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President's Message



We are already into our second month of 2017, and it looks like it will be an auspicious year as Canada celebrates its 150th birthday. In a matter of hours, travel can take us to far away places. We marvel at the history of those places and realize that Canada is just a baby in the grand scheme of things. I hope you will have the opportunity to travel this year, see amazing sights, immerse yourself in local cultures, and return home with a renewed appreciation for this wonderful place we call Canada.

Something I am always thankful for is having chosen a profession that provided a comfortable living and continues to do so. Now that I get to lounge around in the mornings with the newspaper and a cup of tea way past the beginning of the work day, I'm especially thankful! I think realizing how grateful I am is part of the reason that I became involved in the STS—to give thanks by giving back to our organization.

I'll just fill you in on a few things that we have been up to. Our Fall Welcome Luncheon was a great success where welcoming new members was the order of the day. I would be remiss not to mention the food – great food! The October Evening Social had *No Hurry* as the entertainment. The food and the music were excellent and dancing even broke out. In November, the WDM and our Executive were scrambling to accommodate the increased numbers for the Christmas Banquet, which is always a great event.

Several projects are in the works right now. This is the year that we produce a new Membership Directory. Our constitution is under revision, and once passed by the Executive, it will be brought to the membership at a Chapter meeting. Resolutions were discussed in November, but we are still open to your suggestions on ways to improve our benefits package. Once resolutions are properly formatted, they are presented to the Executive, then brought to a Chapter

meeting. If they are passed there, the resolution goes to the STS Provincial Executive and then onto the STS Annual General Meeting in May.

As teachers, you understand how much planning and effort is required for every meeting, activity, social, and banquet. This year I have had more opportunity to focus on what everyone else on the Executive does to make this organization run effectively. The best way for members to thank the Executive for their efforts is to attend and enjoy the functions they plan. As always, let us know if you have ideas and suggestions that you think would make our STS Chapter stronger. If you would like to become more involved in your Chapter, please give me a call.

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to pass along our very best wishes to you and yours for a 2017 filled with good health, fun adventures, and peaceful hearts.

Take care,
Loretta Metzger

Spring Social

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Eamer Auditorium
7-9 p.m.

Entertainment:

It's Too Late Baby

No cover charge
Cash Bar-Beer & Wine
Lunch will be served
Friends and family are welcome!



Resolutions/ Public Relations/ Advocacy Committee

Co-Chairs: Margaret Martin and Randy Danyliw

This is the time of year when many of us think of travelling to warmer climates. If you are an STS Extended Health Plan member, you automatically have travel coverage for an unlimited number of trips that are no more than 65 days in length. Please be aware of the travel exclusions related to your coverage by reading your policy handbook.

Coverage is limited to emergency medical expenses incurred by an insured person because of a sudden illness or accident that occurs outside your province of residence. Pre-existing conditions are covered provided the covered person's condition is stable and/or has been controlled by consistent treatment with prescribed medication for the three months immediately preceding the day of departure and medical attention is not reasonably anticipated during the travel period. To be considered stable a condition must not have required medical investigation, diagnosis, treatment, or hospitalization in the three months immediately preceding the departure date. Routine checkups with no change in medication or treatment are not considered medical investigation, diagnosis, or treatment, so they will not affect your coverage.

Make sure you take your Blue Cross Card with you and note the numbers on the reverse side. The Travel Assistance Provider must be called for emergency medical assistance when travelling outside your province of residence. Failure to call the Travel Assistance Provider may invalidate your claim. Telephone service is provided on a 24-hour basis around the world in any language.

If you have questions or require further information on your coverage, please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 or sts@sts.sk.ca.

Our Committee is now receiving resolutions from any Chapter member, for submission to the Provincial STS for debate at the 2017 STS Annual General Meeting to be held in May. Please send your ideas for resolutions to bill.marg@sasktel.net or randydanyliw@shaw.ca. We can assist with the wording, if needed. These resolutions will be brought to Chapter members at the February 15, 2017 Chapter meeting to gain their support, before being submitted to the STS Provincial Resolutions Committee.

Visiting Committee

Co-Chairs: Pat Orchard and Gladys Somerville

*"We need old friends
to help us grow old*

*And we need new friends
to help us stay young."*

Letty Cottin Pogrebin



Many thanks to our volunteer visitors who give of their time all year to visit retired teachers who are shut-in, living in nursing homes, or hospitalized. A special thank you is extended to the volunteers for their Christmas visits. With these visits, shut-ins received a Christmas greeting card with a letter and a small gift on behalf of our Chapter. Your friendly and caring ways were greatly appreciated.

Since our list of visitors is an ever changing one, we always have a need for volunteers who are available to visit. If you would like to join our visiting team, please contact Pat Orchard or Gladys Somerville and you will be paired with a superannuate to be visited. We also welcome the names of superannuates who are shut-in or hospitalized and would appreciate a visit.

We hope that this will be a successful and satisfying year, for both those who are visited and for the volunteer visitors.

Constitution and Policy Committee

The following Notice of Motion will be presented at the Chapter meeting on February 15, 2017:

The Saskatoon Chapter Executive moves that the constitution, bylaws, and policy document be amended. This notice of motion will be voted on at the Chapter meeting on March 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Eamer Auditorium at the STF building.

Please see the Chapter website for the current http://www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/about_us/constitution.html and revised text. http://www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/activities_meetings/index.html

Activities Committee

Co-Chairs: Lyle Markowski and Darlene Danyliw

Thank you to Orest and Marion Murawsky from *The Indefinite Article* for a great afternoon of learning about treasures from the past. Members brought antique items for Orest and Marion to look at, for our own version of *Antique Roadshow*. Everyone enjoyed seeing what each member had brought and listening to the history and information about the item.

New members

Here are some great activities to help you become involved with your Chapter, meet new people, have fun, and learn something new!

Coming Up...

SaskTel Centre Tour

February's SaskTel Centre Tour will be Friday, February 10 at 1:15 p.m.

Most of us go to events at the SaskTel Centre, but have no idea what it takes to run the facility. From the basement to the rafters, media rooms, dressing rooms, luxury suites, box office, and administration—let's go have a look.

WDM Curatorial Centre Tour

Come to the Western Development Museum (WDM) at 2935 Lorne Avenue on Tuesday, March 21, from 9:30-11 a.m. for the Curatorial Centre Tour. The Centre coordinates programs for the Saskatchewan WDM branches located in Moose Jaw, North Battleford, Saskatoon, and Yorkton. The Curatorial Centre provides administrative and centralized curatorial services including education and extension; collections; conservation; exhibits; research; fundraising; marketing; and technical services.

Please Note: There will be an *entry fee of \$8.50*, which includes admission to both the Curatorial Centre and the WDM. This is a walking tour, so please wear appropriate footwear. If you require some sitting time, please let us know when you register for the tour.

If we wish to stay and go for lunch at the Boomtown Café following our tour, that can be arranged.

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

To register or for more information on any of these activities, please contact Darlene Danyliw, darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca, 306-249-4494 or Lyle Markowski, lylemark@sasktel.net, 306-934-7043. To view photos of past events, check out our Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/Superannuated-Teachers-of-Saskatchewan-Saskatoon-Chapter>.

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

More Interesting Opportunities . . .

Program Committee

Dr. Murray Scharf

Celebrating the Past and Greeting the Future

February 15, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Eamer Auditorium, STF Building

In his presentation, Dr. Scharf will underscore the fact that the current cohort of seniors has the unique opportunity to design a whole new phase of life. During our lifetime, the retirement window has grown from three years (males) and eight years (females) for our parents' generation to 13 and 17 years, respectively, for our generation. For our children and grandchildren, the numbers grow to 25 and 40 years. With these and other changes, our calling will be to design and plan the future and not to fix the past. As Ambassador for the 25th Anniversary of the Saskatoon Council on Aging, Dr. Scharf has been charged with the duty to take this message to the community and to call upon older adults to be engaged in this planning. The mantra is "Planning *with* seniors, not *for* seniors.

March Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Eamer Auditorium

STF Building

1:30 p.m.

Guest Presenter: Jeff O'Brien

City of Saskatoon Archivist

PowerPoint presentation on the History of Saskatoon

Telephoning Committee

Co-Chairs: Lois Pyne and Leslie Sichello

We have welcomed 95 new members to our Chapter since September 2015. They are now on our email list to receive regular updates of Chapter activities. We look forward to getting to know these new members at each of our events.

We have two captains and eleven callers responsible for phoning 83 people who do not have email addresses about our activities each month. If anyone who is now being called wants to switch over to being notified by email, please call Lois 306-978-8248 or Leslie 306-477-2839. It is always awesome to talk to our members.



It's Not Too Late!

STS Teachers' Bowling League

seeks five-pin bowlers for the rest of the 2016-17 season, through to April 18, 2017.

No experience necessary!

Come socialize, exercise, and have a great time!

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Eastview Bowl, 2929 Louise Street East

Recruit a new bowler and Eastview Bowl will gift you 100 dollars. The new bowler must stay with the league for at least eight weeks. Contact Terry Manley at 306-343-6297. He will place you on a team. If you are unable to contact Terry, just come to Eastview Bowl on our bowling day and we'll get you looked after.



READ Saskatoon

READ Saskatoon is looking for volunteers to help with one-to-one tutoring and family literacy programs. If interested, please visit www.READSaskatoon.com, click the events tab, and sign up for the next agency orientation. If you have questions or need help signing up, contact Cory Baumgardner, the Adult Literacy Program Coordinator, at 306-652-5448.

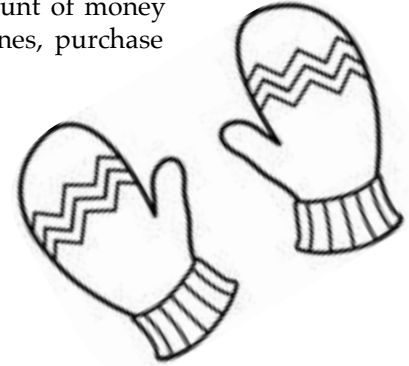
Thanks for your support . . .

The Mitten Club would like to thank the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon Chapter, for their support. Over the past few years your group has allowed the Mitten Club to sell its wares at your Christmas luncheon. Our sales at those events have been very successful due to the generous support of your members. I thought I would explain to your members just who we are, what we do, and what we have done with the funds we have raised.

The Mitten Club began at Westmount Community School where my EAL (English as an Additional Language) students first made mittens for themselves, then thought they might be able to make money for charity by selling beautiful mittens like the ones they had just learned to make. And sell they did! In our first year, we sent \$1,130 through the Mennonite Central Committee to support the relief effort in Nepal after the terrible earthquake in 2015.

When I moved to W.P. Bate School a year later, I started the club again with the help of a colleague, Karen O'Shaughnessy. And, although the new Mitten Club group is smaller, it is committed to learning to make mittens and contribute to the world through charitable donations just like the original group. Our products are made with recycled materials—sweaters, fleece, buttons, and even the sewing machines are purchased second hand!

We always save a small amount of money to service our sewing machines, purchase thread, sharpen scissors, and purchase more used fabric. However, the greatest portion of funds goes to different charities. Each spring students in the Mitten Club research and determine in what part of the world people require help.

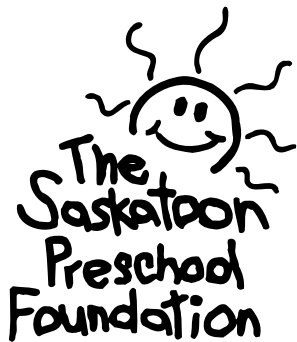


Over the years, the Mitten Group has included students aged 8-14 from various parts of Africa, Southeast Asia, Canada, and The Middle East—a veritable United Nations. I began the group because I wanted students to understand that even if they have no money to share with others, they have skills, time, and the practical knowledge to help others who are less fortunate than themselves.

Thank you for your support of this extra-curricular project at W. P. Bate Community School—for helping to teach students this valuable lesson in life.

Regards,
Trudy Berscheid, EAL Teacher
W.P. Bate Community School

We are thankful to the many superannuated educators and others who continue to support the work of the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation (SPF). Here is some information about who we are and what we do, for those who may not be familiar with our Foundation.



The SPF was founded in 1994 under the name "Saskatoon Inner-City Preschool Foundation." It continues to focus on preschool tuition subsidies for children whose families don't have the resources to pay community preschool tuition and who live in areas where there are no Prekindergarten programs. While the number of Prekindergarten programs continues to increase, the number of vulnerable families applying for subsidies is increasing as well. In 2010, the SPF provided 104 subsidies totaling approximately \$44,000; to date in 2016, 134 subsidies totaling over \$90,000. That's an increase of over 100%!

An original goal for the Foundation was based on the need for early learning experiences for children prior to entering kindergarten in community schools in Saskatoon. While there are numerous Prekindergarten programs now, the SPF continues to have a high need for donations to support its work.

For further information or to donate, please contact the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Office (306-683-8384 or spf@spsd.sk.ca).

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 Semenov 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 2016-17 year.

If you have articles that you think our members would be interested in, please submit them.

The deadline for submissions to our Spring issue of the 2016-17 year is March 31, 2017. All articles to be considered for inclusion must be emailed to stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com

Did you know that it costs almost \$4,000 to design, print, and mail each issue of *The Voice*? We understand that not everyone has the knowledge or access to the technology needed to view *The Voice* online. We are more than happy to send out printed copies to those who have requested it. However, if you are able, we would urge you to consider reading your issue online or to print it at home, if you like to have a paper copy. Not only will you help us save on printing and mailing costs, but you can be up on the latest news and events more quickly, as the new issue is posted online before being mailed out. You will receive an email as soon as it is available online.

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We are on Facebook!

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

Chapter Meeting Dates

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

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

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 Luncheon – Second Wednesday – June 14 at Western Development Museum, Noon. Tickets will be available by mid-March.



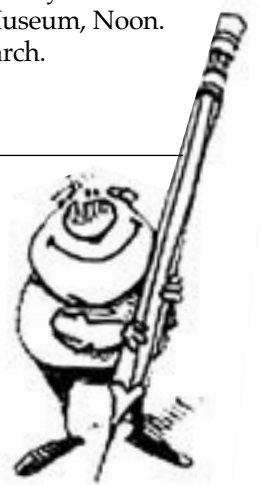
All Chapter meetings and evening socials will be held at the STF Building.
(No admission charge)

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!



Save the Date . . .

2017 Provincial STS Events

- Annual Fishing Derby – June 8 – Meeting Lake. Contact Alan 306 824 4535 ar.laughlin@sasktel.net
- 12th Provincial Stitch 'N' Quilt – October 17-19. Hosted by Battlefords and District Chapter. Contact Carol – 306-481-5345 battlefords.sts@live.ca or Bonnie 306 386 3116
- Provincial Golf – Kenosee Lake – June 20-21. Hosted by Mainline Chapter. Contact Brenda Scheirer 306-577-2470

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Attention Photographers and Artists



Your local Chapter needs original photos or photos of original artwork suitable for use as a background for banquet tickets. If your photo is used, you will receive a complimentary ticket for the event. Please forward your Canadian themed .jpg files for possible use in June 2017 to ijkitt@sasktel.net. Photos to be considered for future occasions may also be submitted at this time.