President’s Message

On behalf of your STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2016.

It has been a steep learning curve for me thus far. Working with a group of dedicated, knowledgeable and fun loving Executive has made my job worthwhile and fun. You are in good hands!! Many Thanks to all of the Executive and volunteers who work so tirelessly on your behalf.

Our Welcome Breakfast for new members of our STS Chapter was well attended. Chapter meetings have also been well attended. Our evening socials continue to be a highlight. Please check for upcoming fun and informative activities and programs later in this issue.

In December we will begin the exercise of determining resolutions to be voted on at a future STS Chapter meeting. Resolutions are our avenue for improving the benefits for our membership. Resolutions approved at a Chapter meeting will then be forwarded to the STS Provincial Executive for possible ratification at the Provincial Annual General Meeting in May 2016. Your input is important. If you have any ideas or suggestions for resolutions, please forward them to the Resolutions Committee.

Our Saskatoon Chapter now has more than 2400 members with our Provincial membership coming close to 11,000 members!!

Another task we are embarking on is revision of the present Constitution, Procedures and Bylaws manual. This will enable us to be even more efficient and effective on your behalf. Please stay tuned!

Your Executive has been busy with projects, activities and socials as well. Please come and join one or some of our meetings and activities. We would love to see you. We would also welcome and ideas and suggestions you may have.

Our 2015 Christmas Banquet was sold out!! Two of our members have been honoured with Honorary Life Memberships. George Georget was honoured at the December Banquet. Peter Stroh will be honoured at the June Banquet.

May 2016 give us pause to reflect on how lucky we are to live in a country such as Canada. Enjoy the seasons and all our blessings.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Keep smiling!!

Diane Selby

Wine and Cheese Social

7 p.m. on April 20, 2016
STF Eamer Auditorium

Entertainment:

The Residuals
(A Celtic Group)

Cash bar
No cover charge!
Bring a friend or two!
Visiting Committee

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” – Elizabeth Andrew

During the Christmas season, volunteer visitors presented a specially designed Christmas card on behalf of the Saskatoon Chapter, an STS greeting card and a small gift to each person that was visited. Many thanks are extended to our “priceless” visitors who visit homes and health care facilities. Their caring ways are greatly appreciated. The feedback that we receive indicates that the visits are very much appreciated.

Please contact us:

• If you would like to be a volunteer visitor to housebound STS members.

• If you know someone who is a patient at City Hospital, RUH or St. Paul’s Hospital and would appreciate a visitor while hospitalized.

• If you know someone who would like to receive visits on a regular basis.

Best wishes for happiness and good health in 2016!

Visiting Committee Co-Chairs 2015-16:
Pat Orchard 306-373-9905
Gladys Somerville 306-242-6668

Telephoning Committee

We have called and welcomed 127 new retirees to our chapter since July 2015. All are now on our email list to receive monthly updates of our activities. We look forward to seeing some new faces at our events. We are a fun group and you will have many interesting things to try out, in this new chapter of life.

We have two captains and 12 callers responsible to call 98 superannuates, who still want telephone contact each month. If anyone wants to switch over to email or if you have a change in email addresses, please call Lois or Leslie and they will make it possible for you.

It was fun to greet you all, now we want to meet you all!

Telephoning Co-Chairs 2015-16:
Lois Pyne 306-978-8248 and Leslie Sichello 306-477-2839

Card Committee

We continue to encourage all Saskatoon Chapter members to email or telephone the names of chapter members who would benefit from receiving a Sympathy, Thinking of You, Speedy Recovery, Thank You, Congratulations or Special Occasion (milestone birthday or anniversary) card to either Bev Pacholik or Marie Grimsen.

We are also able to send out electronic cards (for all occasions) if preferred by the sender or receiver. An email address for the receiver is required to send out an electronic card.

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

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

Attention Members

At the February 17, 2016 Chapter Meeting the Executive will be presenting a notice of motion with regards to dissolution of the Second Vice President position and having those duties redistributed.

The rationale: This position has become difficult to fill and recently has remained vacant.
Resolutions/Public Relations/Advocacy Report

Margaret Martin

Superannuated teachers are now required to register annually with the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board (SPTRB) if they wish to be employed in any position that requires a teachers’ certificate, such as substitute teaching or accepting temporary full- or part-time contracts. This is a requirement for all teachers. Registration this year was from October 19 to November 20, 2015. This registration can be completed online (www.sptrb.ca) or by telephone (1-844-254-2230). You will need your teacher’s certificate number and your date of birth. There is no cost to register for this year and for next year. This was part of the last negotiated contract for teachers, so the cost for the following years is unknown. If you did not register for the 2015-16 year, you may do so for the 2016-17 year. Please keep the above information.

As of January 1, 2016 Paramedical/Health Practitioner benefits will be increased from $350 to $500 for each type of practitioner per person per calendar year for members of the STS Extended Health Plan. These practitioners include licensed chiropodists/podiatrists, physiotherapists, chiropractors, naturopaths, acupuncturists, registered psychologists, registered speech therapists, registered massage therapists/reflexologists. The premiums members pay will not increase for this increased benefit. The present premiums are in place until June 30, 2018. If you have any questions about the benefits of the STS Extended Health including Travel and/or Dental Plans, please contact the STS Office by telephone (306-373-3879) or by email (sts@sts.sk.ca).

Work has already started for the Annual STS AGM to be held in Saskatoon from May 10 to 12, 2016. Our Chapter submits resolutions for this AGM. If you have any ideas for resolutions, please contact Margaret Martin (306-373-4433 or email bill.marg@sasktel.net) or Randy Danyliw (306-249-4494) or email randydanyliw@shaw.ca). We will assist with wording if needed.

Have a very happy and healthy 2016!

STS Members Recognized for Their Art

Gordon Taylor was honoured as the feature artist at the Reflection Art Festival 2015 at Prairieland Park on October 24 and 25, 2015. Some of Gordon’s work was on display. On Saturday evening at the banquet, he showed a PowerPoint presentation of his work. Congratulations Gordon!

Congratulations to Jim Korpan, one of our members, whose Apple Sculpture was placed at Willowgrove School on October 9, 2015.

After consulting students from kindergarten to grade 12 and input from the Saskatoon Board of Education the Apple Sculpture was the result. This piece which weighs 8,000 pounds and stands 18 feet was installed at Willowgrove School, a site with lots of space and a great vista of sky.
Fall Social

The Fall Social, held on October 21, 2015 was enjoyed by everyone. Cashback, a group from Rosetown, performed music from a large repertoire of songs including those of Johnny Cash and the Carter Family. The evening was very successful. Great entertainment, an enjoyable lunch and an opportunity to visit contributed to a successful evening.

The next evening social is a Wine and Cheese on April 20, 2016. We hope to see you there.

Honorary Life Membership

STS Honorary Life Membership was presented to George Georget at the Christmas Luncheon. Irma Kittelson gave the citation.

Announcement

Alvin Buckwold School
50th Anniversary Celebration
May 27 & 28, 2016

Please share the event with former staff and students
Facebook: Alvin Buckwold School 50th Anniversary
Information & Registration: 306-683-7100.

We are on Facebook!

Look for:
Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon Chapter Activities
Activities
Co-Chairs: Bill Meger and Darlene Danyliw

STS Activities for 2015-16
Contact Darlene at 306-249-4494 or darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca or Bill at 306-249-4494 or wmeger@sasktel.net if you are interested in any of the following activities:

January 26, Tuesday – Delta Bessborough Tour/Ukrainian Museum/followed by Supper at the Park Town Hotel – 1:30 pm – 601 Spadina Cr, 910 Spadina Cr E and 924 Spadina Cr E. Contact Bill by January 18 to register.

February – No activity will be held this month.

March 15, Tuesday – Luncheon & U of S Tours – Time/places TBA pending confirmation.

April – Hypertufa Pots – (Cost, Date & Time TBA) – What is Hypertufa? Go to this website to find out: http://www.lowes.com/creative-ideas/woodworking-and-crafts/make-hypertufa-pots/project

May 3, Tuesday – STS Tea – Boffins, 106-111 Research Drive – 2:00 pm. Corner of Highway 60 (Pike Lake Highway) and Windmill Road. Tickets will be available in the spring.

All suggestions are welcome.

Shulhan Team Trophy
(L to R): Rose Yaworski, Terry Manley, Jane Isinger
Missing: Renelle Gauthier

June Luncheon
When: June 8, 2016
Where: Western Development Museum
Time: 11:00 – Social  Noon – Luncheon
Tickets $20 each

Tickets can be purchased:
• from members of the Executive
or from the STS Provincial Office
• also available at the February Chapter meeting
or March social

Teachers’ Bowling League Results
Ladies’ High Single: Stella Shulhan; Ladies’ High Triple: Elin Sletmoen; Men’s High Single: Rick Murza; Men’s High Triple: Peter Rolston; Men’s Most Improved: Mike Weaver; Ladies’ Most Improved: Linda Smith-Windsor (missing)
Future meeting dates for 2015-16

... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 2016 ................. No Chapter Meeting

February 17, 2016 – 1:30 p.m. . . . Chapter Meeting and Presentation: Identity Theft & Marketing Fraud

March 16, 2016 – 1:30 p.m. . . . . . Chapter Meeting and Presentation: Maintaining Health as We Age

April 20, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. . . . . . Wine and Cheese Social

May 18, 2016 – 1:30 p.m. . . . . . Chapter Meeting & Elections

June 8, 2016 – Noon ............ June Luncheon

All Chapter meetings and evening socials will be held at the STF Building. There is no admission charge, friends and family are welcome.

The June Luncheon will be held at the Western Development Museum. Tickets can be purchased at the March Social, from members of the Executive at Chapter meetings or at the Provincial STS Office (9 a.m. to noon).

All STS Events and Meetings are Scent Free!
The STS Christmas Luncheon was held on December 9 and was sold out with a record high attendance of 182.

This year we had twelve artists and crafters taking part in the 5th Annual Arts and Crafts Sale.

George Georget was this year’s recipient of the Honorary Life Membership Award. Irma Kittelson gave the citation and President Diane Selby presented the award. Peter Stroh has also been nominated for HLM this year, but because he had travel plans, he deferred his presentation until the June Banquet.

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**Provincial STS Office**

This office is located in the TCU Financial building:

2311 Arlington Avenue  
Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8  
Phone: 306-373-3879

**Access to our Offices:**

Members will have to access our offices by the east entrance at the back of the building. There will be no access from the front of the building.

The STS name will be above a doorbell that members will press when they visit so we can let them in.
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.

**Email Alert!**

If you requested but have not received your email notices of monthly meetings and events, they may be in the SPAM or JUNK box on your server’s site. 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 (stsmonthlynews@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 either Bonnie Semenoff at bobosem@shaw.ca or Roland Nordick at rwgn@sasktel.net. Also, please notify them of any changes to your email address.

**The Voice**

This newsletter is the second of three publications of The Voice for the 2015-16 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 suggested.

The next Voice deadline for submissions is April 6, 2016 to Linda Ashley at l.ashley@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.

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