

## President's Message



Even when you are retired, summers disappear way too fast! So here I am thinking about the year ahead and filling in the calendar. Those of you who have been retired for a year or more already have this figured out, but for the newly retired, what exactly is the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) – Saskatoon Chapter all about? As incoming President, this is what I foresee – we have 10 meeting months, just like school, with summers off. During those 10 months, we have one Welcome Back Luncheon, two Banquets, and two Evening Socials. Hmm, that leaves five months for actual meetings. Since many retired teachers travel, we take January off – no meeting. That means four ‘real’ meetings in the whole year – hey, I can handle that! With a mandate that includes supporting the needs and interests of its members, encouraging recreation and fellowship, and advocating for pension and wellness improvements, how do we accomplish anything for our growing Chapter membership of 2465? We leave that to a small, dedicated, and enthusiastic group of retirees that are still willing to go to meetings – your Executive!

This is your organization, here to serve your needs. There are a variety of monthly activities, recreational clubs, and social events to attend, as well as special interest speakers at all our meetings. We have members from many different school divisions, that just happen to call Saskatoon and nearby areas home now. Coming to one of our functions is just like walking into another staffroom. Just come on in and join us!

In order to keep everyone informed about upcoming events, you can expect to receive three issues of *The Voice* and a monthly email or telephone message. You can also check out our website at [www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/index.htm](http://www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/index.htm) or our Facebook page.

If you have suggestions for interesting speakers for meetings, entertainers for our socials, or ideas to make our STS Chapter more appealing to the membership, please feel free to email us at [sts.saskatoon@gmail.com](mailto:sts.saskatoon@gmail.com).

Thanks to the more than 40 members that took time to serve as Delegates at the Provincial Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Travelodge in May and to attend our pre and post AGM meetings. Our Chapter resolutions were well received and many are now in the hands of our Provincial Executive. It is a great opportunity to stay informed concerning our pensions, as well as our health and travel benefits. Look for more information in *The Voice*, and the STS provincial newsletter, *Outreach*.

In June, we closed the year with a wonderful Spring Banquet at the WDM. With over 150 members in attendance, we honoured Peter Stroh with a Chapter Honorary Life Membership, Garfield Grimsen with a Chapter Special Service Award, thanked the Telephoning and Visiting Committee members for their commitment to the membership, and recognized the members leaving our Executive. As well, it was an opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues.

As we leave the 2015-2016 year, I would like to extend sincere appreciation to the members leaving our Executive. They have contributed countless hours to the success of our STS. Thank you to Bill Meger, Susan Livingstone, and Jocelyne Lorette.

Welcome to members joining the STS Executive this year: Kim Newlove as Vice-President; Lyle Markowski as Activities Co-chair; Nancy Caird as *The Voice* Editor; Ardelle Chicilo as *The Voice* Assistant Editor; Joan Hickie as Registration Co-Chair; Gillian Thompson Black as Special Occasions Co-Chair; and Marie LeBlanc-Warick as STS Liaison. I am certain you will find your time on the Executive very rewarding.

I look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Back Luncheon in September and then again at the Fall Social in October. We will have a ‘real’ meeting in November! Take care,

Loretta Metzger

# Visiting Committee

Co-Chairs: Pat Orchard and Gladys Somerville

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill*

Do you know a retired teacher who is shut in, living in a nursing home or is hospitalized and would appreciate visits from a caring, fellow superannuate? As of June 1, 17 volunteer visitors were co-ordinated. Thank you to all of the visitors who give of their time and talent to provide company and enjoyment to 11 superannuates who are confined to their homes or other facilities. Would YOU like to volunteer in a meaningful way? Please call Pat (306-373-9905) or Gladys (306-242-6668), and we will pair you with a shut-in who would appreciate visits.



L to R - Stella Shulhan, Elaine Panchuk, Corinne Sturby, Joan Caruk, Gladys Sommerville (Co-Chair), Rose Yaworski.

For shut-in or nursing home residents, we assign one volunteer to each person to be visited. For those who are hospitalized, a visitor from the following list is designated for each hospital. City Hospital: Aldean Glass – 306-652-0881; RUH: Joyce Kimber Parent – 306-649-4788; St. Paul's Hospital: Esther Molina – 306-955-3810. Please contact us if you are interested in being a part of our visiting team or if you know of a superannuate who is shut-in and whose day could be brightened by a visitor who has common interests.



## Member Recognition Committee

Co-chairs: Phyllis Wilson and Diane Selby

At our June Luncheon Peter Stroh (R) was presented with a Chapter Honorary Life Membership, and Garf Grimsen (L) was presented with a Special Service Award. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Full tributes can be found at [www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/index.htm](http://www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/index.htm)

# Telephoning Committee

Co-Chairs: Lois Pyne and Leslie Sichello

*" You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." – Khalil Gibran*

Thank you to all of our callers and captains of the 2015-16 year. We trust your year has been a rewarding one. You are a very important and necessary part of our retired teachers' group. We are thrilled to say we have all our callers staying on for the next year. All you do is appreciated. Without you, our committee of dedicated callers, many retirees would lose their contact with our Chapter and our great profession. Our committee members call about 90 retirees per month. Many



L to R - Fran Gordon, Lois Pyne (Co-Chair), Kathleen Guenther, Paulette Andrieu, Joan Hickie

do not have email and need personal contact.

By the time you read this, Leslie and Lois will have contacted and welcomed to our Chapter the new retirees for 2016. We look forward to meeting you at our events.



# Activities Committee

Co-Chairs: Lyle Markowski and Darlene Danyliw

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## 2016-17 Upcoming Events

Just a few activities planned for 2016-2017. Please note that not everything has been set so watch for more details. To sign up, please contact Lyle Markowski @ [lylemark@sasktel.net](mailto:lylemark@sasktel.net) 306-934-7043 or Darlene Danyliw @ [darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca](mailto:darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca) 306-249-4494. We are also on Facebook – Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon Chapter.

### Fall Golf & Lunch

September 20, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.  
Greenbryre Golf Course  
\$40 Walking  
\$54 with Cart  
Lunch Only \$15

### Flying Remote Planes

Week of September 2, 2016 (Weather permitting)  
Richardt Field  
10 minutes East of Saskatoon on Hwy #5 to Humboldt (look for white church), turn North 0.7 km on Valley View Road. See the new radio control flying field and try your hand at remote control (RC) flying.

### StarPhoenix Tour

204 - 5th Avenue North  
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 10:30 a.m. - Noon  
From the Newsroom, Editors, Graphics, Advertising, Layout to the Presses & Finished Product-Print & On-line.

### STS Provincial Curling

Yorkton, SK  
November 7-9, 2016

### Christmas Baking/Craft Exchange

Tuesday, December 6, 2016  
Location: TBA

### SaskTel Centre Tour

101 - 3515 Thatcher Ave  
Week of February 6, 2017  
See the inner workings of the SaskTel Centre. It is not just a bunch of seats waiting for the entertainment to start...

### WDM Curatorial Centre Tour

2935 Lorne Avenue, Saskatoon, SK S7J 0S5  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Cost: Seniors \$8.50/ Adults \$9.50  
This is a standing/walking tour so wear flat shoes (if you need some sitting time, please let us know when you register).  
Note: Cost of admission also gives you access to the WDM for the day.

### Life Among The Bees

Week of April 24, 2017  
Bar2Bee Honey Ranch  
Langham SK  
Keeping Honey Bees is good for plants, bees, beekeepers and for the earth, but they are declining worldwide. Dr. Barry Brown will introduce you to bees with a 'Live Hive' demonstration.

### STS Spring Tea

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Location: TBA

### Spring Golf

Dates & Location: TBA

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

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## Welcome Event Brunch – September 14, 2016

New Members only \$6; Regular Members \$12

11:30 a.m. at Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Tickets may still be available – Contact the STS Provincial Office at 306-373-3879



# 2016 Spring and Summer Fun

## Texas Scramble

Thirty-seven golfers took part in the Texas Scramble held on June 9 at the Silverwood Golf Course. Low scores were expected, so road blocks such as only using two clubs on certain holes, or driving from the black tees, tested their golfing skills. Here are the results:

Women's Long Drive – Terry Jelinski;

Women's Closet to Pin – Gwen

Kaminski; Men's Long Drive –

Gary Morrison; Men's Closest to

Pin – Don Mansfield;

Best Team Score to Jim

Jelinski, Terry Jelinski, Ada

Lacousiere, and Gwen

Kaminski, with a score of

57.8. A barbeque at the home

of Bill and Marj Meger gave

everyone time to relax and visit

after the tournament. Thanks,

Bill and Marj!



## Bowling 2016 Club 55

Provincial Five-Pin Championships were held April 15 @ Hunter's Eastview Bowl.



**Back Row:** L to R- Mary Sukkau, Chris Zbitovski, Ralph Larson, Lorie Horky, Gayvin Franson Yaworski, Stella Shulhan

**Front Row:** L to R (seated) - The Provincial Champions that headed to the Nationals in Oshawa in July: Doug Welsh, Rick Murza, Jutta Zarzycki, Pat Sawatsky. Gayvin Franson replaced Doug Welsh.

# Upcoming Opportunities

## STS Fall Social

7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Eamer Auditorium in the STF building

“No Hurry” (Trio)

50s, 60s, & 70s  
MUSIC

- No cover charge
- Friends and relatives welcome
- Cash bar • Beer & wine
- Lunch will be served



## Christmas Banquet and Craft Sale

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Social and Craft Sale – 11 a.m.

Banquet – 12:15 p.m.

Butler Buyers Century Hall

in the Western Development Museum

Tickets available after September 13

from Executive members or STS Provincial Office

(306-373-3879 open 9 a.m.-Noon)

# Public Relations/Advocacy/Resolutions Committee Report

– Co-Chairs: Margaret Martin and Randy Danyliw

We would like to remind all STS members **who have recently retired or are leaving another Group Benefit Plan**, of the 60-day window to join the STS Group Benefits Plan – the Extended Health Plan including travel and/or the Dental Plan – **without having to provide medical evidence of good health**. It is possible to join later, but you will be asked to provide medical evidence. **This same 60-day window also applies to the spouse of a deceased superannuate or spouse of a deceased active teacher, who is then able to become a member of the STS and apply to join the STS Group Benefit Plan, without having to provide medical evidence of good health.** If you have any questions or wish to apply to join the STS Group Benefits Plan, please contact the STS office by email: sts@sts.sk.ca or by telephone at 306-373-3879. Something to note: In order to practice the profession of teaching in Saskatchewan, certificated teachers are required to register on an annual basis with the SPTRB –

Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board. All teachers who register with the SPTRB will appear on the public registry. Please check online to register or to get further information (www.sptrb.ca) or call 1-844-254-2230. There is no cost involved at this time to register, but you must do so before you are able to teach.

The Saskatoon STS Chapter submitted seven resolutions to the STS Annual General Meeting in May of 2016. Six of these resolutions were passed – four were amended before being passed – and one was defeated. It is not too early to submit any ideas for resolutions to our committee for next year's AGM. Resolutions can deal with any changes you would like to see in the STS organization or any issues that are of concern to all retired persons. Please send these ideas to bill.marg@sasktel.net or randydanyliw@shaw.ca. We will assist with the wording, if necessary.

## Membership/Directory Committee

Membership/Directory Co-Chairs: Carol Shanner and Karen Cymbalisky

### 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 or mail 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 for them.

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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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# 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](http://www.sts.sk.ca/support_services/index.htm)  
or contact Elaine at 306-242-3205.

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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 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 first of three publications of *The Voice* for the STS 2016-17 year. Articles of interest to Chapter members are encouraged.

The deadline for submission of articles to be considered for the Winter Issue is **December 2, 2016**. Please email them to [stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com](mailto:stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com)

If you wish to access past issues of *The Voice* go to [www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/newsletter/index.html](http://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 reading *The Voice* to online only**, or if there is an error in your name or address, **please contact Irma Kittelson** at [ijkitt@sasktel.net](mailto:ijkitt@sasktel.net) or 306-934-0881. **If your address has changed or will be changing**, please inform Irma as soon as possible.



## We are on Facebook!

Look for: **Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon Chapter Activities**

# STS Chapter Meeting Dates 2016-17

... Mark your calendars or post on the fridge!

## September 2016

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – September 7, 9:30 a.m.

Chapter Welcome Luncheon – Second Wednesday – September 14, 11:30 a.m.

## October 2016

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – October 5, 9:30 a.m.

Chapter Meeting – Third Wednesday – October 19, Evening Social Event, 7 p.m. Entertainment by *No Hurry*

## November 2016

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – November 2, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Resolutions (lunch included)

Chapter Meeting – Third Wednesday – November 16, 1:30 p.m.

## December 2016

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – December 7 – McDowell Room

Chapter Christmas Banquet – Second Wednesday – December 14 at the Western Development Museum, 12:15 p.m.

## January 2017

Executive Meeting – Second Wednesday – January 11, 9:30 a.m.

No Chapter Meeting

## February 2017

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – February 1, 9:30 a.m.

Chapter Meeting – Third Wednesday – February 15, 1:30 p.m.

## March 2017

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – March 1, 9:30 a.m.

Chapter Meeting – Third Wednesday – March 15, 1:30 p.m.

## April 2017 (Easter Monday April 17)

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – April 5, 9:30 a.m. Budget draft, Executive nominations

Chapter Meeting – Third Wednesday – April 19, Evening Social Event, 7 p.m.

## May 2017

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – May 3, 9:30 a.m. Finalize Budget

Pre-AGM Delegate Meeting at noon to include catered lunch.

Provincial STS AGM – May 9-11, 2017

Chapter Meeting – Third Wednesday – May 17, 1:30 p.m. Elections

## June 2017

Executive Meeting – First Wednesday – June 7, 9 a.m. Combined outgoing and incoming Executive, AGM Delegates follow-up 9-9:30 a.m., evaluations/ reports due.

Chapter June Luncheon – Second Wednesday – June 14 at Western Development Museum, Noon

Mark  
This  
Date!

All Chapter meetings and evening socials will be held at the STF Building.

(No admission charge)

Friends and family welcome.

Luncheons are held at the Western Development Museum.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Executive.

***All STS Events and Meetings are Scent Free!***



# Your Executive for 2016-17



**Back row:** L>R, Lyle Markowski, Donna Rolston, Karen Cymbalisky, Nancy Caird, Carol Shanner, Judy Pidskalny, Bev Pacholik, Gillian Thompson-Black, Freda Robinson, Margaret Martin, Corinne Sturby, Roland Nordick, Randy Danyliw, Pat Orchard. **Second Row:** Kim Newlove, Darlene Danyliw, Jane Isinger, Marie Grimsen, Joan Hickie, Elaine Broughton, Irma Kittelson. **Front Row:** Stella Shulhan, Eileen Deneiko, Diane Selby, President Loretta Metzger, Joan Caruk, Bonnie Semenoff. **Kneeling in front:** Lois Pyne, Peter Stroh. **Missing:** Linda Ashley, Cecile Martell, Donna McTavish, Leslie Sichelto, Gladys Somerville, Phyllis Wilson.

## 2016-17 Saskatoon STS Chapter Executive

President	Loretta Metzger	306-382-6769
Past President	Diane Selby	306-373-0080
Vice President	Kim Newlove	306-374-1149
Secretary	Joan Caruk	306-384-6321
Secretary Assistant	Eileen Deneiko	306-477-0989
Treasure	Judy Pidskalny	306-955-0026
Assistant Treasurer	Donna McTavish	306-373-1666

### Standing Committees

Activities Co-Chair	Lyle Markowski	306-934-7043
Activities Co-Chair	Darlene Danyliw	306-249-4494
Archives	Stella Shulhan	306-242-9411
Cards Co-Chair	Marchie Grimsen	306-244-2454
Cards Co-Chair	Bev Pacholik	306-978-7155
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Email Co-Chair	Roland Nordick	306-934-4948

### Member Recognition

Co-Chair	Diane Selby	306-373-0080
Co-Chair	Phyllis Wilson	306-979-0684

### Membership/Directory

Co-Chair	Carol Shanner	306-374-8415
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Program Co-Chair	Peter Stroh	306-374-3543

### PR/Advocacy/Resolutions

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STS Liaison	Marie LeBlanc-Warick	306-227-5569
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Telephoning Co-Chair	Leslie Sichelto	306-477-2839
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### Ad Hoc Editorial Committee:

Margaret Martin, Irma Kittelson, Loretta Metzger

### Photographer for 2016-17:

Stella Shulhan

### Provincial Executive Members from Saskatoon Chapter:

ACER-CART	Marie LeBlanc-Warick
Member At Large	Jane Isinger
Executive Secretary	Fred Herron