

Outreach



To The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

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Executive Update

January 16-17 saw another busy round of committee meetings and an Executive meeting. A sincere "thank you" must go to the members of the executive for their dedicated work on our behalf. Again, there will be individual reports from some of the committees so I will only update some of the issues that came to the Executive meeting.

The financial report indicates that our cash flow is still on budget. Further work has been done on the 2002-2003 budget and it will be ready for finalization at the March meeting so it can be presented to the AGM in May. The Contingency Fund is now set up as a self-contained fund and arrangements made to invest some of the funds with Greystone Managed Investments Inc., the company that looks after our pension funds. A representative from Greystone made a presentation at the meeting. Surpluses, if any, from the operating budget will be used to set up an Operating Reserve to accommodate some of the large expenditures we have early in our fiscal year.

We are now in the third and final year of our contract with Saskatchewan Blue Cross and everything is going well. As soon as the financial statements are available for the first half of this year we will enter into negotiations for the new contract to begin January 1, 2003. In the meantime we are working to develop a Group Life Insurance program for STS members.

The "new look" of *Outreach* has received favourable comment. As we combine this with the continued excellent selection and editing of material by our Editor, Loretta, we see wonderful things ahead. Remember that we continue to need material from Chapters and members! Also, the new arrangements for mailing under this format are resulting in some savings.

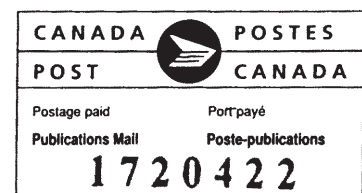
"On Line" anyone? Carla Nickel with the STF made a presentation to the executive to show examples of a proposed website and to explain the potential for the availability of material for members. Following the presentation the Executive approved

the establishment of a website. Development will continue and we hope it will be up and running in the near future. As well as information about the STS, we will be able to make the *Outreach* available online as well as in printed form.

The question of incorporation of STS under the Non-Profit Organizations Act has surfaced from time to time. We were pleased to have a presentation from Harry Dahlem to discuss the pros and cons of such an action. While it does not seem necessary, or even advisable, to do so at this time, Harry will be doing some further research in answer to the questions that arose. Thank you, Harry.

The Constitution Committee has started work on a reorganization of the Constitution and Bylaws along with a section on Policies and Guidelines. This is a long-term project and will not be ready for the May AGM this year, although a progress report will be made.

Bert Gordon - President



OOPS! In the Nov/Dec issue of *Outreach*, the Co-chairs of the AGM Planning should be: Shirley Dyck and Darlene McCullough.

Apologies to Richard Kuntz of the Regina Chapter! Richard wrote the article that highlighted the Regina Chapter's visit with the Lieutenant-Governor as printed in the Nov/Dec *Outreach* .

From the Editor

What a pleasure it was to collate the information for this first issue of *Outreach* in 2002! We're asking for your help in providing articles for our 'Chapter Highlights' section. I'm sure many interesting things are happening. Let us know about them and as space permits, we'll include them. Take care and God bless!

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Councillors' Report

A special meeting of Council was held on December 1/01 at the Travelodge Hotel Convention Centre in Saskatoon. The agenda of this meeting was Provincial Collective Bargaining. It was called after the conclusion of the October 13 Special Meeting of Council where councillors voted to refer the twenty-five proposals suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee on Collective Bargaining. At the December 1 meeting, three of the proposals suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee were deleted including the recommendation that the committee would have a member on the official bargaining team. Instead, councillors passed a resolution from

the STF Executive that the committee should act as an advisory committee to the Executive and to the bargaining team.

At this meeting two options of the terms of a Salary Asking Package were presented. Walter Wood of Estevan proposed a third option which was a combination of the first two options presented. This is the one the councillors chose. Bargaining with the provincial government is expected to commence fairly early in 2002. The current agreement expires in August.

**Shirley Dyck , Don Bartel,
Mike Kaminski**

New this year

Many STS chapters are giving awards to members of their chapters who have given diligently of their time and effort to enable their chapters to grow and prosper. These awards may be called: Award of Merit, Award of Distinction, Honorary Life Membership in the Chapter, Achievement Award or whatever name the chapter has assigned to them.

In order to acknowledge the recipients of these awards, the names of the recipients will be read at the AGM and also published in *Outreach*. Please note that these awards are presented by the chapter at one of their own meetings, not by the provincial STS, therefore it is not necessary for the individuals to be present at the AGM.

In order to have the award recipients acknowledged, Chapter Presidents are asked to submit a list of the members in their chapter who have been given such special awards during the years 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 (prior to the AGM). These lists should be sent to Darlene McCullough, Box 1195, Tisdale, SK S0E 1T0 by April 30, 2002.

Honorary Life Membership Committee

Teachers Credit Union Fulfills Long-term Pledge

The completion of a long-term pledge of \$50,000 by the Teachers Credit Union to the McDowell Foundation was the focal point at a September 22 luncheon presentation. Foundation President, Dr. Derwyn Crozier-Smith received the final cheque for \$5000 and noted in his remarks that the Teachers Credit Union has been an excellent neighbour and colleague of the McDowell Foundation. He praised the TCU Directors for their ten year support of the Foundation and indicated that their contribution will have a lasting impact on research in this province and ultimately on the quality of teaching and learning in classrooms throughout Saskatchewan.

Well- Travelled??

The earth, at our latitude, rotates at approximately 6,570,000 miles per year. Around the sun the earth travels 587,920,000 miles in a year. Our arm of the galaxy rotates around our galaxy centre at 4,292,400,000 miles per year. We and the galaxies around us are moving toward "The Great Attraction" (a galaxy cluster called Abell 3627, some 150 million light years away) at 845,847,080 miles per year. That makes a total of some 5,732,237,080 miles annually.

So . . . the next time someone asks you if you have done any travelling since you retired . . .



CONGRATULATIONS to FRED HERRON who received the McDowell Foundation Award as part of its 10th anniversary celebrations, Friday, November 16, 2001. Fred was the first President of the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching and it was he, and his team, that convinced the powers-that-be to provide the 'seed money' to establish the Foundation and, thereafter, he did what he could to ensure that it developed from a sound financial and organizational base and stayed true to its purpose of enhancing teaching and learning. The presentation of the award was made by Dr. Lynda M. Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

Chapter Highlights

STS Swift Current Chapter

Several members of the Swift current Chapter will man an STS Display at the Southwest Teachers' Convention held in Swift Current February 18 and 19. The display will include brochures and newsletters from our Chapter as well as information about the Provincial STS. This is the third year that the teachers have asked us to be a part of their Information Room. We urge other chapters to be a part of the Teachers' Convention in their vicinity.

For Your Information...

1. You must apply to receive Canada Pension Plan or Old Age Security Benefits. Both are available at age 65, but CPP can be received at any time after age 60 with reduced benefits.
2. Insurance coverage under the Superannuation commission is reduced to \$14,600 at age 65 and stops at age 75. The premium rate is still extremely good even with the reduced coverage.
3. You can purchase new units of STF Porta Plan insurance up to age 65. The coverage can be carried for life.
4. Dental and Medical insurance premiums can be used as medical expenses on your income tax return.
5. GET YOUR RESOLUTIONS IN EARLY.
6. MEMBERSHIP AS OF JANUARY 15, 2002 WAS 5886. KEEP IT UP!

*Moose Jaw Normal School
Reunion
1952 - 2002*

JUNE 8 & 9, 2002

at

Wood Acres in Moose Jaw

COST: \$40.00 (Alumni) \$30.00 (Spouse/guest)

Please send your autobiography by Feb. 15 even if you do not plan to attend. This will be included in a souvenir booklet that will be available for \$6.00.

Registration (Sat.)	1:00 P.M.	Meet & Greet
Banquet (Sat.)	6:00 P.M.	Program
Church service (Sun.)	10:00 A.M.	Brunch; Farewells

Please prepay registration fees to:

**Mrs. Dolly Mackin
1682 Marshall Crescent
Moose Jaw, SK S6H 3G7**

Ed's Thoughtful Thoughts on the Merits of Exercise

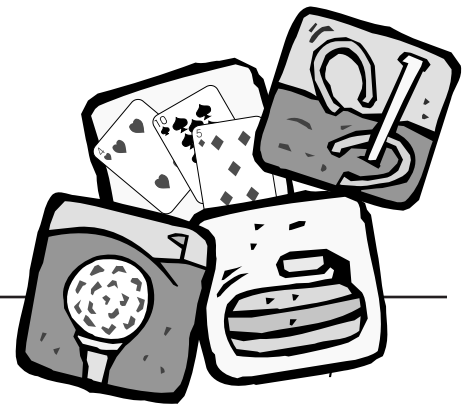
1. It is well documented that for every mile you jog, you add one minute to your life. This enables you, at age 85, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5000 per month.
2. The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
3. I joined a health club last year, spent about \$400. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.
4. I exercise early morning before my brain figures out what I am doing!!!
5. I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me !!!
6. I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
7. The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.
8. If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

The tongue weighs practically nothing — but so few people can hold it.

Laughter is the best medicine ... and the cheapest.

STS Provincial Recreation Report

Ed Magis (783-3350) & Mike Kaminski (593-2222)
Co-ordinators



And the Winners are . . .

STS Curling Hosted by Weyburn Chapter November 15 & 16, 2001

A Winner:

GEORGE ANDERSON TROPHY

Frank Elberg -Estevan
Wilf Marcotte
Eldon Rondeau
Bev Hicke

B Winner:

Garry Forsyth - Melfort
Dale McClary
Brian Richardson
Dennis Spagrud

C Winner:

Wayne Welte - Kindersley
Pauline Welte
Bob Anderson
Jean Anderson

D Winner:

Rick Folk - Regina
Ted Forrest
Gabe Seiferling
Ervine Boehm

REMINDERS:

- Need potential hosts for 2003 events. If interested, contact Ed, Mike, or the STS office.
- Be prepared to attend the event you wish to host the year before you bid or host.
- Register early, especially in Golf or Curling or you may end up being put on the waiting list.
- Check Activities Guidelines or request a copy if hosting.
- Hosts: Please send a typed list of winners to Ed or the Editor.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2002

What	Where	When	Contact	Phone
Bowling	Prince Albert	May 8/9	Doris Lund	764-5643
Golf	Yorkton	June 12 & 13	Muriel or Gabrielle	783-5643 783-2445
Bridge	Regina	Last week of October	Amber McLeod	586-2785
Fishing	Round Lake	TBA	Horst Sawatzki	435-2551
Kaiser	Nipawin	Oct. 24	Wally Derkach	862-5381
Horseshoes	Saskatoon	TBA	Bill Meagher	249-1329
Curling	North Battleford	TBA		

NOMINATIONS FOR 2002-2003 EXECUTIVE

Nominations are now being accepted for the following Executive positions: President, Vice-President, CART representative, Councillors and Executive Members. Please submit the name, address, and phone number of nominees for these positions to the STS office or to Bert Gordon, Nominations Chair, (763-7113) or to Ray Mynett (642-4187).

Nominations received by March 11, 2002 will be listed in the next *Outreach*, however, nominations may be submitted up to and during the AGM.

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

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Chapter Executive Liaison

Don Bartel	779-1010	Mainline, Last Mountain, Regina
Wally Derkach	862-5381	Nipawin, Carrot River Valley
Shirley Dyck	627-3225	Swift Current, Rosetown, Maple Creek – Medicine Hat
Bert Gordon	763-7113	Prince Albert
Mike Kaminsky	593-2222	Wadena, Shamrock
Laura Lawson	445-2832	North West, Lloydminster, Unity, Battlefords
Doreen Lloyd	764-4368	Parkland, Petrofka, Wakaw
Ed Magis	783-3350	Yorkton, Melville, Langenburg
Ernie Mazur	563-6642	Assiniboine, Sturgis
Darlene McCullough	873-2030	Tisdale, Humbolt-Watson, Red Deer River Valley, Victoria, Fraser Valley, Okanagan
Raymond Mynett	642-4187	South Central, Shaunavon
Horst Sawatzki	435-2551	Oxbow, Moosomin, Potashville
Al Schell	374-5900	Saskatoon, Biggar, Kindersley, Midlakes
Siegrid Schergel	691-0719	Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Estevan

BE IT RESOLVED

The deadline for resolutions to be printed in the next issue of *Outreach* is March 1, 2002.

Resolutions should be submitted to the STS on the appropriate form. Chapter presidents were sent a copy of the form and criteria for format of resolutions.

Doreen Lloyd

Plan to Attend

29th Annual General Meeting of the STS

May 22 - 24, 2002
Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon

REGISTRATION:

May 22; 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Margaret Lipp, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction with Saskatchewan Education, responsible for the development and actualization of Core Curriculum in K-12 schools in the province.

Entertainment: Saskatoon Jammers;

SPEAKERS AT THE AGM:

Wayne Clements, STF President

Doug Willard, President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation

INTEREST SESSIONS:

You may attend 3 of the 5 offered.

Tour to Western Development Museum

BANQUET THURSDAY EVENING:

Honorary Life Membership Awards;

Chapter Membership Growth Awards; Chapter Awards

Entertainment: Saskatoon Chapter Choir directed by Alf Driedger

Chapter Presidents will receive a packet of information early February; please send your list of delegates to the STS office shortly after receiving the information.

Plan to attend!

Shirley Dyck, Darlene McCullough,
Co-Chairs of the AGM Planning Committee

Retirement Lifestyle Planning

There will be a Retirement Lifestyle Planning Session at the Southwest Teachers' Convention in Swift Current on February 19, 2002. Bert Gordon, Mickey McLellan and Shirley Dyck will make the presentation.

ATTENTION

Members of STS Group Benefits Plan

Blue Cross has changed Travel Assistance Providers, and new cards will be issued in due course. The new cards will list the new telephone numbers to call in the event of an out-of-country emergency. The new telephone numbers are:

- in North America (including Hawaii) 1-866-330-3633
- all other locations (call collect) 306-667-5299

There is no concern for anyone who is currently travelling out-of-Canada, as the current emergency telephone numbers will remain active during the changeover to ensure all emergency calls will receive the appropriate assistance.

*To err is human, but when
the eraser wears out before
the pencil, you're overdoing it.*

*Praise does wonders
for the sense of hearing.*



In Memoriam

NAME (NEE)	DECEASED	LAST TAUGHT
Allen (Batyski), Walter	Nov 16/01	Aden Bowman
Baldwin, Gerald	Oct 30/01	Nipawin SD
Bartlett, Effie(Smith)	Aug 24/01	Saskatoon SD
Bergreen, Violet (Millions)	Dec 12/01	
Benoit, Sr. Bernadette	Nov 20/01	
Broughton, Linda (Yakimychen)	Oct 7/01	Canora SD
Buchinski, Michael	Sep 23/01	St. Paul's RCSD
Byblow, Donna	Nov 19/01	Canoe Narrows
Chamberlain, Grace (Ealey)	Oct 5/01	Kerrobert SD
Cranston, Evelyn (Cole)	Nov 9/01	Saskatoon
Daniel, Gregor	Sep 23/01	Prairie View SD
Duncan, Glenn	Dec 23/01	Val Marie
Frank, Margaret (Filson)	Jun 10/01	Bateman SD
Gerwing, Anna	Nov 20/01	
Habetler, Mary (Yaskowich)	Dec 3/01	
Haug, Elmer	Oct 20/01	Saskatoon SD
Haughian, Clordia (LaLonde)	Nov 27/01	
Heather, Norma (McLeod)	Oct 19/01	Wilkie SD
Helem, Hazel	Dec 15/01	
Henderson, Myra	Dec 17/01	
Hobson, Edward	Dec 17/01	
Homes, Pat	Nov 2/01	Prince Albert
Houseman, Walter	Nov 18/01	
Huel, Sr. Marie	Jul 8/01	Gravelbourg SD
Hunt, Elaine (Cloutier)	Dec 25/01	
Kirk, Mary Jane (McInik)	Jun 8/01	Regina SD
Knittig, Caroline (Hofmann)	Nov 13/01	Humboldt SD
Korven, Margaret (Haney)	Apr 7/01	Leader SD
Lischynski, Nicholas	Oct 3/01	Kamsack SD
Marlin, Edith (Sorenson)	Jan 3/02	
McManus, Margaret (Harper)	Dec 25/01	Madison SD
Meyer, Isobel (Conley)	Sep 30/01	Drake SD
Murray, Phyllis	Dec 21/01	
Nelson, Nora	Dec 13/01	
Orvedahl, Olive	Nov 14/01	
Peterson, Rosa (Sandmeier)	Nov 2/01	Kamsack SD
Philippon, Jean Emile	Nov 7/01	
Pierce, Wilmer	Jan 14/02	Saskatoon
Platt, Evelyn (Mack)	Jan 8/02	
Rigney, Annie Laura	Oct 30/01	Regina SD
Robb, May (Lindsay)	Jan 11/02	
Rohovich, Steve	Dec 8/01	
Runolfson, Peggy	Jan 9/02	Consul
Sangster, Tina	Jan 7/02	
Sakundiak, Susan (Teet)	Dec 22/01	
Stubson, Marlene (Cook)	Nov 12/01	
Tennent, Raema (Craik)	Dec 13/01	Saskatoon
Van Nes, Gladys (Munroe)	Sep 27/01	Saskatoon SD
Verbeke, Raymond	Nov 10/01	Regina SD
Weatherby, Catherine	Dec 11/01	
Woods, Keith	Sep 14/01	