

President's Message



As I reflect back on my year as President of the STS, Saskatoon Chapter, I can't help but be amazed at the people I have encountered and the jobs they do to further this organization. We have had an invigorating year.

Our 34-member Executive has been busy providing activities and caring for our more than 2400 Saskatoon Chapter members. Our phoning, cards, visiting, email, program and activities committees have been very busy. Activities have been planned for every month, either at Chapter meetings or at other times. Examples of activities that happened this year are, golf, Bocce ball, Loraas recycling tour, jewelry making, churches of Saskatoon tour, U of S tour as well as presentations by RCMP on identity theft and fraud, container gardening and a Spring Tea, to name a few. Regular bowling remains a very popular activity. Ideas for new activities are always welcome.

Our Christmas and June banquets continue to be popular events. This year our Christmas Banquet sold out!!

Two Saskatoon Chapter Honorary Life Membership awards were given this year. The late George Georget was honoured at the Christmas Banquet, and Peter Stroh will be honoured at the June Banquet. Bill Meger, a longtime Saskatoon Chapter Executive member, will receive a Provincial STS Honorary Life Membership at the STS AGM in May.

We continue to establish courtesy guidelines which can be followed or revised in subsequent years. For example, we established guidelines for honoring members reaching significant milestones. This year two of our members turned 100 years young!!

In the past we have had a Welcome Breakfast to acquaint new members with what we have to offer. In the Fall of 2016, we will change to a Welcome Brunch.

In March, a motion to eliminate the second Vice President position was passed at the Chapter meeting. Duties of the second VP will be disbursed to other committees, and a new Special Occasions Committee will be established. Our hope is that people will be more willing to commit time to the Inner Executive positions, if the timeline is less onerous.

Our Chapter donated \$1000 to the First Nations Bank for activities and programs at La Loche Community School. Five hundred dollars was also donated to the Stirling McDowell Foundation. An Ad Hoc committee was established to develop guidelines for a \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to a Saskatoon area student entering his/her final year in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan.

Communication is an important key in keeping our membership aware and engaged. To this end we send out monthly emails, three editions of our newsletter, *The Voice*, and make regular phone calls to those who do not have a computer. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

An Ad Hoc committee has been established to update and revise the Constitution, Bylaws and Procedures of the Saskatoon Chapter. The work should be completed in the Fall and later ratified.

The STS Saskatoon Chapter is a vibrant organization. In order to stay vibrant and effective, we need you!! If you are interested in joining this august Executive, please let any member of the Executive know.

Many thanks for a humbling, exciting and fun filled year. I have enjoyed it.

Have a happy, healthy and super summer!! Keep smiling!!

Diane Selby
President, Saskatoon Chapter

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



Visiting Committee



"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers." – Terri Guillemets

During 2015-16, 17 volunteers made visits to superannuates who are confined to their homes. Others have been visited at one of the hospitals. All visits have been greatly appreciated and have brought smiles to many. Sincere thanks go to the following caring volunteers:

Home Visitors:

Bill Bender, Joan Caruk, Carol Dean, Lorraine Friesen, Marie Hammer, Gerry Hoehn, Joyce Kimber Parent, Esther Molina, Pat Orchard, Elaine Panchuk, Carol Shanner, Stella Shulhan, Gladys Somerville, Corinne Sturby, Norma Wilson and Rose Yaworski

Hospital Visitors:

Aldean Glass – City Hospital
Joyce Kimber Parent – Royal University Hospital
Esther Molina – St. Paul's Hospital

Please give us a call if you know of a shut-in superannuate who would enjoy having a visitor.

Your Visiting Committee Co-Chairs – 2015-2016

Pat Orchard (306-373-9905)
Gladys Somerville (306-242-6668)

Spring Social!

On the evening of April 20 at the STF Eamer Auditorium, Saskatoon Chapter hosted a Spring Social. The Residuals, a Celtic music group, entertained a full house of individuals who enjoyed the lively, energetic and toe tapping music. The superannuates and guests relaxed to the music, a drink and lunch. They also took the opportunity to visit with friends and acquaintances.

The Executive is planning a Fall Social in October, so watch the next *Voice* for the details. We hope to see you there.



STS Saskatoon Chapter June Banquet

June 8, 2016

Social 11 a.m.
Dinner 12 noon

Western Development
Museum

Tickets \$20

STS Provincial Office
or from Chapter Executive Members.



Resolutions/Public Relations/Advocacy Report

Margaret Martin

It appears that spring has arrived in Saskatchewan – at least for the moment! Maybe summer is not too far behind! There are several things we need to remember as superannuated teachers.

If you plan to teach (substitute teach or part-time or full-time contracts) during the 2016-2017 year you must register with the Saskatchewan Teachers Regulatory Board. Please check online when registration for next year is possible (www.sptrb.ca) or call 1-844-254-2230.

There will be many improvements to the STS Extended Health and Dental Plans effective July 1, 2016, with **no increase** to your premiums. Please check out the Group Benefit Report in your March, April issue of *Outreach* for a summary of these improvements.

If you have applied for and receive a letter indicating you are eligible to receive benefits under the Saskatchewan

Seniors Drug Plan after you have reached age 65, please submit the letter indicating your eligibility to the STS Office so that your premiums in the STS Extended Health Plan can be decreased. If you know anyone who is retiring/ superannuating this year, please encourage him or her to become an STS member and apply for health and dental coverage with the STS Extended Health (including Travel) and Dental Plans. If you have any questions about the STS Group Benefits Plan, please call the STS Office at 306-373-3879 or email (sts@sts.sk.ca).

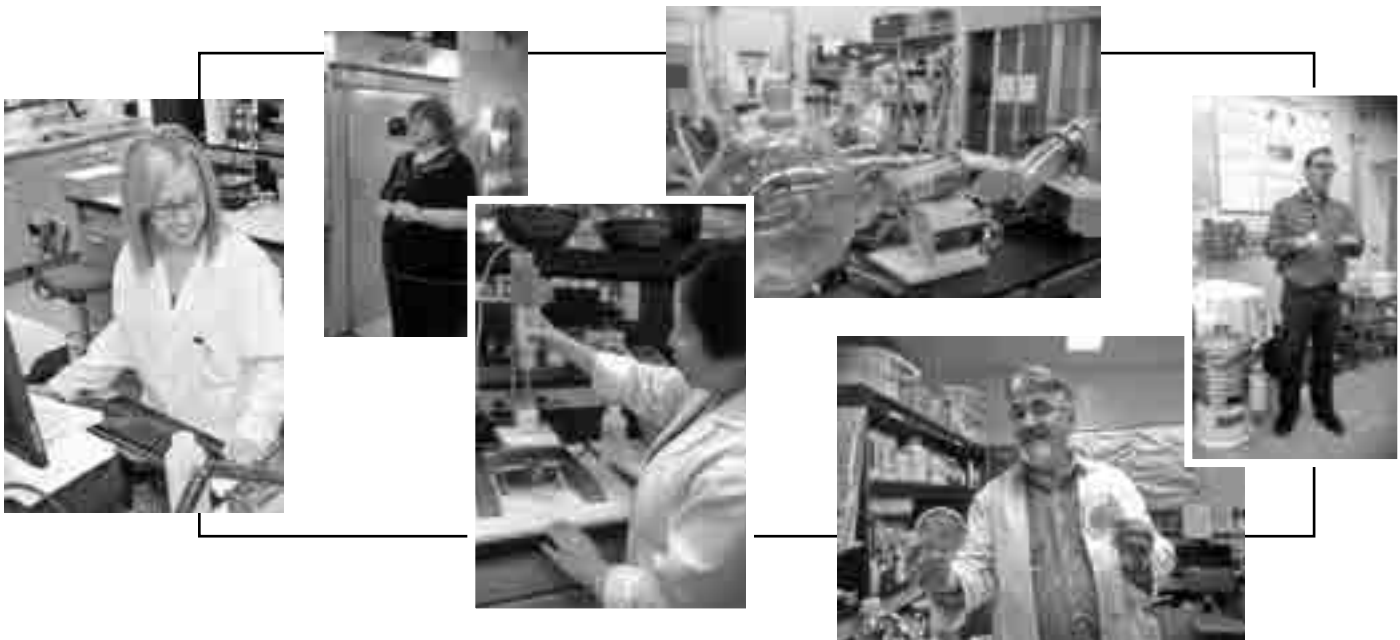
We have sent several resolutions from the Saskatoon Chapter to the STS AGM 2016 to be held in Saskatoon on May 10th to 12th. Please check the results of the voting in the May, June issue of *Outreach*.

Have a very happy and healthy summer!

Food and Bio Product Science Tour

On March 15 eight participants toured the **Food and Bio Product Sciences Department** of the Agriculture College, University of Saskatchewan. Tak Tanaka arranged the tour for us. He along with Phyllis Shand (pulse crops to enrich protein), Nicholas Low, Andrea Stone, Xiao Qiu (bioactive compounds into capsules), and Vladimir Vujanovic (fungi and microbial research to promote plant growth) shared with us their on-going research at the College.

The tour was very educational and enjoyed by all.





UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) Saskatoon Chapter Scholarship

- Purpose:** To recognize students for their community involvement and approach to the education profession who are entering their final year of study in the Bachelor of Education program at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Source and Amount of Funding:** An annual gift of \$1,000 from the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) — Saskatoon Chapter.
- Designation of Award Committee:** As determined by the Dean, College of Education.
- Number and Value of Awards:** One annual award of \$1,000.
- Selection Criteria:** Selection will be based upon the merits of the submitted documents and academic achievement, as determined by the Award Committee.
- Eligibility Restrictions:** Open to undergraduate students who have completed a Senior Matriculation from a high school in the Saskatoon Public School Division #13, the St. Paul's RCSSD #20 (Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools--Saskatoon, Humboldt, Biggar), the Prairie Spirit School Division #206, the Conseil des ecoles fransaskoises #310 (Saskatoon) or other qualified independent high school in Saskatoon, as determined by the Award Committee. To be eligible, students must:
- be entering their final year of study in the Bachelor of Education program at the University of Saskatchewan in the calendar year of receiving this scholarship;
 - present a statement of no more than 300 words highlighting experiences with children or students, their community involvement, and their philosophic approach to the education profession; and
 - two (2) letters of support attesting to their community involvement and experiences with children.

100th Birthday Wishes

Margaret Leaker – February 17, 2016

Grace Nickel – March 2, 2016



The STS Saskatoon Chapter honours you on this special occasion.

Thank you for your many contributions to the teaching profession.

May you both be blessed with good health and much happiness!

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.

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 wmegeer@sasktel.net if you are interested in any of the following activities:

May 3, Tuesday – Boffins (106 - 111 Research Drive) will host the **STS-Saskatoon Chapter Spring Tea**, at 2-4 pm. Currently, we have 50 participants but we have room for many more. Tickets are available from Darlene Danyliw or the STS Office.

May 25, Wednesday – The **Church Tour** has been confirmed. We will meet at Holy Family Cathedral (123 Nelson Rd) at 9:15 a.m.. At 10:45 we will meet Fr. André Lalach at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish of the Dormition (20-105th Street West). Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we'll have lunch in the park. At 1:00 p.m. we will continue our tour at Knox United Church (838 Spadina Cr.) followed by Emmanuel Anglican Church (12th Street & Dufferin) at 2:30 p.m.. Come for the morning, the afternoon or the whole day.

Please contact Darlene if you have suggestions for activities as they are always welcome.

Welcome Luncheon

Perogies and Sausage



Wednesday,
September 14, 2016
11:30 a.m.

Ukrainian Orthodox Church
2616 Louise Street

Tickets:

Limited number available

- Regular price \$12
- New members \$6

Available from Provincial STS office
or Executive members.

Bowlers Wanted!

We are seeking five-pin BOWLERS
for the 2016-17 season.

Five-pin bowling from
September 6, 2016 - Tuesday April 18, 2017

We bowl on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm.

We are flexible for Snowbirds and
travelers!

We socialize, exercise and have a
great time.

We are seeking teachers and/or spouses of teachers but
you don't have to be a pro to bowl with us.

Recruit a new bowler and Eastview Bowl will gift you
with \$100.00 but this new bowler must stay with the
league for at least eight weeks.

Call: Terry Manley at 306-343-6297



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Spring Texas Scramble

Where: Silverwood Golf Course

When: Thursday, June 9, 2016

Time: 9 a.m.

Entry Fee: Green fees plus \$10

Deadline: Tuesday, June 7

This tournament will be held on a Par 3 Course.
We will play 18 holes using a Scramble format.
Enter as teams or individuals.

BBQ to follow at 571 Adilman Drive

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

We are on Facebook!

Look for:

**Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon Chapter Activities**



Book Reviews for Bookworms

The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson, Rod Bradbury (Translator)

It all starts on the one-hundredth birthday of Allan Karlsson. Sitting quietly in his room in an old people's home, he is waiting for the party he-never-wanted-anyway to begin. It is a fun, feel-good book for all ages.

The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden by Jonas Jonasson, Rachel Willson-Broyles (Translator)

A tale of how one person's actions can have far-reaching-even-global-consequences. Jonasson introduces us to a cast of eccentrics: a nerve-damaged American Vietnam deserter, twin brothers who are officially only one person, three careless Chinese girls, an angry young woman, a potato-growing baroness, the Swedish king and the prime minister. Quirky and utterly unique, *The Girl Who Saved the King of Sweden* is a charming and humorous account of one young woman's unlikely adventure.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

Harold Fry, convinced that he must deliver a letter to an old friend in order to save her, meets various characters along the way. He reminisces about the events of his past and people he has known, as he tries to find peace and acceptance.

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



Things will be Changing Around Here! Editors Wanted!

If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies."

- Unknown Author

In the spring of 2011, Peter Stroh approached me at a bowling tournament and asked me if I would take on the job as Editor of *The Voice*. I smiled, thanked him and said no. He asked again, and I repeated, "No. I don't know anything about being an Editor." Refusing to go away, he persisted and asked again... and again...

Nonplussed, I didn't know how to respond to this 'deaf' guy. Trying a new tactic, I agreed to take on the job of Editor of *The Voice*. Miraculously his hearing improved.

That fall I began, even though I knew nothing about *The Voice*, and even less about editing. Fortunately, there were many helpful people to guide me through the learning curve. I am especially grateful to Linda Ashley, the Assistant Editor, and Irma Kittelson. Both had served as Editors before I arrived, and they were extremely helpful for the next four years.

They were very rewarding years, and I thoroughly enjoyed the job. However, my schedule was increasingly demanding, so I approached Linda Ashley. She agreed to step up and serve as Co-Editor. Now there were two people to do the job.

We worked well together! She collected all the submissions, making decisions as to what would go to print. I took it from there to my computer to format and organize before handing in to Desktop. But now, things are changing once again.

Time has gone by. Other interests and opportunities have come along. As a result, both Linda and I have made the decision to step down from our positions as Co-Editors. We have enjoyed working on the STS Executive with so many really wonderful, caring, hard-working people. We wish to thank everyone who helped.

The Editor's job is rewarding and interesting. As yet we are still looking for our replacement(s) so if you are interested in doing or sharing this job please step forward, as Loretta Metzger would love to hear from you!

Susan Livingstone

Future meeting dates for 2015-16 ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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

June 8, 2016 – Noon June Luncheon – WDM

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

Luncheons are held at the Western Development Museum.
These tickets can be purchased from members of the Executive.

All STS Events and Meetings are Scent Free!

2017 Saskatoon Chapter Directories

The Saskatoon Chapter Directory will be issued early in 2017.

Due to the ever increasing cost of printing and mailing, the directory will be available only upon member request.

October 31, 2016 is the deadline for directory requests.

Please email your request for a Directory to the Saskatoon Chapter at sts.saskatoon@gmail.com or complete and mail the form below.

***If you do not want your name, address, or phone number listed in the directory, please email your request to sts.saskatoon@gmail.com or mail your request to the address**

below. If you choose to use email notification, we will confirm by email that we have received your message.

When the Directory is available, Chapter members who reside in Saskatoon will be requested to pick up a copy at a location to be determined. Several pickup dates and times in late winter and spring will be announced. At least one of these dates will be late enough to facilitate pickup by our "Snowbird" members. Directories will also be available at specific Chapter meetings and special events. Saskatoon residents who are unable to pick up a Directory in person are asked to have a friend or family member do so.

I would like to receive a copy of the 2017 Saskatoon Chapter Directory.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I **do not** wish to have the following information listed in the 2017 Directory:

Please mail to Carol Shanner
11 Lindsay Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7H 3C9

**** Email addresses will not be published and are for contact purposes only.***

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Telephoning Co-Chair	Lois Pyne	306-978-8248
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Visiting Co-Chair	Gladys Somerville	306-242-6668
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Photographer for 2015-16:

Stella Shulhan

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Member At Large	Jane Isinger
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 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 (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 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 third 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 suggestions.

The next *Voice* deadline for submissions is **June 30, 2016** to **Irma Kittelson** at ijkitt@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.