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President's Message



Wow! Remember when you were teaching and some years just seemed to fly by. This past year has been an absolute blur. Yes, some of that has been because of STS activities – the rest has been 'life'. I am so fortunate to have had a long run of super organized people in the presidential role before me. The binder that comes with the

position is a blueprint for success.

It seems that we have a large Executive – 34. Each position has two co-chairpersons. This allows everyone on the Executive to do their job and still have the time and flexibility to travel, spend time with grandkids, develop unique interests and even experience the life of a 'snowbird'. This means you can fit being an Executive member into your schedule too. Every year about this time we expect some turn over. Now is your chance to volunteer. Just let any Executive member know you are interested, and we will find a spot for you. You can always call me.

Every year we must shake things up a little, so we changed our Welcome Event to a Ukrainian luncheon. I think it let all those newly retired teachers sleep in before coming! The food was excellent. The luncheon was well attended, so we will be doing that again. Then our Canada 150 Committee suggested a potluck dessert meeting. I have never seen so many red and white desserts. Another thing to add to next year's calendar.

Have you been to one of the Evening Socials? These events have become so popular that we added a Special Occasions Committee to look after the arrangements. The quality of entertainment is excellent. These events have no cover charge, and drinks are served at cost recovery. You really should check them out.

Our two banquets continue to be our best attended gatherings. These are also opportunities to honour our awards recipients and dedicated volunteers. Our Christmas banquet mini craft market continues to be a success. We

are always looking for events that provide opportunities to connect with friends and former colleagues.

We did have time to do more than eat and socialize. This was an especially busy year for a couple of our Committees. The new membership directory was produced. Until you are on that Committee you really don't know the effort it takes to make that happen. The directories are very popular with the membership. Also, our Chapter Constitution was revamped. Again, we have a dedicated crew that somehow seems to enjoy that process.

Our Chapter is always looking for ways to keep in contact with our membership. Our monthly email that communicates the meeting dates and activities is very effective. If you don't do email . . . we phone you! We have a Facebook presence and our website is always current – www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/index.htm

My year as President is quickly drawing to a close. This STS Chapter is so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals working for the membership. Thanks to them I have really enjoyed the year. Now, what will I do next year as Past President? There must be something I could do to shake things up!

Take care,
Loretta Metzger

FALL SOCIAL

Eamer Auditorium – STF Building
Wednesday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

Entertainment:
"Slightly Off-Center"

No cover charge. Cash bar. Friends and relatives welcome! Lunch will be served . . . come out and enjoy the evening!!



Resolutions/ Public Relations/ Advocacy Committee

Co-Chairs: Margaret Martin and Randy Danyliw

We have submitted two resolutions from the Saskatoon Chapter to the STS to be debated and voted upon at this year's AGM being held May 9 to 11, 2017 in Saskatoon. Please see the results of the voting on all resolutions in the May-June issue of *Outreach*.

The STS Extended Health (including travel) and Dental Plans are very important to our STS members. These Plans are totally funded by plan participants with Saskatchewan Blue Cross contracted to pay out the claims to the Plans according to the contract established with them. Costs to the Plans have increased during the past year because of increased prescription costs, increased emergency travel claims, and increased dental claims. The improvements made to the Plans during the term of this contract have also increased the costs. Premiums paid by plan members will not increase during the term of this contract which expires on June 30, 2018. The issue at present is how the STS will deal with the implementation of the increase in Provincial Sales Tax. It may mean that premiums will have to be adjusted July 1, 2017 to allow for the new tax increase.

Plan participants are encouraged to take ownership for the Plan by questioning physicians regarding the most cost effective use of prescription drugs. It is important for patients who receive a prescription from a doctor to ask questions about the medication being prescribed. First, it is important to ask the prescriber if the drug being prescribed is on the Saskatchewan Formulary. If the answer is "Yes", then the medication is covered by the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan and will be included in the medications covered by the STS Extended Health Plan, if the patient is a member of the Plan. If the answer is "No", then the next question should be does the medication qualify for coverage under the Exception Drug Status (EDS). If this drug is eligible for EDS coverage, the doctor prescribing it or the pharmacist must apply on behalf of the patient. If this drug is approved for EDS coverage, it will then be covered by the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan. When Saskatchewan Blue Cross is advised by the STS member of this EDS coverage, the drug will then be covered by the STS Extended Health Plan for that member.

If you are finding that medication costs are using a large percentage of your income, it is important for you to apply for the Special Support Program offered by the Government of Saskatchewan. There are no age restrictions on applying for this benefit. Application forms are available from your doctor or at your pharmacy, but you must apply to receive this coverage.

If you have any questions about the STS Extended Health or Dental Plans, please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 or sts@sts.sk.ca.

Visiting Committee

Co-Chairs: Pat Orchard and Gladys Somerville

*"Time is valuable.
VOLUNTEERING is invaluable.
Value your time."*

Vicki Barber



We are placing a strong emphasis on RECRUITING SHUT-INS. Do you know a retired teacher who is a shut-in, living in a nursing home or is hospitalized and would like to have a visitor? Please contact us, as names would be greatly appreciated.

Pat Orchard: Telephone: 306-373-9905 or
Email: pattymel@sasktel.net

Gladys Somerville: Telephone: 306-242- 6668 or
Email: gsomer@sasktel.net

Many thanks to the volunteers who have visited and brought smiles to these superannuates. You are always greatly appreciated.

Home Visitors this year included: 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, Rose Yaworski

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

We would like to welcome Brenda Olson to our team!

Card Committee

We send all manner of cards to our members – Thinking of You, Sympathy, Thank You, Congratulations, Milestone Anniversary/Birthday, and e-cards when requested and accompanied by an email address. Please contact us if you know of any members of our Saskatoon Chapter who would benefit from receiving a card.

Contact: **Bev Pacholik**
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306-978-7155

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Activities Committee

Co-Chairs: Lyle Markowski and Darlene Danyliw

Coming Up...

Working with Bees

Dr. Barry Brown has had a bee-keeping operation in Langham for several years and has agreed to host an informative tour of his warehouse. He will also talk about his experiences in keeping bees and harvesting honey.

Due to cool weather this event has been postponed until August. However, if you are interested please phone Darlene or Lyle and they will contact you when they have finalized the date. Once they have your registration, they will provide you with times and directions.

Langham is approximately 15 minutes from the north end of Saskatoon, heading out towards Edmonton on the Yellowhead highway.

STS-Saskatoon Chapter Spring Golf Tournament

The Spring Golf Tournament will be held at Greenbryre golf course on Tuesday, June 13 beginning at 9 a.m. Greenbryre is a 12-hole course. The cost is \$26.50 for walking, and \$41.50 with a power cart.

Lunch is not included in this price, but we will meet at the clubhouse after the tourney.

We ask that you be there by 9 a.m. to register with the pro shop and get your team organized.

You may register as a team or as an individual. We will form teams and arrange tee times. Please register by June 6, so we may let Greenbryre know how many tee times we will need.

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.

Telephoning Committee

Co-Chairs: Lois Pyne and Leslie Sichello

We have welcomed 95 new members to our Chapter since September 2016. 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.



Canada's 150th Birthday . . .

STS Chapter June Banquet June 14, 2017

Social – 11 a.m.

Buffet Dinner – 12 noon

Western Development Museum

Tickets: \$20

Available from: STS Provincial Office and Chapter Executive members. Check with Irma Kittelson regarding seating preferences.



Scholarship

Diane Selby

The first recipient of our STS-Saskatoon Chapter scholarship is Erin Guillemin, a graduate of Marion M. Graham Collegiate. Erin is a fourth-year education student at the University of Saskatchewan, majoring in Home Economics, with a minor in Fine Arts. This multi-talented student plays Huskie volleyball, teaches art at 4Cats Arts Studio, and volunteers at Royal West in an EAL class. In addition, Erin loves to sew, paint, and cook. She is excited to begin her career in teaching.

Congratulations, Erin! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



Diane Selby (L) presents the first STS-Saskatoon Chapter Scholarship to Fourth Year Education student Erin Guillemin (R).

... Welcome Luncheon

Wed. Sept. 20 11:30 a.m.

All Tickets \$15.00
... available in June, at STS Prov. office, or from Chapter Exec. members

New Superannuates ticket cost will be refunded at the event.

Cabbage Rolls, Perogies, Sausage
Location: Ukrainian Orthodox Church
2616 Louise St.



Thank You!

Thanks again to our photographer members who allowed us to use their photos for tickets in 2016-2017.

Sylvia Regnier – Welcome Breakfast

Diane Selby – Christmas Banquet

Eileen Deneiko – June Banquet

From the Editor

This newsletter is the final publication of *The Voice* for the 2016-17 year.

If you have articles that you think our members would be interested in over the summer, please send them to stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com

You don't have to wait until fall, just send them in as you come across them.

The **deadline for submissions** to our Fall 2017 issue is **June 30, 2017**.

In our last issue, we asked you to consider changing from getting a paper copy mailed to you, to *The Voice* online. We thank those of you who took the time to contact us and to do just that. You will now be up on the latest news and events more quickly, as each new issue is posted online before being mailed out. You will receive an email to alert you when it is available online.

Those wanting to change their preference should contact Irma Kittelson at ijkitt@sasktel.net giving her the email address they wish to use to be notified when the newsletter is available online. Phone messages run the risk of incorrect email information being received, so please contact Irma using email only.

Our Year in Review



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2016-17 STS – Saskatoon Chapter Executive

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Registration Co-Chair	Joan Hickie	306-373-0385			

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.

Web Page/Mailing

Please contact Irma Kittelson as soon as possible at ijkitt@sasktel.net or 306-934-0881 if you wish to:

- Change your preference to reading each issue of *The Voice* online.
- Correct errors in your name or address.
- Notify us that your address has changed or will be changing before the next issue.



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Saskatoon Chapter Activities or on our website
www.sts.sk.ca/saskatoon/index.htm