

SUPERANNATED TEACHERS OF SASKATCHEWAN — SASKATOON CHAPTER

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President's Message



As I sit down to write this article, it is July 1 – Canada Day (yes . . .the deadline for writing these articles is several months ahead of when you actually get to read this newsletter!). This year's Canada Day in Saskatoon is a cool, rainy one – but the weather does not dampen the spirit of what it means to be a proud Canadian.

Facebook is filled with Canadian well-wishing, the media is keeping us apprised of celebrations across the nation, and many millions of Canadians are enjoying a long weekend (because they are not retired like the rest of us and truly rely on those precious “three days off!”). I hope you marked your Canada Day in a memorable way.

If this is your first fall as a superannuate, welcome to retirement and to our Chapter. For some, retirement immediately fits like an old pair of comfortable shoes. For others, it takes a while to adjust to this new way of life... kind of like a new pair of not-so-comfortable shoes that, sooner or later, becomes that old pair of comfortable ones. In either case, the timing is right for you to jump in and take part in your Chapter of the STS. We are a great way to stay connected to colleagues, meet new friends, and enjoy each and every get-together without the need for recess supervision or report cards!

The 2018-2019 year will be a busy one if you participate in some or all of your Saskatoon Chapter STS events. We can all look forward to annual events such as the Welcome Luncheon, Christmas Banquet and Craft Sale, two evening socials, Spring Tea, and June Banquet. One of our events this year will include a morning coffee gathering. Golfing and Mah Jong are sure to be on the calendar – and tours of local establishments will most certainly be scheduled. We will continue to keep you informed about activities organized by the Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association (SSFA) and will host a number of informative afternoon sessions at the STF building. Many of these events are listed or described in this newsletter, so I encourage you to get your pencil out

and start marking the dates on your calendar. Our events always prove to be a lot of fun – a good way to feel carefree, connected and retired!

Last year, your Chapter hosted two very successful provincial events – Curling and Bowling. Both were well attended and filled with fun and a wee bit of competition. This year, we are excited to be hosting the provincial Stitch 'n Quilt in October, 2018 and the provincial Mah Jong tournament in May, 2019. We have a very active quilting community in and around Saskatoon, so we are anticipating that the Stitch 'n Quilt will be a sell-out . . .so don't delay if you intend on registering! We are very new to Mah Jong, but are keen to see what this game has to offer . . .so think about taking a few classes with us and then participating in the spring tournament!

This year we will be examining whether we should continue, revise or discontinue the production of this printed newsletter. We are keen to hear your thoughts on this. You will find more details in the article called *The Future of The Voice*, later in this newsletter.

Your 2018-2019 Executive continues to be a strong group of passionate individuals. In June, we said good-bye to Nancy Caird. Nancy served as the Editor of *The Voice* for two years. We welcomed Shirley Henderson to the position of Assistant Secretary and look forward to her sharing this important role with Diane Ellis. Other changes include Darlene Danyliw as *The Voice* Editor and Ardelle Chicilo (Assistant *Voice* Editor) joining Darlene and Lyle Markowski on the Activities Committee. Lyle Markowski and Jane Isinger will be busy this year as they are both Saskatoon Chapter Executive members and were also elected to serve on the Provincial STS. Congratulations to them both!

In closing, I hope you are reading this on a lovely Fall day (as opposed to the cool, rainy one on which it was written!)—with a coffee or tea in hand and feet up. What a lovely way to begin another school year! Here's wishing you a leisurely season of doing exactly what YOU want to do. I wish you good health, good fun, and good family and friends . . . and I hope to see you out to a few or many STS events.

Enjoy life . . .and all things in balance!

Kim Newlove

Public Relations/ Advocacy/Resolutions

Co-Chairs: Randy Danyliw and Margaret Martin

A warm welcome to Saskatoon Chapter STS is extended to all of our new and experienced members. We hope that each of you had a happy and healthy summer. As we look forward to another season of activities sponsored by our local Saskatoon Chapter or those in our province supported by the Provincial STS, we hope that you will consider participating in one or many of them. Please check your copies of the VOICE and OUTREACH for more information about these activities or the websites of the STS Provincial organization (www.sts.sk.ca), Saskatoon Chapter (www.sts-saskatoon.ca) or Facebook (Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan-Saskatoon Chapter).

A reminder to all STS members and those STS members of the Extended Health Plan who will be turning 65 in this next year to apply for coverage under the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan. Please submit a copy of the letter stating that you are eligible for coverage under the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan to the STS Office. Your premiums for the Extended Health Plan will be reduced at that time. The STS Group Benefit Plan is totally funded by the members of the Plan, so a considered approach to your use of the Plan is necessary to keep premiums as low as possible. If you have any questions about the STS Group Benefits Plan (Extended Health or Dental Plan) or the Out of Province Travel Benefit that is a part of the STS Extended Health Plan please call the STS Office at (306) 373-3879 or send an e-mail to sts@sts.sk.ca.

As we begin the 2018-2019 year we also think ahead regarding resolutions that members may want to submit to the Saskatoon Chapter and ultimately to the STS Provincial Executive for consideration at the 2019 AGM. Please submit any ideas for resolutions to either Randy Danyliw (randydanyliw@shaw.ca) or Margaret Martin (bill.marg@sasktel.net). We will assist with the wording if needed.



Randy Danyliw: randydanyliw@shaw.ca

Margaret Martin: bill.marg@sasktel.net

If you are currently receiving *THE Voice* by regular mail, would you consider receiving a link to the electronic newsletter instead? Please let Irma know to make this change by emailing: ijkitt@sasktel.net.

Telephoning

Co-Chairs: Lois Pyne and Leslie Sichello

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't been in bed with a mosquito." Anita Roddeck

Thank you to the two co-chairs, two captains and eight telephoners on our committee this 2017-2018 year, who have indeed made a difference in the lives of the retirees they have been calling. Many I know look forward to your call. Together we have been calling 70 retirees who do not receive our communication through emails each month.

Five people from our committee were recognized with certificates for their years of service. Grace Skrudland & Norma Wilson received 20-year certificates; Fran Gordon received a 10-year certificate. As Joan Hickie leaves our committee, after six years, to devote her time to the Registration committee, she received a Certificate of Thanks; Leslie Sichello was recognized with a 5-year certificate for co-chairing this committee with Lois. A big thank you is in order for all Leslie does with phoning and keeping our phoning tree lists current. Her work occurs behind the scenes but is so necessary for our committee to exist.

Awesome, Ladies! We thank you ladies for your many years of commitment and continued service to our Chapter.

Recognition certificates are given after every five years of phoning but all telephoners are recognized each month as you faithfully call your "retired friends" on your lists. They know you and have come to value you through your calls. Thanks so much.

Leslie and Lois will have contacted the new retirees, welcomed them to our Chapter and invited them to our September "new retirees" STS Welcome Luncheon by the time you read this edition of *The Voice*. We hope to see many of you at some of our fun, interesting and educational events in the upcoming months.

2018-2019 Telephone co-chairs:

Lois Pyne - 306-978-8248

Leslie Sichello - 306-230-5924

Recipients of Service Certificates



L to R: Joan Hickie & Fran Gordon, Lois Pyne (Presenter) Missing from photo: Leslie Sichello, Norma Wilson, Grace Skrudland.

Visitation

Co-Chairs: Pat Orchard and Gladys Somerville



L to R: Pat Orchard, Bill Bender, Corinne Sturby, Stella Shulhan, Elaine Panchuk, Aldean Glass, Gladys Somerville, Gerry Hoeh
Missing from Photo: Rose Yaworski, Norma Wilson, Brenda Olson, Esther Molina, Joyce Kimber Parent, Marie Hammer, Lorraine Friesen, Carol Shanner

"Loneliness is my least favourite thing about life. The thing I most worried about is just being without anybody to care for or someone to care for me." Anne Hathaway

During 2017-2018, 16 volunteers made visits to superannuates who were confined to their homes, care homes or to one of the hospitals. These visits have been greatly appreciated and have brought many smiles and much happiness.

In recognition and appreciation of visitors who achieved "Milestone" years, certificates for five, ten, and fifteen years of service were presented at our Chapter Banquet on June 13th, 2018. The honored visitors were: Norma Wilson - 20 years; Rose Yaworski - 15 years; Bill Bender - 10 years; Corinne Sturby - 10 years and Marie Hammer retiring after 4 years. Hospital Visitors: Aldean Glass - City Hospital; Joyce Kimber Parent - Royal University Hospital; Brenda Olson - St. Paul's Hospital. Thanks to all the volunteer visitors. Your visits have brightened many days.

If you would like to volunteer or know of a shut-in superannuate who would welcome a friendly visit, please contact us. When submitting a name, we would appreciate if you could obtain verbal permission and the correct address of the person to be visited. Thanks so much.

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

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

From the Editor's Desk

Editor: Darlene Danyliw
Assistant Editor: Ardelle Chicilo

2018-19 Deadlines for submissions to *The Voice*:

Winter Issue – November 30, 2018

Spring Issue – March 29, 2019

Fall Issue – June 28, 2019

Need Some Extra Cash?

Website/Mailing Chairperson: Irma Kittelson

Our Chapter Website: www.sts-saskatoon.ca.

If you take a look under the Links tab on our website at the Volunteer and Employment Opportunities, you may find the answer.

In fact, there is currently a request for full time teachers for Nunavut for the upcoming year, in case you want a longer adventure in Canada's newest territory.

If you're looking for something closer to home, perhaps you'd like to try assisting with exams for students enrolled with Equity and Access Services at U of S. Love the idea of helping students enrolled in medical fields? This includes medicine, nursing, pharmacy among other disciplines. Standardized Patients are needed to be their fake clients - never anything invasive. Both of these 'jobs' are casual, meaning you pick when and how long you'd like to be there.

If you are just looking to fill time while making a difference, there are a number of Volunteer opportunities listed that will allow you to fulfill that need. Please check it out ... There is a direct link to request a 2019 Directory on the home page of our website. This may be helpful to you. **Deadline for requests is October 31, 2018.**

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

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

Interested in Serving on your Executive?

Contact Loretta Metzger, metzgerl@shaw.ca, Kim Newlove, newlove.kim@shaw.ca or Eileen Deneiko, eileen.deneiko@sasktel.net

FALL SOCIAL

Eamer Auditorium – STF Building
Wednesday, October 17 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!!

Activities

Co-Chairs: Darlene Danyliw, Lyle Markowski, Ardelle Chicilo

STS Walking Group

Love to walk? Loretta is putting a group together
Mondays, 9 a.m. Register with Loretta @ metzgerl@shaw.ca

STS Fall Golf Scramble

September 4 11:30 am (Registration)
Greenbryre Golf Course
Cost: \$27 Walking \$42 with Cart

**We have 7 tee times (Room for 28 golfers)
Register with Lyle - 306-934-7043 or lylemark@sasktel.net

To register for activities, please contact:

Darlene Danyliw @ darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca , Lyle Markowski @ lylemark@sasktel.ca, Ardelle Chicilo @ jchicilo@sasktel.net

Bocce Ball & Burgers

September 26 2:00 pm
Markowski Backyard - 522 Garrison Cr
Cost: \$5

City of Saskatoon Civic Operations (Bus Barns) Tour

Monday, October 29 1:30 pm
Civic Operations Centre (COC)
57 Valley Road

Mah Jong - Another Introduction

Monday, October 15 1:30 pm
Darlene's House - 350 Mulcaster Crt

Cards for Members

The Card Committee sends out cards (either electronic and regular mail) to our Chapter members, who are celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary. We also send out Sympathy, Thinking of You, Thank You and Congratulations cards.

When you call or email to request a card, please include a brief explanation related to your request, so the card can be personalized as much as possible. If you request an e-card, please include the email address of the person that is to receive the card. In some cases, where an illness/recovery may be prolonged, you may wish to contact the committee more than once to request another card be sent.

Contact: **Elaine Broughton**
ebroughton@sasktel.net
306-242-320

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



Let Us Reintroduce You to Curling!

Lyle & Darlene will help you get back on the ice.

No Lift Delivery, Stick Curling, Sweeping

Friday, Oct. 5

9:00 am

Granite Curling Club

Shoes & Equipment provided.

Call Darlene (306) 249-4494 or email: darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca

5-Pin Bowling...

STS Teachers' Bowling League

is seeking five-pin bowlers
for the 2018-2019 season.

When: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Starts: September 4 through
to December 18, 2018

Resumes: January 8 until
April 23, 2019

Where: Eastview Bowl

Who: Teachers! No experience necessary!

Why: Socializing, exercise and having a great time.

To join: Contact Terry Manley at 306-343-6297, and he
will place you on a team.

If you are unable to contact Terry, just show up at
Eastview Bowl, 2929 Louise St.



Saskatoon Chapter Christmas Banquet & Craft Sale



Wednesday, December 12

11:00 a.m. with meal at 12:15 p.m.

Tickets available in early September.

Ticket purchase deadline:

December 5.

Cost: \$20

Examining the Future of



Your Chapter Executive values the many ways it is able to communicate with our roughly 2,500 members. The STS Saskatoon Chapter webpage, Facebook presence, monthly email updates, telephoning, visiting, monthly activities and *The Voice* are all ways the Executive works to reach out to our membership.

This past spring, your Executive had a deep discussion about the future of this printed newsletter, *The Voice*. Elements of that conversation included questions such as:

- Are members reading and valuing this printed newsletter?
- Should we continue printing *The Voice* or move to another form of communication?
- Should we continue creating *The Voice*, but only as an online newsletter?
- Should we discontinue *The Voice* and rely more heavily on our monthly emails as a means of communicating with our members?
- If we discontinue printing three editions of *The Voice* each year, what would be the best way to spend the budgeted funds (roughly \$10,000 per year) in a way that would encourage more members to participate in our organization?

At our June, 2018 Executive Meeting, the decision was made to study these questions and gather more data for a period of one year. Executive members who agreed to form a sub-committee for the purpose of collecting data and creating a plan for *The Voice's* future include:

- Kim Newlove newlove.kim@shaw.ca
- Eileen Deneiko eileen.deneiko@sasktel.net
- Elaine Broughton ebroughton@sasktel.net
- Diane Selby dianejselby@gmail.com
- Margaret Martin bill.marg@sasktel.net
- Peter Stroh peterstroh@sasktel.net
- Ardelle Chicilo jchicilo@sasktel.net
- Darlene Danyliw darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca

In June, 2019 the Executive will agree on a plan for continuing, revising or discontinuing *The Voice*. Part of the data collection process will include hearing from our membership. If you have thoughts, ideas or opinions about continuing a printed version of *The Voice*, three times annually, please contact one of the above-mentioned committee members. The committee will actively seek out our members' opinions over the next year, but you are always welcome to contact us any time prior to our decision-making time of June, 2019.



Check us out on Facebook!

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan –
Saskatoon Chapter Activities or on our website
www.sts-saskatoon.ca

**Provincial STS
Stitch 'n' Quilt Retreat
At the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel
Galaxy B Room
October 23, 24, and 25, 2018**



Registration: \$200

Includes 2 lunches, 2 suppers, coffee breaks and instruction....

**For information on classes and registration please
check the following:
www.sts-saskatoon.ca/activities-meetings/activities/
Email: atchisona@sasktel.net or
Phone Ann: 306-955-2671**

Registration Deadline: September 23, 2018
Conference Rate rooms available until September 22, 2018
at the Travelodge in Saskatoon. **Indicate you are attending
Stitch 'n' Quilt when making your reservation.

Ever Thought About Playing Duplicate Bridge?



Saskatoon Bridge Club

3041 Louise Street
is hosting an
Open House
Saturday, September 8
2-4:00 p.m.

Skill levels ranging from never played bridge, played "kitchen bridge", to played duplicate bridge in the past—they have a program for you.

The club has a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, and will accommodate all levels of players. If you do not have a partner, the mentors at the bridge club will help you find one.

All are welcome to come out, get more information, and meet the members. For more info see the website: www.saskatoonbridgeclub.ca



Welcome Luncheon

Wed. Sept. 12 11:30 a.m.

All Tickets \$15.00

.... available now at STS Prov. office (Mon-Fri 9-Noon)
or from Irma Kittelson (306-934-0881)

Ticket deadline Sept. 5

New STS members' ticket cost will be fully refunded at the event.

**Cabbage Rolls, Perogies, Sausage
Dessert and Beverage**

Location: Ukrainian Orthodox Church
2616 Louise St.

Member Recognition

2018-19 Chapter Service Awards

Voice Editor



Thank you Nancy Caird as you step down as Voice Editor.

Visiting Committee



Rose Yaworski
(15 years)



Corinne Sturby
(10 years)



Bill Bender
(10 years)

Telephoning Committee



Fran Gordon
(10 year)



Joan Hickie
(Retiring 6 years)

2019 Saskatoon Chapter Directory

Deadline for Directory requests: October 31, 2018

The Saskatoon Chapter Directory will be issued early in 2019. The Directory will be available only upon member request. Please mail your request 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 mail your request to: sts.saskatoon@gmail.com or mail your request to the address shown below.*

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. Pick up dates will be announced. Directories will also be available at Chapter and Special Events.

I would like to receive a copy of the 2019 Saskatoon Chapter Directory.

I *do not* wish to have the following information listed in the 2019 Saskatoon Directory.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

*Email _____

Please mail to: Z. Krushnelniski
#125 - 305 Pinehouse Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7K 7Z4

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

2018-19 STS Chapter Events and Meeting Dates

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

Executive Meetings take place at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of January (2nd Wednesday). **Chapter Events** occur on the third Wednesday of each month, except for January 2019.

September 2018

September 5 – Executive Meeting
September 12 – 11:30-1:00 p.m. Welcome Luncheon
at All Saints Ukrainian Church

October 2018

October 3 – Executive Meeting
October 17 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. Fall Social at
Eamer Auditorium.
Entertainment by “Slightly Off-Center”

October 23-25 – Provincial Stitch ‘n’ Quilt

November 2018

November 7 – Executive Meeting
November 21 – 1:30 pm Chapter Event
Jane Isinger, Travel Presentation

December 2018

December 5 – Executive Meeting (McDowell Room)
Meeting (Lunch included)
Followed by Resolution session
December 12 – Christmas Banquet/Craft Sale at
Western Development Museum
11:00 a.m. – Craft Sale
12:15 p.m. – Banquet

January 2019

January 9 – Executive Meeting

February 2019

February 6 – Executive Meeting
February 20 – 1:30 pm Chapter Event (TBA)

March 2019

March 6 – Executive Meeting
March 20 – 10:00 am Chapter Event (TBA)
Coffee Party & Presentation

April 2019

April 3 – Executive Meeting – Draft Budget and
Executive Nominations
April 10 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. Spring Social at
Eamer Auditorium
Entertainment by “It’s Too Late, Baby”

May 2019

May 1 – Executive Meeting
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Finalize Budget
Catered Luncheon for all 2019 AGM delegates
11:30 a.m. Pre-AGM Meeting
May 9 – Provincial Mah Jong Tournament
Eamer Auditorium
May 14-16 – Provincial STS AGM (Travelodge)
May 23 (Thursday) – 12:00 pm AGM Delegate
Follow-up/De-brief
1:30 pm Elections & Chapter Event (TBA)

June 2019

June 5 – Executive Meeting
Year-end Committee Reports due (to President)
June 12 – Noon - Awards/Banquet at WDM

Chapter Events and Executive meetings take place in
Eamer Auditorium, STF Building, unless otherwise noted.

There is **no** admission charge.

Friends and family welcome at all Chapter Events.

Banquets are held at the Western Development Museum.

Tickets for Banquets can be purchased from members of the Executive or at the STS Office.

All STS Events and Meetings are Scent Free!



2018-2019 STS – Saskatoon Chapter Executive



Back Row: Judy Pidskalny, Roland Nordick, Peter Stroh, Lyle Markowski, Randy Danyliw, Gillian Thompson-Black, Margaret Martin, Shirley Henderson, Sadie Urban
3rd Row: Pat Orchard, Diane Selby, Diane Ellis, Corinne Sturby, Freda Robinson, Irma Kittelson, Joan Hickie, Gladys Somerville, Linda Ashley, Elaine Broughton, Cecile Martell
2nd Row: Lois Pyne, Stella Shulhan, Kim Newlove (President), Eileen Deneiko (Vice President), Loretta Metzger (Past President), Jane Isinger
Front Row: Bonnie Semenoff, Darlene Danyliw, Zonia Krushelniski, Marie Grimsen, Phyllis Wilson, Ardelle Chicilo. **Missing from photo:** Donna McTavish, Leslie Sichelio

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