activities submitted by various Chapters. The Personal Support link offers information and links for

individuals on a variety of topics from 'Abuse' to 'Veterans Information'.

For members with access to the internet, it is as simple as clicking on the Support Services link on the STS Website (sts.sk.ca). For members without a computer, each chapter has a Support Services liaison that is familiar with the website. A call to this person can provide members with the confidential information they require.

For the Saskatoon Chapter, I am the Support Services liaison. I have been on the Provincial Support Services Committee since being elected to the Provincial Executive in 2007. Contact me at 242-3205.



President Peter Stroh presents an Honorary Life Membership certificate to Margaret Martin.



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Future meeting dates for 2013 ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All meetings except December and June are held at the Eamer Auditorium at the STF Building. (Reminder: All STS activities are Scent Free!)

January 23, 2013 – 1:30 p.m. AGM Resolutions
February 2013 No Chapter Meeting
March 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. Evening Social – Stephen Maguire!
April 17, 2013 – 1:30 p.m. TBA

May 22, 2013 – 1:30 p.m. Elections
June 12, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. Year-End Luncheon at the WDM

Note: In the future we will no longer be able to purchase tickets for luncheons at the STF building. All ticket sales will be through members of the Executive.



Resolutions

1. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS investigate the need for changes to the TSP to increase the current minimum allowance which was negotiated in 1993 at \$192.00 per year of contributory service.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request the STF to lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to maintain the current minimum 19 year age requirement for the purchase and consumption of alcohol.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS approve the following policy:

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan believes that all Saskatchewan seniors who qualify for the Saskatchewan Senior's Drug Plan should not be charged a prescription fee.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS negotiate with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to provide the same coverage for other Chronic Disease Management Programs including Pulmonary, Diabetes and Stroke as a category with the same yearly \$300 limit as the Cardiovascular Rehabilitation Program.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that time be allotted at each STS General Meeting in the plenary session to discuss a limited number of topics which the AGM committee selects from topics supplied by any of the STS Chapters, with this discussion to precede resolution debate to encourage the formation of resolutions from the floor.

Card Committee

Please email or telephone Bev Pacholik or Marie Grimsen if you know of a Saskatoon Chapter member who would benefit from receiving a **Sympathy, Congratulations, Thinking of You, Thank You, Speedy Recovery or Special Occasion** (such as a milestone birthday or anniversary) card. We are also able to send out **electronic greeting cards** upon request and if the request is accompanied by an email address.

Contact: **Bev Pacholik**
bpacholik@shaw.ca
978-7155

Marie Grimsen
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244-2454



Just retired and seeking adventure and/or change?

Education in English (EIE) – a Canadian education organization – is looking for teachers to work at five Chinese universities and schools, located in Beijing, Chongqing, Dalian, Nanchang, Tangshan and Yantai. A complete benefit package includes a good monthly salary, airfare allowance, visa application documents, free airport pick-up, free accommodation, free internet in the office and paid vacation. Curriculum and full English-speaking staff support is provided.

Contact: billpeel48@gmail.com

Visiting Committee Report

"Volunteers are not paid ... not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

Our cherished volunteer visitors made Christmas brighter for the STS Chapter shut-in members. A special holiday wishes card was created and presented along with a gift on behalf of the STS Saskatoon Chapter. We extend many thanks to the faithful volunteers for making the world special just by being in it.

Please phone us regarding anyone you know who would appreciate a visit or if you are able to volunteer to cheer up housebound STS members.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year in 2013.

Visiting Committee Co-Chairs:

Stella Shulhan (242-9411)
Pat Orchard (373-9905)



STS/STF Liaison Report

Margaret Martin

As we begin the 2013 year STS members look forward to opportunities to travel, to visit with family and friends, or to participate in many winter activities. I would like to remind you that the STS Extended Health Plan has a built in travel component that provides all eligible members with outside province of residence travel benefits for up to 65 days per trip with a lifetime maximum of \$2,000,000 to be used in the event of an accident or unexpected illness. If you require more than 65 days or have any questions about the STS Group Benefits Plan, please contact the STS Office by calling (306) 373-3879 or sending an email to sts@stf.sk.ca.

I also would like to remind all STS members who are reaching their 65th birthday to apply to the Saskatchewan Seniors Drug Plan for coverage under this government plan. When you

receive your letter indicating that you have coverage under this plan please submit a copy of this letter to the STS Office so that your premiums for the STS Extended Health Plan are reduced.

Your STS Provincial Executive and the AGM Planning Committee are working on a big celebration for the 40th Anniversary of Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon on May 14 to 16, 2013. We also want to celebrate our present membership of over 10,000 STS members. Also, please consider participating in the many provincial recreational activities hosted by the local STS Chapters and supported by the STS. Your copy of *Outreach* will continue to bring you information about these events.

I wish each of you a very happy and healthy 2013!

Fall Bowling Results



Most Improved Female Bowler – Elaine Kennedy



Shulhan Team Champions – Gayvin Franson & Elaine Kennedy



Sam Baerg Men's High Single – Terry Manley



Irene Baerg Ladies' High Single – Elin Sletmoen



Stella Shulhan Women's High Triple – Susan Livingstone



Terry Manley Men's High Triple – Rick Murza

Activities

Co-Chairs: **Bill Meger and Loretta Metzger**

STS Activities for 2013

Call **Loretta** at 382-6769 or email metzgerl@shaw.ca if you are interested in any of the following activities:

Friday, February 8 – Synchrotron tour- 3:00. Please register by Jan 18. Be early, tour leaves at 3:00 p.m. sharp.

March - Wine Education – Sommelier cost is \$200 split between those attending. You will also bring a bottle of wine from the country, region or grape chosen. Please register with me. Details will follow based on the amount of interest. Probably to be held in a home at the end of March.

April 26 – A taste of spring. Have lunch at the Farmer's Market and walk the bridges – Billiards Evening. TBA

May – Places of Worship – probably the last week in May. This is looking like a full day with 2 locations in the morning, lunch and 2 locations in the afternoon. If there is enough interest we could book a bus which would mean a cost but would save the hassle of driving, parking and getting everyone to the next location at the same time.

June 2 – Sask Trails Day – Beaver Creek Conservation Area – meet for breakfast and head to Beaver Creek for a hike.

June – field trip – Sceptre Sand Hills more details to follow, probably a weekend in June.

*Still working on a new idea for the Tea.

Fall Golf Tournament Results

Eight teams entered the Fall Golf Tournament held at the Legends Course in Warman. Results are as follows:

- 1st-(score-35): Dick Huynink, Bev Beckett, Rick Sterling, Mari-lu Sterling.
- 2nd-(score-36): Wes Friesen, Roland Thiessen, Ernie Balzer, Harold Schultz.
- 2nd-(score-36): Peter Stroh, Gary Ferguson, Elaine Pederson, Bill Meger.
- 4th-(score-37): Vic Anton, Stu Forrester, Stella Shulhan, Frank Bryski.
- 4th-(score-37): Ernie Epp, Ernie Krahn, Jake Froese, Walter Toews.
- 6th-(score-38): Oliver Siba, Darlene Danyliw, Randy Danyliw.
- 7th-(score-39): Norm Skrudland, Grace Skrudland, Irma Kittelson, Dennis Kittelson.
- 8th-(score-42): Donna Rolston, Peter Rolston, Brenda Simmer, Ray Simmer.



Provincial Curling Results

Nine full teams, plus four Saskatoon curlers on out of town teams, competed in the Provincial Curling Bonspiel held on November 5-7, at the Sutherland Curling Rink. The rink winning the Bonspiel was skipped by Larry McCallum who recently moved to Saskatoon. The other three members of his team, (Tom German, John Hunchak, and Bob Krimer) come from North Battleford. Saskatoon results are as follows:

- Second in "A" Event: John Wall, Ken Theis, Bill Woodward, Harold Hesje.
- Fourth in "A" Event: Barry Davies, Cec Hodgins, Bill Bender, Wally Krause.
- First in "B" Event: Don Mantyka, Barry Brusky, Linda Delver, Mike LeClaire.
- Third in "B" Event: Bill Meger, Vic Anton, Ned Riben, Bonnie Klimek.
- Fourth in "B" Event: Randy Warick, Sylvie Francoeur, Dian Thon, Al Mitchell
- Second in "C" Event: Larry Pavloff, Don Bates, Kay Montgomery, Carol Ferris, Ross Brown.
- Fourth in "C" Event: Bruce Griffiths, Marg Griffiths, Leonard Kasahoff, Evelyn Kasahoff.
- Third in "D" Event: Ken Troell (Saltcoats) Emery Enns, Darlene Danyliw, Randy Danyliw.
- First in "E" Event: Len Kirkland, Carol Keesey, Bob Payton, Judy Payton.



Winter Programs for 2013 – Saskatoon Council on Aging

Men's Cooking Classes – Level 2

Participants will have a hand in making meals for one or two people using time tested recipes, combined with new technology and techniques. Included in the cost are four meals and a copy of the Living Simply cookbook. This four session program is based on requests made by participants in Step One. The program includes preparing cream sauce for cream soup, sweet and sour sauce for Chinese food, chili, rice crispy cake, chocolate cake in a mug and more.

Location: Grace Westminster Church 505 10th St. East

Times: 4:00-6:30pm

Dates: Tuesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29

Cost: \$50

Art Classes with Gisele Bauche at the Saskatoon Council on Aging

Painting Flowers in Watercolour

Dates & Times: 1:00-4:00pm, Tuesdays, January 29 and February 5, 12, 19, 26

Healing a Wounded Heart: Grief, Loss and Transformation

Dates & Times: 7:00-8:30pm, Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26

Painting with Acrylic and Mixed Medium

Dates & Times: 1:00-4:00pm, Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2

There will be demonstrations, one-on-one instruction, critiques and group sharing. Bring your own supplies. Please call 652-2255 to register. Enrolment is limited.

Beginner Computer Classes – Space is Limited!

Beginner Internet Classes cover a basic introduction to computers, how to browse internet websites, do internet searches, and send emails.

Beginner Microsoft Word Classes offer an introduction to computers and basic word processing skills.

Location: Saskatoon Public School Board, 310 – 21st Street East

Cost: \$75.00

Note: There will be **both** Beginner Internet and Beginner Microsoft Word courses offered in the New Year. Call SCOAA at 652-2255 in January for the specific dates & times.

On My Own: Women Learning New Life Skills Together

A presentation by Service Canada – Donna Paget

Location: Saskatoon Council on Aging, #301 – 506 25th Street East

Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2012; 2:30pm

Cost: \$10

For further information contact SCOAA at 306-652-2255 or visit our website: www.scoa.ca

The Saskatoon Council on Aging is dedicated to promoting the health, dignity and independence of older adults. The Council operates a Resource Centre and works with local agencies to initiate, implement and evaluate projects useful to older adults in our community.



Book Reviews for Bookworms

Rush Home Road by Lori Lansens (Canadian author)

This is a fictional story of the underground railway in Canada set in the black communities of southwestern Ontario; a story of love and loss when a 70-year-old woman takes in an abandoned young girl.

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

This is the story of people's success and why they succeeded. It may be due to the month or day or place of their birth. Fascinating truths!

Sea Captain's Wife by Beth Powning (Canadian author)

This is a story of a young woman from the Bay of Fundy who is determined to accompany her sea captain husband on his voyage on the sea. The novel that begins in the 1860s is an account of life on the open seas and in foreign ports. Powning also wrote *The Hatbox Letters*.

Deafening by Francis Itani

This novel follows the life of a young deaf Canadian girl, Grania, as she leaves home to go to school in the early 1900s. The novel depicts the role that Grania's grandmother plays in her life as she grows up then marries a hearing person.

Have you read a great book lately? Summarize it in one or two sentences then email your report to livingstone@sasktel.net.

Wine and Cheese Evening

Stephen Maguire

We are delighted to announce that Stephen Maguire will be the feature entertainment at our next Wine and Cheese Social! (See our advertisement on page one.)

If you haven't seen the Irish-born Stephen Maguire live yet, you are in for a treat! He is becoming known as one of the most diverse entertainers in the province with his incredible voice, storytelling and playful banter with his audiences. Recent highlights include opening for five-time Grammy award winner B.J. Thomas on his Saskatchewan tour, performing with John Reid (hit writer for Tina Turner, Rod Stewart and Keith Urban), and winning a National Philanthropy Award after staging & performing at the Flood Relief Concerts that raised over \$60,000. For more information, visit www.stephenmaguirelive.com.



Enns Tours

Are you interested in supporting a Saskatchewan-based company when you travel? Read about Enns Tours at their website www.ennstours.ca.

Volunteers Needed!

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We need volunteers with sewing skills! If you are willing to donate time to make alterations or repairs to donated clothing, we need you! All skill levels welcome, work from your own home, even an hour or two a week makes a difference!

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- Career Coaches – work with clients to provide coaching on career choices and career-related decision making.

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Email Alert!

If you requested but have not received your email notices of monthly meetings and events, they may be in your SPAM or JUNK box. To retrieve an email, open the JUNK box, click on the email, then click on Not Junk and it will go to your inbox. Add the STS email address (stsmothlynews@gmail.com) to your Contacts list and future notices will go to your inbox.

If you wish to change from phone reminders to email reminders, contact Judy Luciuk at jluciuk@sasktel.net. Also, please notify Judy of any changes to your email address.

The Voice

This newsletter is the second of three publications of *The Voice* for the 2012-13 year. Submissions of interest to Chapter members are encouraged. Your articles about travel destinations, activities, special events, creative writing and tips for retired living are suggestions.

The next *Voice* deadline for submissions is **April 1, 2013** to Susan Livingstone at livingstone@sasktel.net .

If you wish to access past issues of *The Voice* go to www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/newsletter/index.html.

Web Page/Mailing

The Voice is usually posted on the Saskatoon Chapter web page before you receive your copy in the mail. To comment on the website, to change to reading *The Voice* online only, if there is an error in your name or address, **please contact Irma Kittelson** at ijkitt@sasktel.net or 934-0881. **If your address has changed or will be changing, please inform Irma as soon as possible.**

Support Services Website

The information-packed Support Services website created by the provincial STS may be accessed at: www.sts.sk.ca/support_services/index.htm or contact Elaine at 242-3205.