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President's Message



It's hard to believe I'm beginning my second year as your Saskatoon Chapter President. There is a saying, "Time flies when you're having fun," and we do have a lot of fun when we gather for the wide variety of programs and activities organized by your Executive.

A very warm welcome to all new superannuates who have chosen to become members of our Chapter. If you are feeling apprehensive about retirement, remember those feelings are normal. Attitude is the key to having a happy and well-balanced life. After dedicating so many years to your teaching career, you now have many more options for how to spend your time. I do hope you will consider participating in some of our activities. We need your energy and support in order to continue to grow as a vibrant, active organization.

Communication with our members is essential. Through *The Voice*, our website www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/index.htm, the email and telephoning committees, we will do our best to provide you with current information on all our programs and activities, but we also need your input. A complete list of our Executive appears on the back page of this publication. You are encouraged to contact us with your ideas and suggestions or email us at sts.saskatoon@gmail.com.

On May 13-15, 2014, the Provincial STS Annual General Meeting was held at the Travelodge, and our Chapter had 40 delegates attending. I am pleased to report that eight of the nine Saskatoon Chapter Resolutions were passed and one was tabled based on additional information. These resolutions will now be dealt with at the provincial level. Sincere thanks to Margaret Martin and Randy Danyliw, PR/Resolutions/Advocacy Co-Chairs, for leading us through the resolution development process. Thank you also to our delegates for taking the time to attend pre and post AGM meetings. Please refer to the provincial newsletter, *Outreach*, for a complete listing of all resolutions.

Our annual Spring Luncheon was held on June 11, 2014, at the Western Development Museum where 135 members enjoyed good food, entertainment and visiting with friends. This year, two special Chapter Awards were given to Dennis Kittelson and Peter Rolston. Dennis and Peter are the spouses of two of our members, and they have given numerous hours of time assisting at our many events. Certificates were given to members leaving the Executive: Alicia Klopoushak, Carol Roberts and Gary Gullickson. Telephoning and Visiting Committee members who had reached milestones of one, five, ten, or fifteen years of service or were leaving the Committee were also recognized. Thank you to all these special individuals for the many hours you have given to our Chapter.

Welcome to new Chapter Executive members Peggy Proctor, Second Vice-President; Donna McTavish, Assistant Treasurer and Jocelyne Lorette, Registration Co-Chair. I am looking forward to working with you and our continuing Executive members during the next year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments, and I will do my best to assist you.

I hope you had a wonderful summer!

Jane Isinger
STS President Saskatoon



Fall Social 7 pm
October 15
STF - Eamer
Auditorium
No cover charge
Entertainment:
Back of the Bus
<http://www.backofthebus.ca/>
Friends and partners welcome

Resolutions/Public Relations/ Advocacy Report

Margaret Martin

Welcome to the 2014-15 year-all new and experienced retired teachers! As we begin another year so also we think ahead regarding resolutions members may want to submit to the Saskatoon Chapter and ultimately to the STS Provincial Executive for consideration at the 2015 AGM. Please submit any ideas for resolutions to either Randy Danyliw (randydanyliw@shaw.ca) or Margaret Martin (bill.marg@sasktel.net). We will assist with the wording if needed.

It is important to note that the premiums members of the STS Group Benefits Plan pay at the present time are in place until June 30, 2015. Negotiations with Saskatchewan Blue Cross for a new three-year contract will take place during this year. At the 2014 STS AGM resolutions were passed asking the STS

Provincial Executive to investigate some changes to the Group Benefits Plan. These will be considered in future negotiations. If you are a member of the STS Group Benefits Plan and have questions about the Plan, please contact Colleen Bailey or Heather Hase at the STS Office by telephone 306-373-3879 or by email sts@sts.sk.ca.

A new teacher regulatory and disciplinary body was agreed to in a Memorandum of Agreement signed by both the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation on May 15, 2014. We will continue to monitor the implications that this change will have on the certification of superannuated/retired teachers that wish to continue to teach either as substitute teachers or in temporary part-time or full-time contracts.

ACER-CART Held Successful AGM in June

George Georget

In addition to electing a new executive including President JoAnn Lauber from B.C. and Vice-President Brian Kenny from Ontario, George Georget was re-elected as Western Canadian Representative. Discussions were held with the Canadian Teachers' Federation regarding collaborative advocacy work about defined benefit pension plans, Canadian Medicare, a National Pharmacare Program, a new Canadian Health Accord, and others issues common to active and retired teachers including publicly funded public education. The AGM reconstituted its Political Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee as a standing committee. The Committee has already begun developing resources and strategies which will support ACER-CART's advocacy during the time leading up to and during the Federal Election Campaign. Member associations including STS and their member Chapters – Saskatoon in our case – will be invited to ensure that the vision of retired teachers for Canada is front row centre during the election at the provincial and local levels.

Visiting Committee Report



This year, we are placing a strong emphasis on recruiting shut-ins.

Do you know a retired teacher who is *shut in*, living in a nursing home, or is hospitalized and would like visits? Names would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the visitors who provided company at homes and facilities. Congratulations to our City Hospital visitor, Aldean Glass, who received a fifteen-year milestone certificate at the June luncheon.

Would **YOU** like to volunteer in a meaningful way? We encourage you to give serious thought to joining our team! Please contact us if you know of a shut-in superannuate who would enjoy a visit.

Visiting Committee Co-Chairs:

Pat Orchard 306-373-9905

Stella Shulhan 306-242-9411



2014-15 STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive

Back Row: Joan Caruk, Randy Danyliw, Margaret Martin, Diane Selby, Jocelyne Lorette, Peggy Proctor, Donna McTavish, Judy Pidskalny
Row 3: Pat Orchard, Lois Pyne, Judith Luciuk, Corinne Sturby, Phyllis Wilson, Irma Byblow, Karen Cymbalisty
Row 2: Elaine Broughton, Linda Ashley, Freda Robinson, Bev Pacholik, Susan Livingstone
Front Row: Gladys Somerville, Irma Kittelson, Jane Isinger, Stella Shulhan, Cecile Martell, Daryl Nordick
Missing: Peter Stroh, Bill Meger, Loretta Metzger, Bernice Schindelka, Marie Grimsen, Carol Shanner, Donna Rolston, Leslie Sichello, George Georget

Attention: Photographers!

We invite Saskatoon STS Chapter members to submit up to four photographs in jpg format, for possible use in our print and online material related to individual events or programs. Bear in mind that any chosen photo must have significant light-colored space to allow for printing of information.



Some suggestions are close ups of pastel flowers or spring scenes for the Spring Tea or the June Luncheon tickets, fall scenes for the Welcome Breakfast tickets, winter or Christmas scenes or items for the December Luncheon.

By submitting, you agree to allow our use of your photo for our own Chapter printing for one event, nothing beyond that. We will keep all submissions on file for possible use in the next few years, beginning in 2015.

As a thank you, if your photo is used for an event, you will receive one free ticket for that event.

Please submit by email with your full name to Irma Kittelson at ijkitt@sasktel.net at any time.



Postal costs are rising!

Please consider reading *The Voice* online.
 Contact Irma K. if you wish to change. ijkitt@sasktel.net

Card Committee

Contact those named below if you know of a Saskatoon Chapter member who would benefit from receiving a card for a milestone event, or to show caring, sympathy, thanks, or wishes for recovery. Electronic cards are also available (recipient's email address needed).

Contact: **Bev Pacholik**
bpacholik@shaw.ca
 306-978-7155

Marie Grimsen
ggrimsen@sasktel.net
 306-244-2454



Social Committee

Cecile Martell

The June Luncheon held at the WDM was a very successful event that terminated the season's activities. Everyone enjoyed a great meal, lots of visiting and fellowship. Six lucky persons were awarded great door prizes that were donated by the following: STF, WDM, TCU Financial Group, Wilma Gauthier and Leslie Sichel. To these donors we wish to extend a sincere thank you. The winners were: Bev Pacholik, Michelle MacAulay, MaryAnne Nicholson, Alice Denis-Daley, Julie Gutek and Yvonne Schmidt.

After a break for the summer months, we look forward to seeing you at the many activities that have been planned starting in September. The welcome breakfast is always a great beginning. In October the evening social being a wine and cheese social, promises to be a good time for all so plan to attend. Have a great summer and we will see you in the fall.

Bowlers Wanted!

We're seeking **BOWLERS** for the 2014-15 season.

Bowling begins on September 2, 2014 and ends on April 21, 2015.

We are flexible for Snowbirds!

We bowl on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

We socialize, exercise and have a great time.

You don't have to be a teacher or a pro to bowl with us.

Recruit a new bowler and Eastview Bowl will gift you with \$50.

(The new bowler must stay with the league for eight weeks.)

Call: Terry Manley at 306-343-6297 or

Cecile Martell at 306-934-5849



Future meeting dates for 2014-15 ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

All meetings and evening socials will be held at the STF Building. Luncheons are held at the Western Development Museum.

Luncheon tickets can be purchased from any Executive member. They can also be purchased at the:

- Welcome Breakfast & Evening Socials
- Chapter Meetings
- Provincial STS Office (STF Building) from 9 a.m. to noon

If not sold out, the Christmas Luncheon tickets can also be purchased December 3, 4, & 5 from Irma Byblow – call 306-242-2193.

September 10, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. . . . Welcome Breakfast

October 15, 2014 – 7 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social

November 19, 2014 – 1:30 p.m. . . . Chapter Meeting and Just in Case Seminar

December 10, 2014 – 11 a.m. Christmas Luncheon and Arts/Craft Sale

February 18, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. . . . Meeting and Highlights of Australia & New Zealand

March 18, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. Meeting and Program

April 15, 2015 – 7 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social

May 20, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. Chapter Meeting and Program

June 10, 2015 – Noon June Luncheon

All STS Events and Meetings are Scent Free!



Mark
This
DATE!

Activities

Co-Chairs: Bill Meger and Loretta Metzger

STS Activities for 2014-15

Call Loretta at 306-382-6769 or email metzgerl@shaw.ca if you are interested in any of the following activities:

September 4, Thursday – The Flowers of Dellwood Creek – Located near Burr, this drive takes about 1.5 hours. Plan to leave at 10 a.m. and bring a picnic lunch. We will eat lunch in the gardens then take an hour tour of the gardens. This will be followed by a paper-making demo where we each pull a sheet of paper. Cost is \$15. Transportation is for you to arrange but we may leave from a common starting point. Call or email Loretta by August 28. See their website: www.dellwoodcreek.com.

October 6, Monday – Meewasin Walking Tour – Meet at the Meewasin Valley Authority 403-3rd Avenue S. at 10 a.m. The tour guide will provide a historical description of the houses and churches as we walk across Broadway Bridge, down Saskatchewan Crescent, across University Bridge and along Spadina. Plan to stop for coffee/tea and possibly lunch. Please register so a lunch reservation can be made. Tour cost \$5.

November 21, Friday – Prairie Sun Micro Brewery – Meet at 2020 Quebec Avenue at 2 p.m. Twenty minute tour will be followed by sampling of 4-5 oz samples. Maximum 35 people; cost \$10; register by November 9.

December 4, Thursday – Games Day – Cribbage tournament. Cost \$4; 2 p.m.; location TBA; register by November 27. Bring your cribbage board.

January 6, Tuesday – Movie afternoon and coffee. Register and you will be contacted when the new listing of movies comes available.

February – No activity will be held this month.

March – Billiards; information to follow.

April – Activity to be announced; pending confirmation.

May 7, Thursday – Solar Gardens Tea 2-4 p.m. Tickets will be available in the spring.

June 12, Friday – Riverside Lawn Bowling – Play and Learn. You must wear flat shoes or runners. Cost \$3; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; please register.

Fall Golf Tournament

When: Thursday, September 11, 1 p.m.

Where: Greenbryre

Format: Texas Scramble

Deadline: Monday, September 8

Contact: Bill Meger – 306-249-1329
or wmegeer@sasktel.net.



55 Alive Refresher Course

September 25 & 26 – in Eamer Auditorium – This Course is sponsored by the Saskatoon & District Safety Council, and is free to anyone over the age of 50. It covers a wide range of topics that will make you more aware of traffic laws, and the skills needed to drive safely in our community. Check out the 55 Alive Driver Refresher Course's website for detailed information.

To register, contact Bill at 306-249-1329, or wmegeer@sasktel.net.

Chapter Meetings – don't miss these!

November: Just in Case Seminar is presented by Harold Empey. He will guide you through finding and collecting information that your Executor and loved ones might need "just in case".

February: Highlights of Australia and New Zealand – This Power Point Presentation will be presented by Jane Isinger who spent three months touring these countries in 2014.

Welcome Breakfast

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church
2616 Louise Street
September 10, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.
Tickets: \$5

Contact an Executive member to buy tickets.



2015 Saskatoon Chapter Directory

The **2015 STS Directory** will be published early in 2015 and it is available only by request. The deadline to request a Directory or to withhold any personal information is **October 31, 2014**.

Mail requests to Carol Shanner, 11 Lindsay Drive, Saskatoon, SK, S7H 3C9 or email your requests to sts.saskatoon@gmail.com.

Telephoning Committee Members



Present: Paulette Andrieu, Fran Gordon
Missing: Kathleen Guenther

Visiting Committee 2013-14



Back Row: L to R – Bill Bender, Elaine Panchuk, Aldean Glass
Front Row: L to R – Corinne Sturby, Pat Orchard, Gladys Somerville, Rose Yaworski, Stella Shulhan
Missing: Joan Caruk, Lorraine Friesen, Marie Hammer, Gerry Hoehn, Joyce Kimber Parent, Esther Molina, Norma Wilson

Stitch 'n' Quilt Retreat

Best Western Seven Oaks Hotel
October 6-8, 2014
Cost: \$150
Register by September 1
Payable to: STS Regina Chapter
Mail to: Adeline Wuschenny
1302 Broad St. N.
Regina, SK S4X 0A5



Saskatoon STS Chapter Christmas Banquet

Western Development Museum
Wednesday December 10, 2014
Craft Sale and Social: 11 a.m.
Dinner: 12:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20



Photo: Diane Seiby

Telephoning Committee

“Volunteers are
paid in 6 figures:
S-M-I-L-E-S”

– Gayla LeMaire

Thank you to all our callers and captains for the year 2013-14. We trust your year has been rewarding. You are a very important and necessary part of our retired teachers group.

Special certificates of appreciation were presented to nine members of the telephoning committee at the June luncheon. Receiving special recognition certificates were: Kathleen Guenther (phoning captain) and Paulette Andrieu (caller), each for five years of service. Callers Eileen Lambert and Marion Clark were recognized for 10 years of service, caller Olga Kaye for 15 years of service and phoning captain, Brian Parsons for 20 years service. We also recognized and would especially like to thank four members of our committee who are stepping down from phoning. They are Ruby Parkinson after 17 years, Jim Holtlander after 12 years, Carol Hanson after 12 years and Marion Clark after 10 years.

We have had a very successful and fun year keeping everyone up to date on our happenings. Fall brings new faces, new friends, and more activities. We always need volunteers, so if you would like to assist with a few calls per month to your retired colleagues, please let us know. Together, our committee makes more than 150 calls per month to retirees who do not have email. Visiting on the phone is a rewarding experience. Thanks to all who help out. By the time you receive this, Lois or Leslie will have contacted and welcomed the many new June 2014 retirees to our chapter. We look forward to meeting you at some or all of our events.

Telephoning Committee Co-Chairs for 2013-14:

Lois Pyne 306-978-8248

Leslie Sichello 306-477-2839



STS Special Service Awards:

Awarded to Peter Rolston and Dennis Kittelson for their many years of helping out in a variety of ways.



Honorary Life Membership in the Provincial STS:

Awarded to Saskatoon Chapter member and Provincial Past President, Margaret Martin

THE **WORD** ON THE **STREET**

SASKATOON BOOK & MAGAZINE FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 21, 2014

11a.m. - 5 p.m.

For VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

please visit the STS website

<http://www.sts.sk.ca>

2014-15 Saskatoon STS Chapter Executive

President	Jane Isinger
Past President	Peter Stroh
First Vice President	Daryl Nordick
Second Vice President	Peggy Proctor
Secretary	Joan Caruk
Secretary Assistant	Diane Selby
Treasurer	Judy Pidskalny
Treasurer Assistant	Donna McTavish

Standing Committees

Activities Co-Chair	Bill Meger
Activities Co-Chair	Loretta Metzger
Archives	Bernice Schindelka
Cards Co-Chair	Marie Grimsen
Cards Co-Chair	Bev Pacholik
Email Co-Chair	Judith Luciuk
Email Co-Chair	Gladys Somerville
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Registration Co-Chair	Jocelyne Lorette
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Social Co-Chair	Corinne Sturby
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Telephoning Co-Chair	Lois Pyne
Visiting Co-Chair	Pat Orchard
Visiting Co-Chair	Stella Shulhan
Website/Mail Labeling	Irma Kittelson

Ad Hoc Mission/Vision/Goals/Objectives Committee:

Jane Isinger, Corinne Sturby

Ad Hoc Editorial Committee:

Margaret Martin, Irma Kittelson, Daryl Nordick

Provincial Executive Members from Saskatoon Chapter:

ACER-CART	George Georget
Member At Large	Elaine Broughton
Executive Secretary	Fred Herron

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 (stsmoonthlynews@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 first of three publications of *The Voice* for the 2014-15 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 **December 3, 2014** 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, or if there is an error in your name or address, **please contact Irma Kittelson** at ijkitt@sasktel.net or 306-934-0881. **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 306-242-3205.