

# OUTREACH

To The Superannuated Teachers  
of Saskatchewan

## President's Report

Maxine Stinka

The 44th Annual General Meeting of the STS was held at the Travelodge in Saskatoon on May 9-11. This was an opportunity for Delegates from each Chapter to discuss and vote on resolutions that guide the Executive in its activities and set policies for the organization. It is also a time for attending interest sessions, selecting the Executive for 2017-18, and socializing with other retired teachers. Thank you to Joyce Hoffman and Jane Isinger, Co-chairs of the AGM Planning Committee, as well as the office staff for all of their work in organizing another successful AGM. George Huczek (Prince Albert) and Doug Still (Regina) were newly elected to the Executive. A special thank you to Calvin Bachmeier and Roger Marchand for their years of service on the provincial Executive. The McDowell Foundation Raffle was also very successful with a record amount raised for the Foundation. Thank you to those Chapters that contributed prizes for the raffle and to those members who purchased tickets.

The 2015-16 Audited Financial Statement was discussed and any questions regarding it answered. To date, income and expenses are close to those outlined in the 2016-17 budget with the expectation of a slight surplus. The 2017-18 Budget was passed with a projected income



of \$770,000 and expenses of \$755,000 leaving a projected surplus of \$15,000 with no increase in the membership fee of \$30.00 per year. The rebate to Chapters will once again be \$400 per Chapter plus \$8 per member.

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the STS Honorary Life Membership: Maureen Donald (Tisdale Chapter), Kate McCorrison (Nipawin Chapter) and Stella Shulhan (Saskatoon Chapter). Thank you to each for your efforts at the provincial, local and community levels. Congratulations also to the Chapters that increased their membership by 10% and to those recipients of Chapter awards this past year.

Over the years our organization has increased its advocacy role on behalf of retired teachers and the province's seniors. Some of the resolutions passed at this year's AGM will further increase that activity. The government's recently passed Bill 63 lacked meaningful and authentic consultation with teachers. Although the government did not force amalgamation of school divisions, this bill puts considerably more power in the hands of the Minister of Education. If you are interested in addressing advocacy efforts as a superannuated teacher, please send copies of your letters to the STS and STF offices. If you have any issues to which you think we should be reacting, send your suggestions to the STS office. The Advocacy Committee is always interested in issues of concern to the membership.

This upcoming STS year will also see negotiations with Saskatchewan Blue Cross for our Extended Health and Dental Plan contract. Our present contract ends June 30, 2018. We have sufficient Unappropriated Reserves to cover the present deficits but if claims continue to exceed premiums both may require substantial changes. It is still not clear how the budget announcement of applying a 6% sales tax to insurance premiums will affect our organization but we will keep you informed.

### *Continuation of President's Report*

Each Chairperson has provided a more detailed report of their Committee activities in this edition of *Outreach*. Our membership has now reached 11,121. Many teachers throughout the province will be retiring at the end of this school year. Invite them to join your Chapter and

indicate the benefits of doing so. Remind them that membership also entitles them to join our Extended Health and Dental Plan within 60 days of leaving a group plan without requiring medical evidence.

At the completion of this year I will have visited 21 Chapters

and travelled over 10,000 km crisscrossing the province. Thank you for your support and for the opportunity to visit your Chapters. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as President. Have a great summer!

## Highlights of the 44th Annual General Meeting

Joyce Hoffman and Jane Isinger

The 44th Annual General Meeting of Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan was held on May 9, 10 and 11, 2017, at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon.

Tuesday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. registration began under the direction of Colleen Bailey, STS Office Manager, Heather Hase, Assistant Office Manager and MJ Krips, Administrative Assistant. They were assisted by members of the Carrot River Valley (Melfort and District) Chapter.

In total there were 206 Delegates present. Forty of the forty-two Chapters were represented, including the two Chapters from British Columbia: Fraser Valley and Okanagan Valley.

We sincerely thank our corporate sponsors: Travelodge Hotel, ESTI, TCU and Saskatchewan Blue Cross for their financial assistance.

A very successful McDowell Foundation Raffle was again held and organized by Elaine Broughton.

### **Tuesday Evening, May 9**

Delegates and guests were warmly welcomed by President, Maxine Stinka. Past-President, Doug Haroldson introduced the Candidates running for Executive positions and invited them to address the assembly. This year as Delegates entered the room they were given a ticket with a table number and an additional number

on it. The idea for this mixer came from one of our Chapters and was well received. By sitting at assigned tables, Delegates had an opportunity to meet people from other Chapters. Following the Candidates' speeches three draws were made and in order to win Delegates had to be at their assigned tables. Background music replaced entertainment, and snacks were served at the individual tables. Everyone appeared to have a very good time socializing.

### **Winners of the Tuesday evening draw:**

Clara Loeppky – STF Bag  
Virginia Mireau – TCU Gift Basket  
Maxine Stinka – Travelodge Hotel gift certificate

### **Wednesday, May 10**



MJ Krips

The morning started off with a delicious breakfast, served by the Travelodge Hotel. Candidates then attended a plenary session, chaired by Maxine Stinka. MJ Krips played O Canada on the trumpet. Robert

Wuschenny gave the Invocation, followed by a Moment of Silence in remembrance of superannuates who had passed away during the past year.

Executive Secretary, Fred Herron reviewed election procedures. Vice-President Sunil Pandila made several announcements and then introduced President Maxine Stinka who delivered the President's address.

Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, presented the budget, moved the Committee Reports be tabled until Thursday and reviewed late resolution procedures. Joyce Hoffman and Jane Isinger, Co-chairs of the AGM, covered the Convention format. Patrick Maze, STF President delivered greetings. The Delegates then broke into five small groups to discuss resolutions and the budget.

Prior to lunch, President Maxine, Vice-President Sunil and Past-President Doug presented Growth Awards to Chapters whose membership had increased by 10%. President Maxine also read the names of superannuates who had received a Chapter Award in 2016-17.

The afternoon consisted of five interest sessions. Delegates could select and attend three of the five sessions.

- Diabetes Canada – Tova Dybvig
- Podiatry – Dr. Sarah-Jane Roche

- STS Financial and Benefits – Fred Herron
- Role of the Pharmacist in Modern Healthcare – Joan Cochrane
- Zumba Gold – Kelly Duncalfe- Baker

On Wednesday evening, the Delegates, Honorary Life Members, Past- Presidents and guests enjoyed a banquet of roast beef and all the trimmings in the Galaxy Ballroom. President Maxine introduced the head table, the Executive, Office Staff, Honorary Life Members and special guests.

Don Gabel, Chair of the Honorary Life Membership Committee presented Maureen Donald, Kate McCorrison and Stella Shulhan with Honorary Life Membership Awards.

The evening was complete with entertainment from Back of the Bus. They performed a variety of contemporary folk/celtic music with Scottish, Irish and East Coast roots.

### Thursday, May 11

Delegates were once again served a delicious breakfast. The Annual Business Meeting followed.



Wednesday night's entertainment was Back of the Bus

Election procedures were reviewed by Fred Herron. The Candidates for President, Vice-President and ACER-CART were declared elected by acclamation. Voting took place for the Councillors and then Members-at-Large were declared elected by acclamation.

Reports were given by Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, and all Chairpersons of the Committees. President Maxine and Vice-President Sunil presented the resolutions and

following discussion, the voting took place. Vice-President Sunil delivered the Courtesy Resolution. Winners of the McDowell Foundation were announced.

Closing remarks were given by President Maxine Stinka. The 44th Annual General Meeting was adjourned.

Thank you for the opportunity of being Co-chairs of the AGM Committee.

## Honorary Life Members – Congratulations!

### Don Gabel

#### Maureen Donald

- Has been an active member in the Tisdale Chapter since retirement
- Over the past ten years has served as either President or Vice-President
- Actively involved in her community and church

#### Kate McCorrison

- Continues to serve as Past-President of the Nipawin Chapter
- Former STS Provincial Executive member who served on many Committees
- Active member and volunteer in the community

#### Stella Shulhan

- Active member of the Saskatoon Chapter for thirteen years
- Instrumental in organizing many Provincial STS Bowling Tournaments
- Active member in the community, serving on various Committees



(L-R) Maureen Donald, Stella Shulhan and Kate McCorrison



## Chapter Award Recipients 2017

### Prince Albert Chapter Awards of Distinction:

Jan Olesko  
Pat Suchorab

### Swift Current Chapter Chapter Service Award:

Mel Friesen

### The Battlefords and District Chapter

Robert Krismer

### Tisdale Chapter Chapter Award of Merit:

Robert Donnan

## McDowell Foundation Raffle Winners



**Shirley Henderson** (Saskatoon Chapter) - Legacy of Worship Sacred Places in Rural Saskatchewan Book (donated by Mainline Chapter) and an Allen Sapp print (donated by the Battlefords and District Chapter)

**Bonnie Semenov** (Saskatoon Chapter) – Sanford Fisher original painting (donated by Regina Chapter)

**Joe Kurtz** (Kindersley Chapter) – Road Hockey print by Yvette Moore and an Albanian, original hand-carved plate (both donated by the Potashville Esterhazy Chapter)

## Membership Growth Awards 2017

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| Biggar Chapter . . . . .                       | Plaque |
| Last Mountain Chapter . . . . .                | Plaque |
| Mainline Chapter . . . . .                     | Plaque |
| Midlakes Chapter . . . . .                     | Plaque |
| Moose Jaw Chapter . . . . .                    | Plaque |
| Moosomin Chapter . . . . .                     | Plaque |
| Saskatoon Chapter . . . . .                    | Plaque |
| Souris-Moose Mountain Chapter . . . . .        | Plaque |
| The Battlefords and District Chapter . . . . . | Plaque |
| Unity Chapter . . . . .                        | Plaque |



## You are Responsible to Ensure Your Records are Up-to-Date

It is important that you inform the STS Office of any changes to your personal information as soon as possible to avoid complications in processing your health claims or a missed copy of Outreach. Address changes for the STS Group Benefits Plan are processed through the STS Office. Please do not send them to Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

It is your responsibility to inform us of:

- Changes to your name, address, phone number
- Changes to your email address for email notification of Outreach
- Changes to your STS Group Benefits Plan (eligible dependents, suspending or reinstating, Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan)

Any requests for changes should be made in writing by email to [sts@sts.sk.ca](mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca) or by mail to 2311 Arlington Ave, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 2H8. An address change form is available on our website, [www.sts.sk.ca](http://www.sts.sk.ca).

If you have any questions, please contact the STS Office.

# STS Resolutions 2017

Mike Kaminski

## Resolutions Directed to the STS (A) (Bylaws)

Information regarding the disposition of resolutions pertaining to Bylaws will be sent to each Chapter President for distribution to members.

### (Non-Bylaws)

**A 5. BE IT RESOLVED** that STS be urged to negotiate with the insurance carrier for some coverage of “specialized footwear” prescribed in writing by a registered podiatrist.

**Defeated**

**A 6. BE IT RESOLVED** that STS negotiate with the insurance carrier to cover the medication Synvise or Durolane, when prescribed by a doctor.

**Defeated**

**A 7. BE IT RESOLVED** that STS negotiate with the insurance carrier to set up “direct billing” with registered physiotherapists and registered massage therapists.

**Tabled**

**A 8. BE IT RESOLVED** that the following policy be added to the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Policy Handbook, “The STS does not pay for alcoholic drinks at any STS functions”.

**Defeated**

**A 9. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS Executive encourage STS Chapters and members to advocate for seniors’ health care in Saskatchewan by requesting provincial and federal governments to provide increased funding specific to senior health care, a prescription drug plan that ensures affordable access to prescribed medicine, and the

expansion of home care as well as regulated affordable care homes.

**Carried**

**A 10. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS Executive develop strategies that STS Chapters and members can use to advocate for expanded health care for seniors in Saskatchewan.

**Carried**

**A 11. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS support the Saskatchewan Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation’s efforts to have restrooms in public businesses accessible for Crohn’s and Colitis patients as well as for all seniors.

**Defeated**

**A 12. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS work with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to reduce the three premium brackets to a single premium rate for all members of the STS Group Dental Care Plan.

**Carried**

**A 13. BE IT RESOLVED** that on a one-year trial basis beginning on a date determined by the Executive subject to Bylaw 9.2, the STS reimburse the first three months’ premium for all new superannuates/retirees who enroll in the Extended Health Plan with funds from the Unappropriated Reserve.

**Defeated**

**A 14. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS reimburse the premium for all members over 90 years of age enrolled in the Extended Health Plan with funds from the Unappropriated Reserve.

**Defeated**

**A 15. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS budget \$15,000 for a joint program with Chapters to recognize the 150 superannuates with the longest membership as part of Canada’s 150th anniversary.

**Defeated**

## Resolutions Directed to the Government (D)

**D 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request SSM to urge the Government of Saskatchewan to increase preventative and supportive resources for community-based seniors and those with chronic disease, promoting long term independence and well-being.

**Carried**

**D 2. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS Executive work with other provincial organizations such as Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, to advocate for expanded seniors’ health care in Saskatchewan that would include increased funding specific to senior health care, a prescription drug plan that ensures affordable access to prescribed medicine, and the expansion of home care as well as regulated and affordable care homes.

**Carried**

**D 3. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan, which administers its own voluntary group benefits plan on behalf of approximately 7,250 members without subsidy from employers or government, voice its opposition to any policy change by the Government of Canada that would cause payments from its group benefits program being subject to taxation, and that we communicate our position to leaders of the federal political parties, the federal Minister of Finance and all Saskatchewan Members of Parliament and ACER-CART.

**Carried**

**D 4. BE IT RESOLVED** that Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan with the permission of the STF Executive advocate to the Ministers of Health and the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that meaningful consultations with each of the provincial seniors’ organizations are part of the dialogue involved in the transitional change of health services delivery

in regard to transitioning from 12 Health Regions to one Health Authority.

**Carried as amended**

**D 5. BE IT RESOLVED** that Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan lobby the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism to review their programs for seniors and to develop strategies for engaging member organizations in the delivery of seniors' programs – especially in rural Saskatchewan.

**Carried**

**D 6. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan with the permission of the STF Executive advocate to the Government of Saskatchewan to create the position of Seniors' Advocate to enable better, more responsive, proactive action to address the needs and concerns of seniors in the province.

**Carried as amended**

## Late Resolutions

**A 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS with permission from the STF Executive, support the Government of Saskatchewan's efforts to maintain funding for all students who chose to attend separate schools and communicate that support to the government and the leader of the opposition.

**Tabled**

**A 2. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS determine the financial impact on the organization and its members of the changes in the provincial sales tax and any other changes affecting the STS made by the Government of Saskatchewan in the 2017-2018 provincial budget and share this information with the membership.

**Carried**

**A 3. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS develop and implement an advocacy and communications strategy to assist individual members, the Chapters and the STS to communicate to the Government of Saskatchewan the concerns related to the financial impact of the 2017-2018 provincial budget on the STS and its members.

**Carried**

## Calling all English Teachers!

MaryLynn Gagné from the University of Saskatchewan Library invites you to be part of a survey.

Have you taught Jean Val Jean and/or The Great Adventurer?

Please access a survey at <http://tinyurl.com/saskliteracy>

## Budget, Finance and Audit – Sunil Pandila

I want to thank the members of the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee for their diligent work on monitoring the financial position of the STS in both the STS Operating Fund and the Extended Health Fund and their insights on meeting the goals as set out by the Committee at the start of this fiscal year. The members include: Susan Amundrud, Don Gabel, Doug Haroldson, Joyce Hoffman, Jane Isinger, Mike Kaminski, Marie LeBlanc-Warick, Roger Marchand, Maxine Stinka and Fred Herron.

The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee met with Deloitte on May 9 and reviewed the Audit Service

Plan for this year ending June 30, 2017. The Service Plan summarizes the key features included in the audit such as the scope, approach, planned ongoing communications with the STS and fees as agreed.

The Current Year to Date analysis for the STS Operating Fund shows Net Revenues of \$135,796.70.

The Contingency Fund, as of March 31, 2017, is now at \$992,800.97. This was due to accrued investment income.

As for the current 2016-17 budget, some major expenditures such as the AGM and Office Operations and Staff are yet to be incurred but should

not have a negative impact, as they are already included in the budget and should fall within the allocated amount. To date, we continue to be on track in our current budget in all expenditure areas. The March 22 Provincial Budget will have an impact on our overall operations due to the increase in and expansion of the PST. We are still waiting for more information on the added cost to our health and insurance benefits.

The Delegates at this year's AGM approved the 2017-18 operating budget. The \$30 per year fee and Chapter rebates remain the same for next year. The approved budget calls for a small surplus of \$15,000.



# Group Benefits – Doug Haroldson

We currently have a three-year financial agreement with Saskatchewan Blue Cross for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. The first year's experience was positive with a surplus of \$264,739. The current year has been a very different story with claims exceeding premiums by over \$600,000.

The reasons for this negative experience are varied: (1) The increase in April of 2015 of the prescription fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00 is costing our Plan approximately \$250,000 on an annual basis. (2) Improvements to

the Plan including paramedical and drug coverage have cost the plan more than expected. (3) Inflationary costs for drugs continue to escalate. (4) Increased use of the Plan.

As a result of this negative experience STS has agreed as part of the current agreement with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to increase the premium portion of our provision for travel from (Single) \$3.75, (Couple) \$7.50, (Family) \$8.00 to (Single) \$9.50, (Couple) \$19.00, (Family) \$22.00.

In addition STS has agreed to a one-time payment to Saskatchewan

Blue Cross of \$250,000.00 from the Unappropriated Surplus in order to hold premiums for the Extended Health Plan at affordable levels.

To date the commitment of funds from the Unappropriated Surplus is approximately \$850,000.

On the positive side, the number of participants in the Extended Health and Dental Plan increased from 6907 to 7252 over the past year.

STS has made a commitment to hold premiums and coverage at current levels until June 30, 2018. Fortunately, our Unappropriated Surplus will allow us to live up to that commitment. The unknown is the potential application of the 6% Sales Tax to premiums.

We will be entering negotiations with Saskatchewan Blue Cross for a future contract very soon. Plan participants should not expect major improvements to the Plan, but should expect increased premiums. As owners of the Plan we benefit from a surplus, but we also have to deal with an occurring deficit.

Every effort will be made to balance premiums with claims so that the Plan will continue to be affordable.

Travel Claims have substantially exceeded premiums over the last several years.

| Fiscal Year                  | Paid Claims    | Paid Revenues  |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 | \$238,494      | \$292,442      |
| July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 | \$468,172      | \$330,107      |
| July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 | \$325,014      | \$370,331      |
| July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 | \$860,534      | \$396,633      |
| July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 | \$1,260,956.71 | \$425,457.83   |
| July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 | \$597,442.21   | \$1,157,865.23 |

# Councillors Report – Doug Haroldson

The eight STF Councillors representing the STS attended the Annual General Meeting of the STF April 26-29. There were resolutions dealing with (1) Finance/Governance (2) Programs/Services/Advocacy and (3) Collective Bargaining. The following resolutions generated from the 2016 STS AGM were approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Teachers' Bargaining Committee negotiate, during the next cycle of provincial collective bargaining, for any professional fees associated with the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board to be paid on behalf of teachers.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Teachers' Bargaining Committee negotiate, during the next cycle of provincial collective bargaining, to increase the coverage from 85 to 90 years for those enrolled in the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan.

A proposed Asking Package was presented and approved.

# Recreation

– Calvin Bachmeier



## Upcoming Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

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| <p><b>Bowling 2018</b><br/>Date: TBD<br/>Host: Saskatoon Chapter</p>   | <p><b>Fishing 2017</b><br/>Date: June 8, 2017<br/>Host: The Battlefords and District Chapter<br/>Contact: Alan Laughlin<br/>Phone: 306-824-4535<br/>Email: ar.laughlin@sasktel.net</p>  | <p><b>Kaiser 2017</b><br/>Date: October 17, 2017<br/>Host: Unity Chapter<br/>Location: New Horizons Hall<br/>Contact: Jim Sego<br/>Phone: 306-228-3981<br/>Email: jimsego@sasktel.net<br/>Registration Deadline: October 14, 2017</p>  |
| <p><b>Contract Bridge 2017</b><br/>Date: October 12, 2017<br/>Host: South Central Chapter<br/>Location: Assiniboia Club 55 Senior's Centre<br/>Contact: Marian Spagrud<br/>Phone: 306-476-2504 or<br/>Contact: Lois Giraudier<br/>Phone: 306-268-2097<br/>Registration Deadline: September 1, 2017</p> | <p><b>Golf 2017</b><br/>Date: June 20-21, 2017<br/>Host: Mainline and Souris Moose Mountain Chapters<br/>Contact: Brenda Scheirer<br/>Phone: 306-577-1255<br/>Email: bren.scheirer@sasktel.net<br/>Registration form on STS website</p> | <p><b>Stitch 'N Quilt 2017</b><br/>Date: October 17-19, 2017<br/>Host: The Battlefords and District Chapter<br/>Contact: Carol Stevenot<br/>Phone: 306-481-5345 or<br/>Contact: Bonnie Flahr<br/>Phone: 306-386-3116 or<br/>Email: battlefords.sts@live.ca<br/>Registration information on STS website</p> |
| <p><b>Curling 2017</b><br/>Date: November 6-8, 2017<br/>Host: Saskatoon Chapter<br/>Contact: Darlene Danyliw<br/>Phone: 306-249-4494<br/>Email: darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca<br/>Registration form on STS website</p>   | <p><b>Golf 2018</b><br/>Date: TBD<br/>Host: Carrot River Valley Chapter</p>   |  |

*If Chapters are interested in hosting provincial events please contact the STS office or a member of the Recreation Committee. We would also be open to any proposals for new events.*

## Mah Jongg Report – Helen Sukovieff

The STS held their second Mah Jongg Tournament on May 3, 2017, with the Regina Chapter hosting. There were 28 participants and as they registered, they were presented with mah jongg pens and mah jongg lanyards with name badges attached. The tournament began at 10 am with the participants ready and excited to see if May 3 would be a winning day for them. A total of 16 games were played, eight in the morning and eight in the afternoon. Points, ranging from 25 to 270, were tallied and the top seven participants earned cash prizes. The players had a great time playing the game and socializing with new friends.

If you play the game of mah jongg, consider joining us in a tournament. If you don't play the game, get in

touch with me. I will do my best to put you in touch with fellow mah jonggers in your area.

Many thanks to the STS for sponsoring this tournament.





# Highlights of the 2017 STS Provincial Bowling Tournament

– Florent Bilodeau

The 2017 STS Bowling Tournament was held at the Regina Glencairn Bolodrome May 4 and 5, where 80 bowlers (16 teams of five players each) gathered to exhibit their bowling prowess, undoubtedly, but mostly to renew long time friendships and enjoy two days of fun and “camaraderie”.

The event was organized by the Regina Retired Teachers (spouses and friends) Bowling League, under the auspices of the STS Regina Chapter.

Aside from the “quality bowling” and the “enthusiasm of all participants”, the event was highlighted by greetings from both the President of the STS, Maxine Stinka, and the President of the Regina Chapter, Greg Lawrence. An element that was greatly appreciated by all was the fielding of the two teams (one ladies and one men) by the STS Executive.

Everyone, including special guests, gathered at the Telegraph Room, Regina Casino, for the social hour and banquet following the first day of activities. The meal was enjoyed by all and everyone joined in to sing-a-long to the music and the lyrics of the *Souls of Resurrection...* and some rose to exhibit their dancing skills.

The organizing Committee wishes to express sincere appreciation to its sponsors: the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan, the STS Regina Chapter, Affinity CU and TCU financial group; as well as to other generous donors including the Saskatchewan Seniors’ Mechanism, City of Regina, Casino Regina and CAA Saskatchewan.

Following the “Home team” competitions the morning of May 5, luncheon was served and awards were attributed as follows:



**Tournament Teams: First Place –** The Peonies (Saskatoon, Yorkton, Regina)  
**L-R:** Peter Rolston, Laverne Pielak, Marilyn Fradette and Orest Machushek (Missing – Chuck Jordan)



**Home Teams: First Place –** Regina Good Guys (Regina) **Back:** Ed Pastuch, Cheryl Beitel and Dave Coleman. **Front:** Liz Duncan (L) and Margaret Adair (R)

## Attention Superannuated Teachers

If you withdrew teaching services during a legal strike over the course of your career and as a consequence were required to delay your superannuation in order to accumulate additional contributory service, you may be entitled to a benefit from the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation. Applications will be received until October 28, 2017. For information, please request an information package from:

Todd Pearce, Administrative Support Unit  
Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation  
2317 Arlington Ave, Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8  
Phone: (306) 373-1660;  
1-800-667-7762  
Email: admin@stf.sk.ca

## STS Executive 2017-18

(effective July 1, 2017)

### President/Councillor

Past-President/Councillor:  
Vice-President/Councillor:  
ACER-CART Representative:  
Executive Secretary:  
Outreach Editor:

Maxine Stinka, Assiniboine Chapter  
Doug Haroldson, Maple Creek-Medicine Hat  
Sunil Pandila, Moose Jaw Chapter  
Marie LeBlanc-Warick, Saskatoon Chapter  
Fred Herron, Saskatoon Chapter  
Robert Wuschenny, Regina Chapter

### Councillors:

Don Gabel  
Joyce Hoffman  
Mike Kaminski  
Alan Laughlin  
Helen Sukovieff

Wakaw Chapter  
Swift Current Chapter  
Assiniboine Chapter  
The Battleford and District Chapter  
Regina Chapter

### Members-At-Large:

Sue Amundrud  
Laurie Dubé  
George Huczek  
Jane Isinger  
Doreen Rathgeber  
Doug Still  
Anna Wehrkamp

Carrot River Valley (Melfort & District Chapter)  
Mainline Chapter  
Prince Albert Chapter  
Saskatoon Chapter  
Yorkton Chapter  
Regina Chapter  
Carrot River Valley (Melfort & District) Chapter

# Spotlight on Superannuates

## 44th AGM in Pictures



(L-R) Sue Amundrud, Karen Jordan, Anna Wehrkamp and Karen Hiebert



(L-R) Robert Wuschenny and Doug Haroldson



Sunil Pandila and Elaine Broughton



STF President, Patrick Maze



Don Gabel,  
Maureen Donald  
and Maxine Stinka



The STS joined others to 'bear witness' to Jordan's Principle on Wednesday May 10, 2017. See the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada for more information about Jordan's Principle.



Don Gabel, Kate McCorrison and Maxine Stinka



Don Gabel, Stella Shulhan and Maxine Stinka



## From The Editor's Desk Robert Wuschenny

The STS Annual General Meeting signals the near completion of 2016-17 activities and events. Reports and news stemming from the AGM are found in this issue of *Outreach*, giving members who did not have the opportunity to attend the AGM a sense of the outcomes of the meeting, as well as information on upcoming events.

As we turn our attention to summer activities and perhaps a more relaxed pace, may you find joy in warm, lingering days free of cares and filled with pleasant times.

## STS Executive 2016-17

### President/Councillor

Vice-President/Councillor:

Past-President/Councillor:

Executive Secretary

ACER-CART Representative:

*Outreach* Editor

### Councillors:

Don Gabel

Joyce Hoffman

Mike Kaminski

Alan Laughlin

Helen Sukovieff

### Members-At-Large:

Susan Amundrud

Calvin Bachmeier

Laurie Dubé

Jane Isinger

Roger Marchand

Doreen Rathgeber

Anna Wehrkamp

Maxine Stinka, Assiniboine Chapter

Sunil Pandila, Moose Jaw Chapter

Doug Haroldson, Maple Creek-Medicine Hat

Fred Herron, Saskatoon Chapter

Marie LeBlanc-Warick, Saskatoon Chapter

Robert Wuschenny, Regina Chapter

Wakaw Chapter

Swift Current Chapter

Assiniboine Chapter

The Battlefords and District Chapter

Regina Chapter

Carrot River Valley (Melfort & District) Chapter

Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter

Mainline Chapter

Saskatoon Chapter

South Central Chapter

Yorkton Chapter

Carrot River Valley (Melfort & District) Chapter

## STS Office Reminders

- Saskatchewan residents who are 65 years or older can apply for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan. If you are approved by the Seniors' Drug Plan, you will receive a confirmation letter from the Ministry of Health. STS Group Benefits Planholders who are eligible for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan may be eligible for a reduced premium by providing the STS office with a copy of the Seniors' Drug Plan confirmation letter.

For information on the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan, please speak with your pharmacist or contact the Seniors' Drug Plan office at 1-800-667-7581 or in Regina at 306-787-3317.

- For any changes to your address and/or Group Benefits coverage, please contact the STS office directly at 306-373-3879 or [sts@sts.sk.ca](mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca).
- If you are on a temporary contract and wish to suspend your STS Group Benefits, please contact the STS office.
- Please make sure that you are using the correct email address for the STS: [sts@sts.sk.ca](mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca).



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