

# OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers  
of Saskatchewan

## The President's Notes -- March 2005 -- Executive Meeting

President's Comment — March sneaked up on us, but we are ready!

Your Executive under the direction of Shirley Dyck and Darlene McCullough fine tuned the 2005 STS Annual Meeting Agenda - responsibilities are covered, committee rooms assigned, menus approved. We are ready; now it is up to you to:

1. Evaluate the proposed budget
2. Review the published resolutions
3. Check the report of the Nominations Committee
4. Study the Ad Hoc Committee's Report on Support Services
5. Come to enjoy the comradery of fellow superannuates; we look forward to meeting you at your AGM. The various committee reports in *Outreach* shall be your workbook for the tasks at hand.

Other committee reports, subsequent discussion and dispositions of the reports are summarized for you in this pre-AGM edition of *Outreach*.

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2005** will be awarded to Donald Bartel, Regina; Terence McKague, Regina and Leslie G. Wood, Victoria at the banquet at the AGM in May, 2005

The Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Support Services was presented to the Executive at its meeting on March 17th. This report will be forwarded to all delegates to the 2005 AGM for study and for review, acceptance, and action. The Executive thanks the committee, chaired by Siegrid Schergel, with support from: Dalton Tamney, research consultant, Fred Herron, Derwyn Crozier-Smith, Doug Glazer, Al Schell and the appointed Executive members for this comprehensive, focused and futuristic action plan. This is concrete evidence that STS cares for its members.

### Saskatchewan Health Line

1-877-800-0002 (24 hrs)

#### Non-Emergency

An English language service with access to translation for French, Cree, Dene, and a wide variety of other languages. Provides free, confidential, health advice and information by registered nurses throughout Saskatchewan. Enables callers to make informed decisions about their own situation based on a timely, professional review of the relevant factors. (This is a public service provided by Sask Health)

"OK you solve the equation, I'll do the checking!" — My attempt to help a grandson do some math home work. Hey it worked, next — oh, oh, what is this? Let's skip that. Does this fit? 'Once a teacher, always a teacher'.

## Constitution and Resolutions Committee

Published in this issue of *Outreach* are the resolutions received to date for the consideration of the delegates at the AGM. However, resolutions can still be submitted by Chapters and/or individual members (as long as the individual has a member second the resolution) up to and including the day before the resolutions are considered at the AGM. So if you have an issue or course of action you would like the membership to consider, please think about submitting a resolution.

Resolutions should be forwarded to the STS Office in writing. See the Policy Handbook, Page 37, Guideline 3 for the criteria for the format of resolutions.

- Siegrid Schergel, Chair

# STS Resolutions 2005

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## Resolutions Directed to the STS

**Resolution One – BE IT**  
RESOLVED that Bylaw 1 – Membership be amended by adding the following: 1. Any retired STF staff member, or the surviving spouse of a retired STF staff member, receiving a retirement allowance from the STF Staff Pension Plan.

STS Executive

### Background:

1. The STF employee group represents the non-teaching employees at the STF. They have requested the STS consider allowing the retirees from that group the opportunity to participate in the STS Extended Health and Dental Plans.
2. There are currently 18 retirees from the STF non-teaching retired group that would become eligible for the Extended Health and Dental Plans. The active group of non-teaching STF employees is made-up of approximately 80 employees and they usually have one or two retirees per year.
3. The following benefit programs would be available if they were allowed to join the STS plans:
  - Extended Health Plan for which they would be required to pay the same premium as any other STS member.
  - STS Dental Plan for which they would be required to pay the same premium as any other STS member.

Notes: 1. In order for members of the STF non-teaching retired group to participate in the STS

Benefit Plans they would have to be STS members and would be required to pay the same STS fees as an STS member.

2. This request has no relationship to teacher superannuation or life insurance plans.

4. All retired STF employees would have met the eligibility provisions for a retirement allowance from the STF. The current minimum eligibility requirements are age and service totaling 80. Most of this group of 18 individuals would have at least 30 years of service.
5. The STF staff provides a wide variety of support to STS activities including desktop, printing, computer support and training, pre-retirement materials and coordination, lifestyles coordination, communication and resource centre support.
6. Blue Cross has indicated that this action would pose no financial risk to the STS Benefit Plan.

**Resolution Two – BE IT**  
RESOLVED that Bylaw 5.1.1 (page 9) be amended to read as follows:

The STS shall hold an Annual General Meeting on dates determined by the STS Executive. The agenda shall include the following topics:

1. Election of President, Vice-President, Members-at-Large, Councillors, and ACER-CART Representative
2. Proposed Budget
3. Fee Structure
4. Appointment of an auditor

STS Executive

### Background:

The proposed amendment provides greater flexibility for setting the dates for the Annual General Meeting, leaves that decision to the STS Executive and removes inconsistencies in the STS Policy Handbook.

**Resolution Three – BE IT**  
RESOLVED that Guidelines 5.2 (page 42) be amended by substituting:

One month prior to the STS Annual Meeting for "by April 20th".

STS Executive

### Background:

This is a housekeeping amendment that removes an inconsistency in the STS Policy Handbook.

**Resolution Four – BE IT**  
RESOLVED that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting receive the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Support Services.

STS Executive

**Resolution Five – BE IT**  
RESOLVED that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan establish a Standing Committee on Support Services.

STS Executive

**Resolution Six – BE IT** RESOLVED that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Standing Committee of Support Services oversee the implementation of the Short Term Action Plan for 2005 – 2006

STS Executive

**Resolution Seven – BE IT**  
RESOLVED that the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Support Services be referred to the Standing Committee on Support Services and it be given a mandate to examine the recommendations regarding the organization structure and the pos-

sible medium and long term plans.  
STS Executive

**Resolution Eight** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS investigate and report the cost implications of changing our Drug Plan coverage from the Saskatchewan formulary to the National formulary.

Prince Albert Chapter

**Resolution Nine** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS annual fee for 2005 – 2006 be \$27.00 per person.  
STS Executive

**Resolution Ten** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the annual rebate to Chapters for 2005 – 2006 be \$7.00 per person.

STS Executive

## Resolutions Directed to the STF

**Resolution Eleven** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS urge that the STF negotiate an increase in the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan coverage after age 65 to \$20,000.

Saskatoon Chapter

Background:

The current death benefit to beneficiaries has not kept pace with rapidly escalating costs that may be experienced due to failing health and/or death of the insured.

**Resolution Twelve** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS urge the STF to renegotiate with the Teachers' Group Life Insurance carrier to increase the insurance coverage after age 65.

Sturgis Chapter

**Resolution Thirteen** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS urge the STF to renegotiate with the Teachers' Group Life Insurance carrier to remove the maximum age restriction for those enrolled in the Group Life Insurance Plan.

Prince Albert Chapter

**Resolution Fourteen** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS urge the STF to negotiate for 100% Cost of Living Adjustment in the next round of negotiations.

Saskatoon Chapter

Background:

Negotiation of any increase would be appreciated. An incremental scale as established for non-retired teachers could be considered.

Ex.: 2006 85%  
2007 90%  
2008 95%  
2009 100%

## Resolutions Directed to the ACER-CART

**Resolution Fifteen** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS urge the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers (ACER-CART) to petition the Government of Canada to change the tax credit formula to increase the charitable tax credit to the same level as political tax credits.

Prince Albert Chapter

Background:

A person contributing \$100.00 to a political party will get a \$75.00 tax credit.

A person contributing \$100.00 to the Canadian Cancer Society will get only \$17.00 in tax credits.

## Resolutions Directed to the Provincial Government

**Resolution Sixteen** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that we oppose the proposed New School Division Boundary proposal.

Lorne Plaxin, John Davis

**Resolution Seventeen** – BE IT  
RESOLVED that the STS urge the Government of Saskatchewan to

abolish the mandatory retirement age of 65.

Prince Albert Chapter

Background:

Mandatory retirement requirements have been removed in Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta, Prince Edward Island and the territories (except in limited circumstances).

It is expected to be banned soon in Ontario.

It is also disallowed in the United States, Australia and New Zealand and will be prohibited in the European Union as of 2006.

There is a projected labor shortage particularly in the area of skilled trades workers, and most professions are wondering how they will fill vacancies left by retiring workers.

It is a human rights issue.

## STS Office Notice:

1. Submit the *list of delegates* to the AGM to the Office by **April 1, 2005**.
2. If there will be a *change in your delegates' list* for the AGM please notify the Office immediately or no later than **May 20, 2005**.
3. *Chapter Reports* need to be forwarded to the Office by **April 29, 2005**.
4. The *list of Chapter Officers for 2005-2006* should be sent to the Office by **June 30, 2005**.
5. If your chapter has awarded any chapter merit awards, please let the Office know the names of the recipients by **May 1, 2005**.
6. The STS Office will be **closed on May 25, 26 and 27, 2005** to enable staff to attend the AGM.

# Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Proposed Budget: July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

	<b>BUDGET 2004-2005</b>	<b>6 MONTH ACTUAL</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>BUDGET 2005 - 2006</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
1. Membership Fees	180,000.00	95,098.50	Membership Fees	190,000.00
2. Admin Commission (Benefits Plan)	80,000.00	50,066.94	Admin Commission (Benefits Plan)	100,000.00
3. Interest	200.00	86.68	Interest	500
4. Other	7,000.00		Other	7,500.00
GIC's and Interest				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$267,200.00</b>	<b>\$145,252.12</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$298,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			<b>EXPENSES</b>	
5. Annual General Meeting	65,000.00	454.69	1. Annual General Meeting	72,000.00
6. Chapter Rebates	45,000.00	43,890.00	2. Chapter Rebates	46,000.00
7. Executive Meetings	24,000.00	9,886.29	3. Executive and Committee Meetings	32,000.00
8. Executive Liaison	4,000.00	2,345.42	4. STS Affiliations	6,000.00
9. Memberships	2,000.00	1,445.20	5. Executive Chapter Travel	7,000.00
10. Executive Chapter Travel	6,000.00	2,312.41	6. Communications, Membership Growth, PR	30,000.00
11. Support Services	6,000.00	0.00	7. Retirement Life Styles Planning Committee	2,000.00
12. Outreach	28,000.00	5,750.65	8. Support Services Planning Committee	2,000.00
13. Life Styles Planning	1,500.00	0.00	9. Recreation	3,000.00
14. Recreation Grants	1,500.00	400.00	10. Office Staff	74,000.00
15. Recreation Committee Events	1,500.00	895.99	11. Office Operation	20,000.00
16. Office Staff	45,000.00	19,957.10	12. Computer and Programming	10,000.00
17. Office Operation	15,000.00	9,505.80	13. McDowell Foundation	1,000.00
18. Computer and Programming	20,000.00	1,125.76	14. Scholarships	1,000.00
19. Archives	500.00	26.21	15. Contingency Fund Transfer	
20. McDowell Foundation	1,000.00	1,000.00	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$306,000.00</b>
21. Scholarships	1,000.00	500.00	<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(8,000.00)</b>
Greystone Managed Investments		603.45		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$267,000.00</b>	<b>\$100,098.97</b>		
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>200.00</b>			

Note 1: The proposed budget for 2005-2006 is based on an annual fee of \$27.00.

Note 2: A financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 will be prepared as soon as possible after year-end, audited, and made available to all STS Chapters. Copies of the audited financial statement for 2004-2005 will also be made available to all AGM delegates at the 2006 AGM.

Note 3: There have been a number of changes to the format of the financial statements for 2005 -2006:

- 3.1 Executive and Committee Expenses includes Executive Meetings and Archives Committee.
- 3.2 STS Affiliations includes Executive Liaison and Memberships.
- 3.3 Communications, Membership Growth and Public Relations replaces Outreach.
- 3.4 Recreation combines Recreation Grants and Recreation Committee Events.

Note 4: The Operations Reserve Fund has a current balance of \$142,516.18. Should a deficit be incurred for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, it would be covered by monies from the Operations Reserve Fund.

# Sylvia Birnie

Sylvia Birnie has given of herself and her talents for many years. She made a special presentation at the 20th Anniversary of STS in 1991. "As I stand before you tonight, I realize that the room is filled with talented people, rich in creative

ability and devoted to the cause of superannuated teachers." This may well sum up Sylvia Birnie herself.

Born on March 10, 1905, she has left her mark in many areas.

Sylvia has published two books. Her first, *Saskatchewan Poems, Dreams of a Lifetime*, was published when she was 94 years old. The sec-

ond, *The Surrings, A Saskatchewan Pioneer Family*, was published at the age of 97. At age 100 she is still writing - *Stories That Need To Be Told*, her third book, is almost complete and will be published this year.

She is well remembered for her untiring efforts as a former editor of *Outreach*.

Sylvia was on the Board of Directors for the building of Hector Trout Manor apartments for retired teachers.

When a postal strike occurred in July 1981, Sylvia recruited personnel (35) to sort and make cheques available at designated areas. CFQC Radio announced where they could be picked up.

Sylvia was President of Saskatoon STS Chapter in 1981 – 1982 and was given an Honorary Life Membership in 1986.

The Retired Teachers Club for women was formed in 1959. It still meets the first Wednesday for lunch at the Parktown. This led to the formation of the STS to include both men and women.

Sylvia has had a busy week celebrating her centennial birthday with a come and go tea and by ending the week with a visit to Brunskill School in Saskatoon where the library is named in her honour.

We pay tribute to Sylvia Birnie, a woman of great vision.

Submitted by Mary McPherson

## Nominations

NOMINATIONS are now being accepted for the following Executive positions. President, Vice-President, ACER-CART Representative, Councillors and Executive Members-at-Large.

Please submit the name, address, and phone number of nominees for these positions to the STS office or to Doreen Lloyd, Nominations Chair Phone: (306) 764-4368 or e-mail: d.a.v.l@sasktel.net

Nominations may be submitted until nine o'clock in the morning of the day on which the business portion of the AGM occurs.

Candidates should submit a brief resume to the STS office and these will be made available to all AGM participants.

It is quite acceptable to submit your own name. If submitting the name of another member, be certain that you have his/her consent.

Nominations Thus Far for Executive 2005-2006 are:

### PRESIDENT/COUNCILLOR

Horst Sawatzki Moosomin Chapter

### VICE-PRESIDENT/COUNCILLOR

Siegrid Schergel Moose Jaw Chapter

### PAST PRESIDENT/COUNCILLOR

Doreen Lloyd Prince Albert Chapter

### COUNCILLORS:

Wally Derkach	Nipawin Chapter
Shirley Dyck	Swift Current Chapter
Mike Kaminski	Assiniboine Chapter
Margaret Martin	Saskatoon Chapter
Jim Segó	Unity Chapter
Peter Wiebe	Regina Chapter

### MEMBERS-at-LARGE:

Calvin Bachmeier	Maple Creek/Medicine Hat Chapter
Audry Blais	Battleford Chapter
Ernie Epp	Saskatoon Chapter
Ed Magis	Yorkton Chapter
Darlene McCullough	Tisdale Chapter
Jim Slough	Regina Chapter
Maxine Stinka	Assiniboine Chapter

ACER-CART	Fred Herron	Saskatoon Chapter
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## CONGRATULATIONS, Sylvia!!

Sylvia Birnie celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 10, 2005 and penned the following lines for our enjoyment:

She is still writing  
With a sharp, black pen  
Which records her thoughts  
Only now and then.  
Omits a period or an apostrophe  
Which is accepted with laughable glee  
Why? Because it is so wonderful,  
to be alive.

# STS Notes 1973 - 1988

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Many of the pre-STS meetings of superannuated teachers were held to discuss ways of improving the pensions of retired teachers. It is not surprising, then, that the principal focus of the organization during its early years was to encourage the growth of membership by promoting the development of chapters and the acceptance of "members-at-large", so that we could speak with a united voice about the pension concerns.

At the time of the organizational meeting on October 10, 1973 there were about 245 members from seven Chapters. By the first Annual Meeting on September 6, 1974 there were 562 members. Quoting some statistics from Stan Fowler's reports, at the end of 1974 there were 545 members of a possible 2387, or 22.8%. By the end 1982 that number had grown to 2583 of 4235, or 62.4%.

## Organization Highlights.

- 1973 - Founding Meeting.  
Fees were set at \$1.00
- 1974 - The first Honorary Life Memberships were presented.
- 1975 - Stan Fowler was named the STS representative on the STF Advisory Committee on Superannuation
- 1976 - A newsletter was started.
- 1977 - The Executive was increased to 11 members, plus a secretary and Treasurer who had voting power.
- 1978 - Fees increased to \$3.00.
- 1979 - STF granted the STS four voting councillors at the Easter Council.
- A golf tournament was held in Humboldt on June 13, 1979.

1980 - Newsletters were sent out to 217 members-at-large and to Chapter Presidents and Secretaries.

1981 - New guidelines for Honorary Life Members emphasized work within the STS rather than the STF.

Melfort volunteered to host the first curling bonspiel.

1982 - A motion was passed to have Councillors attend all executive meetings with full voting power. Vice-Councillors were approved.

Saskatoon hosted the first bowling tournament.

1983 - Four newsletters were sent to Chapters.

1984 - Turtleford became the 32nd chapter. 25 chapters were represented at the AGM.

1985 - The first horseshoe tournament was held in Saskatoon.

1986 - STS became a corporate member of the Canadian Association of Pre-Retirement Planners. (CAPP)

1987 - 800 copies of the *Outreach* were printed.

A member-at-large was given voting privileges at the AGM.

1988 - The grant to chapters to host recreational events was increased to \$125.

## Superannuation.

In 1930 the first Superannuation Bill was passed in Saskatchewan. It provided the framework for pensions over the years, and many parts of it are still intact. However it had two very serious flaws. The maximum pension was set at \$2000 per year, and that could be obtained only after being a member of the Plan for 35 years. (ie: no one could reach that

maximum until 1965.) A second problem was the lack of a clause to cover the costs of inflation.

So, we had a pension that was better than nothing, but in some cases, not much better. During those years of the 30's and 40's teacher salaries were very low, and in some cases teachers did not get all of their money. Since the pension amount was based on salary, early pensions were very inadequate.

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation was formed in 1933 by the amalgamation of the Sask. Education Association, the Sask. Teachers' Alliance and the Rural Teachers' Association. In 1935 "An Act Respecting the Teaching Profession" was passed in the Saskatchewan Legislature, which made membership in the STF mandatory. From the very beginning, improvements to teacher salaries and to the pension plan were high on the agenda. They pushed the government for change and also encouraged retired teachers to organize and assist in the struggle.

## Superannuation Summary:

1942 - "An Act Respecting the Superannuation of Teachers" replaced the original "Teacher Superannuation Act". The fund set up to cover the 1930 Act was overspent because government input was inadequate. The new Act included allowance for years of service and a minimum pension of \$360. The government assumed responsibility for the fund and its administration.

1962 - 1963 - A new Superannuation Act was established and revised, but it did not provide improvements to existing pensions.

1967 - Pensions for those who retired after 1962 were over 60% higher than pensions for those with the same qualifications who retired before the new legislation.

1971 - Revisions to the *Teachers' Superannuation Act* provided improvements to the pensions of those who retired before 1963.

1975 - January 1, 1975 - pensions increased by 10.4%, reflecting a cost of living increase.

1976 - January 1, 1976 - pensions

increased by 11.2%, reflecting a cost of living increase. Legislation now provided for cost of living increases January 1 of each year.

1980 - Over the years the government failed to properly fund the Superannuation Plan. Returns from investments were high, but since only 7% had to be returned to the fund the excess was placed in general revenue. As a result the Superannuation Fund developed a huge unfunded liability. The government

pressed for revisions in the plan to change pensions to a cash recovery or annuity plan. A compromise was negotiated under which current members of the plan would retain their benefits but all who started teaching after July 1, 1980 would go into a new plan, an annuity plan. More on that later.

1988 - The direct deposit system for pension cheques was established by the Superannuation Commission.

# Group Benefits Committee

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## Good News

The following changes have been made, effective January 1, 2005

1. Canes, as per standard Blue Cross language, will be covered.
2. Acupuncture will now be included with the Paramedical Services in the contract. The maximum will be \$225, the same as for the other services.
3. The Dental Plan will now include white fillings

Effective December 1, 2004 the wording in Section 5 D.3 - Major Restorative Benefits in the dental contract was changed to remove the Pre-existing Conditions Limitations.

## Changes Delayed

1. ELECTRONIC DENTAL BILLING will be delayed until at least April 15, 2005.

Membership in the Benefit Plans remains steady.

As of April 1, 2005, 2793 members are participants in one or both of the

plans, up from 2564 on July 1, 2004. A number of new applications have been received and will become effective on May 1, 2005.

The final Claims Report for the second year of the contract was not yet available. January was a heavy month with a claims ratio of over 100%, but even so the second year figures should be very favorable. Plans are under way to start the negotiations for a new contract for February 1, 2006. Some areas that

will be assessed for cost to the plan include drug cards, home care (home nursing), Sleep Apnea and yearly eye exams

## FYI

Dispensing fees vary from a maximum allowable of \$7.97 to as low as \$2.00. The actual cost of the drugs is also cheaper where large outlets are able to buy in volume.

- Bert Gordon

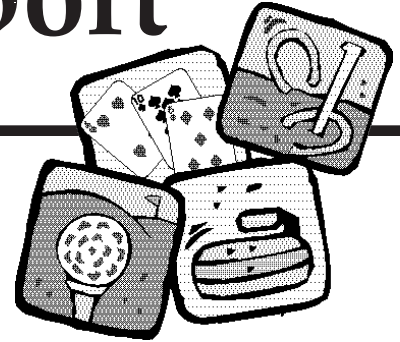
## Canadian Teachers' Federation

The STF is hosting the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Teachers' Federation on July 14 - 16. Susan Bates is coordinating this event and reported to our Executive Meeting. They have selected their logo which is a stylized map of Canada highlighting Saskatchewan. The gift to the delegates will be a copy of the book *Happy Centennial Saskatchewan*. She also reported that sponsorship is in place and that our donation will be used for printing costs such as menus and program. The banquet will be held at the Western Development Museum and will be a Saskatchewan foods meal.

They still need volunteers to help with driving, at the information desk, with host office, family events, and at the registration desk. If you would like to be on the list of volunteers phone Susan Bates at (306) 373- 1660.

# STS Activities Report

Ed Magis, Audry Blais, Calvin Bachmeier



## Upcoming Events

### Bowling -

Saskatoon May 3 & 4, 2005. See entry form in Jan/Feb *Outreach*; 2006 host - Esterhazy

### Bridge -

Moose Jaw 2005

### Curling -

Moosomin November 17 & 18, 2005 Limited to 16 rinks. Register by October 21, 2005. Registration form will be in the May/June *Outreach*.

### Golf -

Nipawin June 8 & 9 2005. See registration form below. 2006 Host - Weyburn

### Stitch & Quilt -

Kenosee Lake October 4 & 5, 2005

### Cuba Tour -

Treated well - 10 took the tour

### Kaiser & Fishing -

Hosts needed

## Churchill Manitoba Ecology Clubsee Tour: Polar Bears

- October 25 - 31 or November 1 - 7th
- Car pool to The Pas, overnight in motel, board train for a 23 hour journey through forest, taiga and tundra to the northern port of Churchill on the Hudson Bay. Daily field trips to look for Arctic wildlife, visit local historic areas and the Eskimo museum. Accommodation is at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre. A private Tundra Buggy takes you to Wapusk Park to see and learn about polar bears.
- Group size: Maximum, 14; minimum, 7;
- Cost: \$1395.00; Deposit: \$139. Full fee due: August 1
- Educational Income Tax Receipt: \$139.00
- Train Sleeping accommodation not available on this trip
- view pictures: [www.extension.usask.ca/go/club](http://www.extension.usask.ca/go/club) see for registration: 306-966-5539

## STS Provincial Golf Tournament

Nipawin Evergreen Golf Course June 8 & 9, 2005

Pre-Register by May 1 and enclose \$90.00 per golfer; extra banquet tickets: \$20.00;

### Accommodations:

- Tobin Lake (opposite Legion) 1-877-667-4681; Kingfisher Inn 1-877-794-4111; Northern Greens Resort (opposite Evergreen) 1-866-862-2686

Complete by May 1 and return to: Joanne Sembaluk Box 184, Choiceland, SK S0J 0M0;

Contacts: Linda Rigg 306-428-2901 OR Joanne 306-428-2280

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Average score on 9 holes (or handicap) \_\_\_\_\_

Extra tickets for banquet \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.

Need a cart for June 8?  Y  N (Pay at Pro-Shop)

(Note: STF Golf Tourney is on June 11 & 12 at Green Hills, Greenwater

Superannuates are welcome. Call D. Blake 306-453-6794

## Nature Saskatchewan Spring Meet-

Will be held in Eastend, SK. June 10-12, 2005.

The meet includes Field Trips Along the Frenchman River and to the T-REX Dig. Special presentations by Sharon Butala, Trevor Herriot and Candace Savage. Contact: Southwest Naturalists c/o Norma Hain 221-1st Ave. SW Swift Current S9H 3H4 (306) 773- 3231 OR e-mail [n.j.hain@sasktel.net](mailto:n.j.hain@sasktel.net) or see [www.naturesask.ca](http://www.naturesask.ca)



# Stitch 'n Quilt Retreat 2

Monday, Oct. 3 - 5:30 - 9:00 • Tuesday, Oct. 4 - 9:00 - 4:00 • Wednesday, Oct. 5 - 9:00 - 4:00

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## LOCATION:

Join us for a retreat full of fun, friendship and stitching at Kenosee Inn, Kenosee Lake. You will be responsible for your own hotel reservations. We have a block of rooms set aside at the Kenosee Inn (306-577-2099) and will also include a list of other venues available in the area, upon registration.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MONDAY EVENING

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. 6:00-9:30 Banquet, social, trunk show and show and tell included in your registration fee. We are asking people to limit their show and tell items to two per person.

### TUESDAY EVENING

No special activity planned - free demos, extra sewing time, relax at the pool or check out the Casino at White Bear!

## WORKSHOPS

### 1. Beginners class

Shirley Kelly from Shirley's Sewing Room in Moosomin will be instructing beginners in different techniques and then these techniques will be used to make a table runner. Maximum participants: 10.

**This is a two-day class.**

### 2. Judy Morningstar

TUESDAY - Wearing Your Quilt

Show off your stitches every day, as you strut around with a quilt on your back. This one day class will help intermediate/

advanced quilters select fabrics which will look good when pieced together in creative ways. Orphan blocks, printed panels, and/or fabulous fabrics will totally cover a base material. The resulting "new" fabric will be constructed into a vest or jacket. Although you won't finish in a day, you will learn how to line and finish your wearable art.

WEDNESDAY - Creative Curves

Sewing pieced curves by machine is not as difficult as it looks! Learn the tricks of zipping around curves. After trying both the whack-it out method, and the accurate method, you will work on a curved pieced project of your choice. Intermediate - good machine sewing skills required. *Fragrance free classes, please.*

### 3. Myrna Snider Nifty Notions Fort Qu'Appelle

TUESDAY - Bargello

The samples will get you hooked! Learn the technique and color arrangement tips on stitching and pressing. One strip set is all you need. Complete a runner everyone will admire.

WEDNESDAY - Crazy Patch

If you can't sew - you can crazy patch! Start a quilt or finish a pillow. All seams finished as you go. Embellish by hand embroidery or by machine. Embellish with lace, buttons, beads, ribbon.

### 4. Carol Eaton - Haus of Stitches - Humboldt

TUESDAY - color wash/watercolor

Become an artist: blend colours

in harmonious runs and learn about value, fabric, and layout and then go on to make a wall hanging or table centre. Cost of kit is \$55.00

WEDNESDAY - Buggy Barn Star Crazies

Learn this unique technique while completing a lap quilt/throw. It is an unusual way to make a scrap quilt with odd shapes and have the points of the stars work out each and every time. Kit for top and pattern could be provided.

**Registration Fee - \$70.00 per day**

**Beginner class is two days - fee - \$140.00**

**Fee includes the class, coffee breaks and lunch.**

**Breakfast is NOT included in this fee.**

Supply lists and local accommodation lists will be forwarded once registration is paid.

Maximum of 12 participants per workshop.

Nifty Notions and Shirley's Sewing Room will have items for sale at the retreat.

For more information contact Sharon Baker @ 306 736-8189 or s.e.baker@sasktel.net

Or Joan Baker @ 306-538-4525 or crannog@sasktel.net

# Registration Form - Stitch 'n Quilt Retreat 2

Due May 31, 2005

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## WORKSHOPS

Tuesday      1st choice      2nd choice

Wednesday      1st choice      2nd choice

\* Make cheque payable to MAINLINE CHAPTER STS

\* Cheque may be postdated to Sept. 1, 2005

\* Cancellation fee \$10 after August 15, 2005

Mail completed registration and full payment to:

Sharon Baker, Box 268, Kipling, SK S0G 2S0

## **Avonlea's Alive in 2005**

Centennial Celebration Summer Festival July 1-3, 2005

Winter Festival December 2005;  
www.avonlea.biz or phone  
(306) 868-2103 or (306) 868-2213

## **Saskatoon Normal School Class of '52 Reunion**

June 28-30, 2005

Contact: Grace Bartzen  
413 Keevil Crescent  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 4R8  
activescene@shaw.ca

## **Lake Lenore Centennial Homecoming**

July 22, 23, 24, 2005

Prepay for banquet by May 15  
www.lakelenore.ca OR  
lakelenorehomecoming2005@sa  
sktel.net

OR Betty at 306-368-2640;  
mail: Box 243 Lake Lenore,  
SK S0K 2J0

## **Arcola Centennial Celebration**

JULY 8 - 10, 2005

Pre-Register by June 30/05 Send  
\$20. per adult to  
Glenda Hislop

Box 234 Arcola, SK S0C 0G0  
Ph: 306-455-2236; fax: 306-455-2445  
E-mail countrygirl@sasktel.net

## **Kinistino Centennial Homecoming**

July 29-31, 2005 www.townofkinistino.ca

ph: Leonard Margolis  
306-864-2491; fax: 306-864-3400;  
e-mail:  
townofkinistino@sasktel.net

## **Kamsack Centennial Celebration**

Aug. 4, 5, 6, 7, 2005

www.town.kamsack.sk.ca OR  
Cecelia 306-542-4223 OR Audrey  
306-542-4472

Centennial Celebration Committee  
Box 1534 Kamsack, SK S0A 1S0

## **Raymore Homecoming**

July 22-25, 2005

To register:

Raymore Homecoming Committee  
Box 672 Raymore, SK S0A 3J0  
e-mail: hometoraymore@yahoo.ca

## **Saskatoon Teachers' College Class of 54-55**

50 Year Reunion  
JUNE 17-19, 2005

Contact: Alice Hanlin  
1604 Early Drive  
Saskatoon, SK S7H 3K1  
javlin@vaniff.com OR  
Gladys Nahachewsky  
747 Wilkinson Way  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 3L6 gnah@sasktel.net

## **Rosetown Rewound Homecoming**

JULY 15-17, 2005

Featuring Rosetown Rewound,  
a musical comedy  
Advance tickets 306-882-4454  
www.rosetown.ca

## **Crystal Springs Centennial School Reunion**

(Waitville, Invergarden, Dixon  
Lake, Kaminka, Tremblay,  
Northern Lights)  
JULY 29- 31, 2005

Please register by June 1, 2005;  
Sheila Edwardsen 306-749-2610;  
e-mail: dixonlake@hotmail.com

# In Memoriam

*With great appreciation  
we remember our  
colleagues for their  
many years of  
educational services  
to the children and  
young people of  
Saskatchewan.*

Name (Nee)	Date of Death	Last Taught
Andres, Helen	Jan. 7/05	Rosthern Junior College
Baker, Helen	Dec. 26/04	
Bakke, Hazel	Dec. 22/04	
Baumgartner, Louis	Oct. 31/04	Estevan Comprehensive
Beauchesne, Madeleine	Dec. 25/04	Northern Lakes SD #64
Beaudry, Leon	Dec. 8/04	
Buzinsky, Melanie	Jan. 24/05	Moose Jaw SD #1
Bykowy, Walter	Dec. 11/04	Saskatoon SD #13
Chamberlain, Anna	Oct. 13/04	Melfort SD #100
Costello, Harry	Dec. 28/04	Sask. Teachers' Federation
Coueslan, Henry	Jan. 9/05	
Cowley, Reta	Nov. 23/04	Saskatoon SD #13
Dodge, Irene	Jan. 10/05	
Dyck, Katherine	Jan. 2/05	Saskatoon SD #13
Franklin, Francis	Jan. 10/05	St. Paul's RCSSD #20
Friesen, Jean (Stewart)	Jan. 6/05	Prince Albert SD #3
Hall, Hazel	Jan. 7/05	Saskatoon SD #13
Haniak, Priscilla	Nov. 29/04	
Hanson, Frances	Jan. 25/05	Shaunavon SD #71
Herriges, Gerhard	Dec. 5/04	Humboldt Rural SD #47
Hockley, Margaret (Cook)	Dec. 4/04	Prince Albert SD #3
Hume, A. Clare	Dec. 12/04	
Jantzen, Eva	Dec. 22/04	
Keays, Beatrice	Jan. 7/05	Maple Creek SD #17
Klein, Lenora	Jan. 1/05	Wadena SD #46
Lovell, Lillian	Jan. 19/05	
Lundback, Elmer	Dec. 18/04	Long Lake SD #30
Murray, Andrew	Dec. 21/04	Oxbow SD #51
Ochitwa, Sophie	Dec. 30/04	
Ogle, George	Dec. 17/04	
Orr, Pearl	Nov. 15/04	Biggar SD #50
Pask, Jean	Dec. 6/04	Potashville SD #80
Patterson, Audrey	Dec. 2/04	
Radoux, Maurice	Jan. 22/05	Humboldt Rural SD #47
Revet, Evelyn	Dec. 8/04	
Roberts, Violet	Jan. 10/05	
Russell, Mabel	Dec. 2/04	Saskatoon SD #13
Salloum, Mildred	Dec. 4/04	Wood River SD #70
Schroeder, Helena	Jan. 22/05	Rosetown SD #43
Scott, Mona	Dec. 22/04	Battleford SD #58
Shaw, Jack	Jan. 3/05	Regina SD #4
Shields, Edith	Dec. 6/04	Eastend SD #8
Shukin, Harry	Jan. 14/05	Kamsack SD #35
Smith, Frank	Dec. 24/04	
Steen, Jessie	Jan. 7/05	Moosomin SD #9
Strobel, Eleanor (Ciortan)	Sep. 8/04	Saskatoon
Thies, Charlotte	Dec. 23/04	Yorkdale SD #36
Thompson, Alma	Nov. 20/04	
Thompson, Eva	Dec. 31/04	
Triggs, Vera	Jan. 5/05	
Wendland, Wayne	Dec. 13/04	Gull Lake SD #76
White, Laverne	Dec. 12/04	Outlook SD #32
Woodward, L.C. Gary	Dec. 16/04	Regina SD #4
Wright, Ivan	Dec. 7/04	Regina Administration
Young, Ernest	Dec. 14/04	Moose Jaw SD #1
Zilke, Samuel	Dec. 18/04	Eastend SD #8

## Mainline

Mainline Chapter of the STS is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a party in Montmartre on Tuesday, June 14. The celebration will be held in the park in Montmartre starting at 12 noon. There will be a roast beef meal at the cost of \$10.00 followed by some entertainment, a bit of history of the chapter, a singsong, visiting. Golf and a walking trail are also available. All retired teachers from the area are invited. Contact Gerry Fisher at 306 -424-2213 or email [jpfisher@sasktel.net](mailto:jpfisher@sasktel.net) for more information.

## Award of Merit

The Victoria Chapter of STS is pleased to announce that, at our December meeting, a Chapter Award of Merit was presented to Les Wood for his untiring support of our chapter over the years. He was the chapter President and worked on many committees over the years and continues to support the chapter in any way that he can.

# Councillors' Report

The Seventy-Second Annual Council of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation will be held at the Radisson Hotel Saskatoon, from Wednesday March 30 to Friday April 1.

At Spring Council last year the Notice of Motion to increase the number of STS Councillors to eight was passed. The following STS Councillors will be attending: Past President - Doreen Lloyd; President - Horst Sawatzki; Vice-President - Wally Derkach; Don Bartel, Shirley Dyck, Mike Kaminski, Margaret Martin, and Jim Segó.

## 32nd Annual General Meeting of the STS

*Celebrating Saskatchewan's Centennial*

Wednesday, May 25th to  
Friday, May 27th

Ramada Hotel Regina

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

5:00 - 7:15

Registration - Canadian Mezzanine

7:20

Welcome - President Horst Sawatzki

**Guest Speaker - Joan McCusker**

Introduction of Candidates

Entertainment - **The Serenaders** under the direction of Gerry Theriault. This is a 28 member group of singers with guitars, mandolin, and violin.

Informal Social.

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Thursday morning: Plenary Session followed by small group sessions on the Resolutions and Constitution

Thursday afternoon we offer five Interest Sessions.

Thursday evening we have a banquet, the Membership Growth Awards and the Honorary Life Memberships.

Entertainment: The Regina Chapter Choir - a group of dedicated singers composed of members of the Regina Chapter of STS under the direction of Marjorie Burns.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Greetings from the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

The Annual Meeting

Chapter Presidents have received the package of information about the Annual General Meeting. The names of the delegates were to be into the STS office by April 1st. The delegates' packages will be coming out very soon. Delegates please register at the Ramada Hotel, Regina

by April 24th using this number (306) 569-1666 Please do not use the "1-800" number, as this will not reserve a room in the block of rooms held for our AGM.

Travel: Each Chapter should submit one voucher for travel costs at the AGM. The rate of travel will be \$0.26 per kilometre, return travel on the basis of one car for each three delegates.

We have planned a great AGM - hope to see you there!

Shirley Dyck, Darlene McCullough

Co-chairs of the AGM Planning Committee

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