

OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers
of Saskatchewan

STS 2007 Annual General Meeting – President's Report

Siegrid Schergel

In the midst of our hectic and sometimes chaotic lives, it is important to occasionally pause, focus and reflect. Preparing this report for the AGM was such an occasion for me. What have been the achievements of the last year to which one can point with satisfaction? What are the challenges that continue to face us?

There have been notable achievements. The membership of the organization continues to grow; this year we passed the 8000 member mark! The finances of STS are sound; this year's budget is on track and the budget for 2007-2008 is based on no fee increase. The organization received its first audited financial statement for 2004-2005 from Deloitte and the plan for auditing 2005-2006 has been accepted by the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee.

Participation in the Extended Health and Dental Plan continues to increase and, while the Extended Health Plan portion was in a deficit position at the end of January 2007, the plan remains in a surplus position overall. The benefit of the Group Life Insurance Plan was increased for participants over age 65 and the organization continues to work toward moving the maximum eligibility from age 75 to 85.

The Recreation Committee continues to coordinate and facilitate a wide range of provincial recreational



opportunities for the membership. Thank you to the Chapters who have so willingly and ably hosted these events.

Building and maintaining relationships continues to be a major focus of our organization. Communication with and among Chapters was one of the goals identified at the Executive Strategic Planning Session in September 2005, and the Executive members' liaison with Chapters and the Presidents' Meeting work to achieve that goal. My visits to chapters gives me an opportunity to meet many of you and to discuss various provincial issues. Presentations at the STF Pre-retirement Seminars give us an opportunity to tell prospective superannuates about our organization and the Retirement Lifestyles Workshops give teachers information about life after work!

However, while we recognize and celebrate our achievements, there

will continue to be challenges. Monitoring the Extended Health and Dental Plan will continue to be an important focus. What will be the impact of continuing escalating costs? What will be the impact of the proposed government seniors' drug plan? What is the best balance between participant's costs and the benefits offered?

Continuing to develop the Support Services plan as per its terms of reference and membership needs is another ongoing challenge.

Striving to meet the challenge of effective communication with a diverse and dispersed membership continues to be important. *Outreach*, "Spotlight on Superannuates" in the STF *Bulletin*, communication from the office, Executive member liaison visits, President's visits, the AGM—all will continue to have an important role to play.

And there will be other challenges; challenges we will strive to address.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of you—provincially and locally—who have contributed your time and energy to making STS the wonderful organization it is. I'd like to acknowledge the various Executive committee chairs and committee members for their commitment and dedication. I'd also like to thank Fred, Shirley, Colleen and Heather. I can't begin to enumerate all that they

do for this organization. And finally, I must single out Shirley Henderson and Loretta Romankewicz who are moving into another phase of retirement this summer. Thank you for your unstinting commitment to our organization and its members.

Rambling Thoughts

This time, I'd like to focus on rambling—actual, physical rambling!

In my first term, a personal, as well as organizational goal was to visit as many Chapters as I could and I would like to make that a major goal again. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you. I have also enjoyed eating my way across

Saskatchewan! No matter where I went, the food was great! Retired teachers know how to live well! Chapter visits have also enabled me to see parts of the province it is unlikely I would have otherwise encountered. I've been from Paradise Hill to Carnduff and from Maple Creek to Tisdale with many stops between.

So please invite me again to visit your Chapter or invite me for my first visit. The provincial President comes only upon invitation and I'd love to be invited!

Conclusion

Thank you to everyone—and their numbers are legion—who worked to

make the 34th AGM the great event it was. Thank you to everyone who filled out an evaluation form. And finally, a huge thank you to Darlene McCullough and Shirley Dyck whose able, efficient hands on the helm made it all happen!

Thank you and best wishes to those leaving the Executive—Ernie Epp, Bert Gordon, Barry Hollick, Ed Magis and Loretta Romankewicz. You leave big shoes to be filled!

Finally, have a wonderful summer and watch this space in September—I'll be back with more provincial news and rambling thoughts. Now it's time to head outdoors and wreak havoc on an outstanding crop of dandelions!

STS 2007-2008 Provincial Executive



Back Row: Left to Right
Doug Haroldson, Maxine Stinka,
Peter Wiebe, Darlene McCullough,
Margaret Martin, Wally Derkach,
Mike Kaminski, Elaine Broughton

Front Row: Left to Right
Fred Herron, Horst Sawatzki, Jim Segó,
Siegrid Schergel (President),
Shirley Dyck, Calvin Bachmeier,
Robert Wuschenny

Missing: James Slough

The Seniors' Information Hotline: 1-888-823-2211

Please Note: This is not an STS hotline. This is a general hotline for all seniors.

Saskatchewan HealthLine: 1-877-800-0002

2007 AGM Reports

Executive Secretary's Report

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan are experiencing a relatively positive year in 2006 – 2007. We have met with some successes, some changes and some areas of concern.

1. Administration

- 1.1 Our membership continues to increase albeit at a more modest rate than in previous years. Our membership passed the 8,000 mark in March of this year.
- 1.2 The second annual STS Chapter Presidents' meeting in November of 2006 met with a positive response by Chapter Presidents.
- 1.3 Our Office Manager, Shirley Henderson, has made the decision to retire at the end of June after seven and a half years of exemplary service to STS. Colleen Bailey has been appointed Office Manager effective July 1, 2007 and Heather Hase has been appointed Assistant Office Manager on the same date.

2. Finance

- 2.1 STS completed its first full audit of STS Operations and STS Benefits Programs by Deloitte for the 2005 – 2006 fiscal year.
- 2.2 STS experienced a small surplus of \$12,792 in our operations for the 2005 – 2006 fiscal year.

3. Benefits Program

- 3.1 The Extended Health Program experienced a deficit of \$95,201.86 during the first

year of the current three year contract for the period February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2009. The deficit resulted from significantly higher utilization than expected, higher drug costs and inflation. We should have sufficient reserves to hold premium rates for the duration of the contract period.

- 3.2 Participation in the Extended Health and Dental Plans continues to increase.

While our organization continues to grow and flourish, we must be prepared to face future issues and challenges with strong leadership at the provincial and Chapter levels and with a sound financial base from which to respond to these issues and challenges.

In closing, let me express my thanks to the STS Executive, staff and membership for your support and encouragement. It has been a privilege to serve as your Executive Secretary.

Office and Staffing Committee Report

1. The Committee is composed of the following members: Fred Herron (Chair), Wally Derkach, Ernie Epp and Margaret Martin.
2. The Committee met on January 16, 2007 to review proposed revisions to the contracts of employment of Shirley Henderson, STS Office Manager, Colleen Bailey, STS Office Assistant and Heather Hase,

Office Secretary. The tentative agreements for 2007 were subsequently ratified by the STS Executive.

3. The Committee considered the resignation of Shirley Henderson effective June 30, 2007 and future staff requirements as a result of that resignation. The Committee recommended to the STS Executive that the resignation of Shirley Henderson be accepted with regret, that Colleen Bailey be appointed Office Manager effective July 1, 2007 and that Heather Hase be appointed Assistant Office Manager effective July 1, 2007. The recommendations were subsequently accepted by the STS Executive.

ACER-CART Report

ACER-CART was founded in 1991 and now includes provincial organizations of retired teachers from every province in Canada with a total membership of approximately 240,000. The objectives of the national organization are:

1. To facilitate and promote liaison and mutual assistance among its member organizations;
2. To promote the interests of its member organizations;
3. To develop strategies for joint action on matters of common concern to member organizations;
4. To cooperate with other seniors' organizations on matters of common concern;
5. To promote excellence in education.

The Association has developed a constitution, bylaws and policy statements on pensions and health care for Canadians. Standing committees on communications, health and pensions have been established. It is hoped that the work of these committees will assist ACER-CART to respond to the needs of the member organizations.

ACER-CART has also enabled provincial organizations of retired teachers to exchange information and share points of view with respect to their common concerns and programs. The provincial organizations regularly exchange copies of their newsletters and publications. Each year members of the STS Executive receive summaries of cross-Canada information, and these summaries are useful in planning and evaluating programs.

ACER-CART had the opportunity to present a brief to the Federal Government Standing Committee on Finance Dealing with the Budget Consultation. The brief provided ACER-CART to put forward recommendations and concerns of member organizations.

During 2006 – 2007 ACER-CART has been among those organizations leading the lobby for pension income splitting.

On a personal note, I wish to thank the members of STS for the opportunity to have served on the ACER-CART Board of Directors for the past year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Fred W. Herron*

Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee Report

The Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee has established a set of goals for operation during the 2006 - 2007 year. Our goals were:

- to operate the STS in a fully transparent, sound, financial manner.
- to ensure effective monitoring of the Benefit plans.
- to establish a business continuity plan.

This report will assess our progress for this year.

This has been a year of firsts on this committee: our first audit report from Deloitte, and our first membership report announcing over 8,000 members. However, our business is not innovation; it is to continue to fulfill the role that this committee and those of past years mark as goal one: sound, transparent operation of our organization.

In fulfillment of that goal our first Executive meeting in September received the first audit report from Deloitte. Their representative, Albert Johnston, commended our Committee, Executive, and Executive Secretary on the quality of our management of the funds as he took us through the audited financial statements. In the in camera discussion that took place between the committee and Mr. Johnston, he reiterated his commendations. When pressed for ways that he thought we might make improvements, he suggested close monitoring of the Benefit plans, and a business continuity plan that ensured a smooth transition in the event of some catastrophic occurrence. Hence, our other goals for this year. STS Guidelines for Monitoring the STS Benefits program were completed in January of 2007 and the Business Continuity Plan is being developed.

The majority of the committees' time is devoted to overseeing the finan-

cial affairs of the STS. Therefore, our opening business prior to each Executive meeting - in September and November, 2006 and January and March, 2007 - was to review monthly financial reports and the Extended Health and Contingency Fund Balance Sheets. In January we perused the Executive Secretary's draft of a budget for presentation to this year's AGM, reviewed it at the March meeting, and recommended it for publication in *Outreach*. Since membership numbers are so important in this financial balance, we were pleased to see a steady increase in membership numbers highlighted by our reaching 8,032 members at the March Executive meeting.

The Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee ably supported by Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, and Shirley Henderson, in charge of all paperwork, plays an important role in this organization. As well the wisdom of Siegrid Schergel, Wally Derkach, Mike Kaminski, Ed Magis, Maxine Stinka, and Margaret Martin, the Executive members, contributed ideas and critical eyes for figures which ensure that your financial affairs are well looked after. This year their help, constructive input, incisive questions, and suggestions made it a pleasure to work for the good of the membership.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Segó, Chair*

Archives Report

The best time to record history is while it is happening. As a committee we evaluate material whenever we have an Executive meeting. This way we are able to accurately record the history of our organization.

The history is housed at the STS office and interested members can view this material or request information. A phone call to the STS office prior to your visit will ensure that the material you seek can be made available at a prearranged time.

Recreational activities are also part of Archives. We have reports and pictures on most recreational activities from the past.

We are especially pleased to present Growth Awards at the Annual General Meeting. Our membership numbers are the envy of many Superannuated Teachers groups across Canada. I know that Chapters make a concerted effort to sign up new members every year. Without this effort our organization would not be increasing in membership as rapidly as it is currently doing. Please keep up your efforts at the local level, because it does strengthen our organization. We are happy to recognize your efforts and achievements.

I was again pleased to work with Jim Sego this year. We were especially pleased to welcome back to our committee Horst Sawatzki. His experience and expertise is appreciated.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin Bachmeier
Archives Committee, Chairperson*

Councillors' Report

On April 25th Council began with an orientation for new Councillors that evening. On April 26th Councillors attended a General Session where greetings were given by the Deputy Minister of Learning Wynne Young, Saskatchewan School Boards Association President Roy Challis, LEADS President-Elect John Kuzbik, and CTF President Winston Carter.

During the next three days Councillors met in small group sessions and in a large General Session to debate and vote on 79 Resolutions and 12 Notices of Motion. Councillors also elected Dianne Woloschuk as STF President, Sonja Susut as Vice-President, and 7 Executive Members for the 2007-2008 year.

Resolution #34 from the STS asking the STF to negotiate an amendment

to The Teachers' Life Insurance Act to provide the opportunity for eligible retired teachers to elect to maintain continued insurance coverage for decreased amounts until age 85 was passed. As well, a clause asking that the STF negotiate that the escalation of allowances under The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act be changed from 80% to 100% was passed.

submitted by Margaret Martin

Outreach Report

Outreach, the primary communication medium of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan has enjoyed another successful year of facilitating the communication of vital information among all its members (and between the Executive and the membership). The manner in which each of the five issues was prepared worked well and the goal of having the latest copy of *Outreach* in each member's home within 28 days of an Executive meeting was generally accomplished. The first draft of each issue was prepared by our Editor Loretta Romanekewicz, living in Swift Current. It was then emailed to Saskatoon where further information would be included and additional preparatory decisions were required for length and content. The office staff has always made sure that each copy was as complete as possible before the final proofing copy was issued. We express our appreciation for the skillful desktop services provided by STF Printing Services which has always given us a timely completed preprint copy for review by our Saskatoon proof readers, Margaret Martin, Harold Schultz, Fred Herron, office staff, and Ernie Epp. Some delays were experienced from time to time and your *Outreach* committee will continue to look at improving the preparation and distribution efficiencies of approximately 8000 copies.

On behalf of this committee, I trust you have enjoyed receiving *Outreach* in your home regularly. The retired teachers of this province are an extremely rich source of educational understanding and possess an evident commitment to the provision of relevant and quality education for all students in our many classrooms.

As was mentioned in the March 2007 issue, the AGM 2007 issue will mark the end of Loretta's 14 years as Editor. She has served us well and deserves our sincerest gratitude. The Executive will soon be appointing a new Editor.

In view of many other commitments that I have, I too, will be ending my four years as Chair of the *Outreach* Committee. I wish to thank STS for the wonderful opportunity I was given to work with such professional colleagues in an organization of superannuated educators that is so influential in this province. We need to remain strong as an organization and our province and country must be aware of this strength. I trust my participation in *Outreach* has assisted us in being who we are and can yet be.

*Ernie Epp
Outreach chair*

Support Services Report

Support Services of STS continue in development and use. The status of this service for our membership remains on target. In March 2005 a template of a Short Term plan, a Possible Medium Term plan, and a Possible Long Term plan was drafted. All of these were found to be in varying stages of progress, with more attention being focused on the Long Term Plan. The Possible Long Term Plan is to continue to enhance the website and provide other relevant online databases. It is also planned to develop an instruction manual on searching databases and places on the website. Close linking

with Chapters is enhanced as much as possible through our Chapter liaison persons, and feedback from Chapters is always welcome and necessary.

A 'Clearing House' concept is being developed so as to capture successful things Chapters are doing in promoting health and healthy living. In doing so, a Chapter could identify a General Subject Area and submit any activity it might have conducted to enhance this area. Each submission is evaluated on its usefulness, reactions of members, problems encountered and suggestions for improvement. We urge the members to visit this website, and pass on their thoughts and ideas to the committee for further development of this service. Areas of interest noted include: *Seasonal Immunization, Avian Pandemic, Travel; Seniors Nutrition; Tax Preparation; Safety in Homes; Driving Skills.*

Public media has disclosed several situations in which individuals have consulted Dr. Google for medical advice on personal health issues. Sadly, the results of following advice given and or consuming prescriptions provided, have in a number of cases, been tragic. Your Support Services website seeks to only provide names of reputable services and sites. The content of our site must be current and credible. Your feedback through using it is most helpful for relevancy and quality control of all of the site.

*Ernie Epp
Support Services Committee-Chair*

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism Report

SSM Board Members have again been very busy over the course of the year. In early summer the Board consulted **Peak Performance Consulting** and together we held a two-day workshop. The objective of the Strategic Planning process was to develop a plan for the organization

that would result in more clarity of focus, a more positive public perception and awareness of SSM, and ultimately, a stronger and more vibrant future for SSM. We developed an action plan that we have employed during our endeavors over the course of the year.

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism was responsible for setting up the Seniors' Week Gala Luncheon on Monday, September 25, 2006 at the Delta Hotel. Over 200 tickets were sold for this luncheon.

The Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and the Honourable Graham Addley, Minister for Seniors, were the guest speakers.

The tentative SPRA Grant Timeline was set up and sent to the various organizations. Applications were received and evaluated according to the ten-step system as requested by SPRA. The requests were then forwarded to SPRA together with our evaluations.

Some of the projects SSM is working on include:

- The Canadian Heritage Grant to develop Veterans Books;
- Neil Squire – Wired for Wisdom;
- New Horizons Aboriginal Awareness – representatives from 6 First Nations;
- STOPS to Violence;
- Fit For Your Life – investigating alternative but similar fitness programs;
- Looking Beyond Hurt Project (partner with STOPS);
- Fall Prevention Ice Alert Hotline (Red Cross);
- Regina Retiree Retention Strategy (part of Mayor's Task Force);

ABC's of Fraud Program in Regina has been the joint effort of the Volunteer Toronto Centre and SSM. The Scotiabank has funded this project in the past years. However, the markets Scotiabank is particularly interested in are Halifax, Calgary and Toronto.

As a result, Volunteer Toronto has reduced the contributions for the current year, but we were still able to continue the worthwhile and important program. However, we are searching new areas of funding so as to keep the program running in the future.

The Issues Committee has recommended that Seniors' Issues need the support of SSM and all of the Seniors Organizations. The flagship theme is "**Limited Income Restricts Seniors' Access to Services.**" This will be the theme of the Conference, which will be held in Regina on Wednesday, May 30, at the Delta Hotel. A number of dignitaries will be present at the conference.

There will be three sessions. The first will be a panel discussion addressing how health issues of older adults are impacted because of their limited income. The speakers will be a pharmacist, a representative from the Government of Saskatchewan, representatives from the Saskatchewan Nurses Association and someone from the Health Quality Council.

The second session will be a workshop looking at home care accessibility and housing alternatives for older adults. While there are many housing options available for seniors, seniors often do not have a choice in their living arrangements.

The third session will be a workshop about lifestyles choices for older adults. We will be showcasing some options available to older adults in regards to lifestyle: active living, life long learning and participating in fun activities such as hobbies.

The SSM AGM was held on Thursday, May 31 at the Delta Hotel. Jim Slough, Al Schell and I attended.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter Wiebe*

Retirement Lifestyle Planning Committee Report

The Planning Committee consisted of Shirley Dyck, Shirley Henderson, Barry Hollick, Bob Krismer, Dona O'Callaghan, Boyd Taylor and myself. George Georget served as STF liaison.

A Planning Committee meeting was held on September 26, 2006. Primary topics of discussion were the promotion and advertising of the program, and the recruitment of more presenters. About 35 teachers were present for a session presented by Bert Gordon at the Convention of the Prince Albert and Area Teachers Association on March 12, 2007.

This was a quiet year for the Lifestyle Committee, perhaps because teachers were waiting for the "Showcase" conventions in 2008. We have committed ourselves to the presentation of four sessions at Showcase in February 2008, two in Saskatoon and two in Regina.

A sincere "Thank You" to all who participated in any way.

Bert Gordon – Chairperson

NOTE: Since this will be my last report as Chairperson of the Lifestyle Planning Committee, I wish to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all of the members who have worked to develop and present our programs over the years. I had the privilege of attending the first seminar at Turtleford in 1989 under the leadership of Wanda Eddingfield, and have been with the program since that time, assuming the chairmanship in 1993 when Wanda was no longer able to continue. Other early members included Mickey MacLellan, Shirley Dyck, Dona O'Callaghan, Len Davidson and Boyd Taylor. Shirley Henderson and Bob Krismer became active members of the Planning Committee a few years ago, and many others helped with presentations. For the past number of years George Georget

has provided wonderful liaison with the STF and has been a tower of strength. "Thank you" to all of you.

I had hoped to remain part of the Executive and continue in this capacity for one more year, until we had completed our commitment to Showcase. However, I accept the decision of the delegates at the AGM that this was not to be.

I have enjoyed my participation with the Provincial Executive for the past nineteen years. I have seen our membership grow from 3000 to 4000, to 5000 in 2001 (we just missed our goal of 5000 in 2000), and now 8000+. Wonderful! I was part of the first 2-day and then 3-day AGM, and helped guide the growth of our Benefit Plans since 1996. I know that our organization will continue to grow. I have met, and worked with, so many wonderful people, and I thank you all. Now it is time to say "Goodbye".

Bert

Group Benefits Committee Report

The current members of the Group Benefits Committee are Calvin Bachmeier, Derwyn Crozier-Smith, Wally Derkach, Fred Herron, Ed Magis, Peter Wiebe, Siegrid Schergel and Horst Sawatzki. We met on a regular basis from June 28, 2006 to May 16, 2007 to discuss and review the operation of the Group Benefits Plan and other issues relating to the welfare of our members. The following points relate to the financial and plan experience. Both aspects are ever changing yet reflecting a positive view.

1. The Plans' **Financial Report** – February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007
 - Positive, in that both (Health, Dental) Claims Fluctuation Reserves are at contractual requirements.
 - A net surplus of \$41,899.51 was reported – subsequently

transferred to the deposit account.

- The Direct Deposit Account had a modest growth due to interest and the surplus deposit.
2. The Claims Experience Reports during the first year of the new contract fluctuated from 108.1% with a levelling off in February 2007 to 85.8% for the combined Health and Dental portion of the plan. The committee and Saskatchewan Blue Cross continue to review these major spikes in the claims experiences.

The committee after thorough review and discussion with Saskatchewan Blue Cross made several recommendations to the Executive for further actions. These actions included:

1. Increasing the dental plan coverage co-insurance to 80% from 75% for Basic and Minor Dental Care Benefits (effective February 1, 2007)
2. Increasing the number of days for out of province emergency medical coverage to 65 days from 60 days.
3. Adopting the STS Guidelines for Monitoring the STS Benefits Program – January 2007.
4. Discontinuing the present **Electronic Claim Card Pilot Project** – effective March 31, 2007.
5. Proceed with A Drug Integration Plan (Saskatchewan Health's Special Support Program).

The committee and Saskatchewan Blue Cross considered several issues of interpretations regarding benefits and will continue to do so as we exercise our duties and responsibility to serve the members.

I thank Fred and the office staff, Bob Wilhelms (Saskatchewan Blue Cross, Employee Benefits Specialist), and the members of the Benefits Committee for their continued support and undivided attention to this important program of STS.

*Horst J. Sawatzki,
Chair, STS Benefits Committee*

STS Extended Health Plan Premium Adjustments

The Saskatchewan Provincial Government has announced changes to the Seniors' Drug Plan for all Saskatchewan residents 65 years of age and older. Effective July 1, 2007 the prescription fee for drugs on the Saskatchewan Formulary will be \$15 for these individuals. Seniors will be covered based on Health Card information, no application will be required.

STS members who participate in the Extended Health Plan and who are 65 years of age and older and who are residents of Saskatchewan will have their monthly premiums reduced effective July 1, 2007 as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Single Coverage</u>		<u>Couple Coverage</u>		<u>Family Coverage</u>	
	<u>Current Premium</u>	<u>Adjusted Premium</u>	<u>Current Premium</u>	<u>Adjusted Premium</u>	<u>Current Premium</u>	<u>Adjusted Premium</u>
65 – 74	\$54	\$30	\$108	\$60	\$118	\$70
75 and older	\$60	\$33	\$120	\$66	\$130	\$76

All other benefits and coverages will remain exactly the same. No other changes in Plan procedures or interpretations are anticipated at this time. The premium level will continue to be determined by the age of the members and should a member of the Plan discontinue Plan coverage, medical evidence will be required to rejoin the Plan.

STS encourages all those who currently participate in the Extended Health Plan to stay in the Plan. For the adjusted premiums, Plan participants will continue to have all other current coverage including travel, hospital, extended health benefits and vision care.

McDowell Foundation Report

The Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching was established by the STF in 1991 as an independent, charitable organization to support research, inquiry and dissemination of information focusing on instruction in the K-12 education system. A twelve member Board of Directors is responsible for the overall direction of the Foundation and oversees the operation and finances, establishes policies, and approves programs and budgets. The Foundation Board is appointed by the STF and it appoints members to the Advisory Committee and the Project Review Committee. The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan have a representative on the Board as well as on the Advisory Committee.

The two major functions of the Foundation are raising funds and facilitating action research in the classrooms of Saskatchewan. Although the fund is over \$1.9 million, donations this past year are lower than any other year since 1991-92.

The goal is to establish an endowment fund of \$5 million to provide on-going support for substantive educational research. Teachers, superannuates and corporate sponsors are encouraged to contribute to the Foundation. These tax deductible donations are acknowledged on the Foundation's website.

To date the Foundation has funded over 150 projects in the classrooms of elementary, middle and secondary teachers to an amount over \$900,000. At a recent meeting of the Project Committee, eleven awards were made totaling \$74,034 for this next year. Copies of the reports of completed projects are available online (www.mcdowellfoundation.ca).

The Foundation sponsors the annual Learning from Practice Exchange where researchers present their findings and teachers are able to interact with them and ask questions. It is hoped that the results of the projects will be of benefit to other teachers who can incorporate the various ideas in their classrooms for a more effective learning environment. This exchange includes topics and sessions to encourage and assist other

teachers to write research proposals and conduct their own research projects. To facilitate the report-writing process, the Foundation has developed reporting guidelines, a standard report format and a style guide. The Foundation sponsors an orientation session for researchers who will receive funding and a Report Writing Workshop. Presentation of research projects occurs at national conferences as well as at teacher conferences in Saskatchewan.

This past year the Foundation celebrated its 15th anniversary and the McDowell Foundation Board used this occasion to reflect on the past accomplishments and take a look forward to the future possibilities. Fundraising becomes increasingly difficult in our society where there are so many requests for our financial support. Results from research projects have impacted on several classrooms already but we need to tell our story more effectively and to a wider audience.

Maxine Stinka
STS representative on the Board of the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation Board of Directors

STS Resolutions 2006

Resolutions Directed to the STS

Resolution One

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS in reference to the taking of anticoagulation medicine such as warfarin (comadin) urge its health benefit carrier, Blue Cross, to allow an adjustment of dosage as acceptable in the existing time frame of 90 days immediately preceding travel departure date. **CARRIED**

Resolution Two

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS Executive make available as expeditiously as possible reports on the outcomes of resolutions from the previous AGM. These reports should also be made available on the STS website. **CARRIED** (as amended)

Resolution Three

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS consider changing the annual Presidents' Forum to a biennial event. **DEFEATED**

Resolution Four

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS Executive continue to place pressure on Blue Cross to update the Health Benefits software. **CARRIED**

Resolution Five

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive study **Bylaw 3 – Elections, Terms of Office and Vacancies** and bring notices of motion or recommendations to the 2008 AGM. **CARRIED** (as amended)

Resolution Six

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS Annual Fee for 2007-2008 be \$30.00 per person. **CARRIED**

Resolution Seven

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual rebate to Chapters for 2007-2008 be \$8.00 per person. **CARRIED**

Resolutions Directed to the STF

Resolution Eight

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS request the STF to negotiate for 100% indexing in Teachers' pensions. **CARRIED**

Resolution Nine

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge the STF to study the feasibility of providing insurance coverage beyond age 75 under the Teachers' Group Insurance Plan and if the study is affirmative, submit this to the STF for the next round of negotiations. **CARRIED**

Resolution Ten

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS request the STF to accept retired teachers in the pool of applicants and potential applicants for Project Overseas. **CARRIED**

Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART

Resolution Eleven

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge ACER-CART to lobby the Government of Canada to restore funding for literacy. **CARRIED**

Resolution Twelve

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS request ACER-CART to lobby the Canadian Teachers' Federation to urge all provincial Departments of Learning/Education to require the study of History, especially Canadian History, in all Canadian High Schools. **CARRIED**

Resolution Thirteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge ACER-CART to lobby the Government of Canada to restore funding for the Status of Women. **CARRIED**

Resolutions Directed to the Provincial Government

Resolution Fourteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) lobby SGI, SUMA and the Government of Saskatchewan/Highway Traffic Board to change current traffic regulations in urban municipalities to effect a consistent approach regarding the location, size, and style of street signage used at intersections. **CARRIED**

Resolution Fifteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) lobby SGI, SUMA and the Government of Saskatchewan/Highway Traffic Board to change current traffic regulations in urban municipalities to effect a longer "amber light" time at controlled intersections to provide sufficient time for drivers to make safer driving decisions. **CARRIED**

Resolution Sixteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge SSM to lobby SGI to make available to everyone over the age 55 the information concerning the **55 Alive Driver Awareness Course** and that SGI provide the **55 Alive Awareness Course** free of charge. **CARRIED** (as amended)

Highlights of the 34th AGM



Delegates at lunch in the Galaxy room

The 2007 Annual General Meeting held in the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon on May 15th to May 17th was a huge success. Registration began at 5:30 on Tuesday, May 15th under the direction of the Office Staff and assisted by delegates from the Prince Albert and Swift Current Chapters. One hundred ninety-three delegates representing 43 Chapters were registered plus seventeen Executive members, our Executive Secretary, Fred Herron, and three Office Staff. Included were representatives from our British Columbia Chapters of Fraser Valley, Victoria, Vancouver Lower Mainland, and Okanagan Valley.

We again had Corporate Sponsorship for our AGM. We sincerely thank the Travelodge Hotel, Greystone Capital Management Inc., TCU Financial Group, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, and ESTI Consulting for their generosity.

Tuesday Evening, Galaxy Ballroom

President Siegrid Schergel, welcomed the delegates to this 34th Annual General Meeting of the Superannuated Teachers Of Saskatchewan.

Past President, Horst Sawatzki, Chair of the Nominations Committee, introduced the candidates for the 2007-2008 year.

Fred Herron introduced our keynote speaker, Dr. Pat Renihan. Dr. Pat Renihan is currently working as Professor and Director of the Saskatchewan Educational Leadership Unit in the Department of Educational Administration, University of Saskatchewan. He studied at the University of London, England, and the University of Saskatchewan prior to completing his Doctorate in 1977 at the University of Alberta. Pat's teaching areas are Organizational Theory, School Renewal, Instructional Leadership and Research.

He has written and researched in the areas of school effectiveness, instruc-

tional supervision, parental involvement, leadership, and the school principalship and has frequently presented and consulted on related topics with groups of educators and policymakers throughout North America, New Zealand, China and Europe.

Fred Herron went on to introduce Pat saying; " In case all of these achievements result in enlarging Pat's ego beyond redemption, let it be known that the education of Pat Renihan began in Admiral, Saskatchewan under the tutelage of Wanda Eddingfield, one of the founders of STS. Pat, accompanied by his brother Fred, was sent by St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, to rid Saskatchewan of all its snakes except the ones in the Saskatchewan Legislature!. That's why they ended up in Admiral, Shaunavon, and Fred in Val Marie – areas of the province where snakes are prevalent. You should know that they failed in their mission to eliminate the snake population which continues to flourish in the south west. However, they did leave their mark on education in Saskatchewan in general and south west Saskatchewan in particular."

The College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year. STS is privileged and delighted to welcome Pat as representative of the College and as our guest speaker to this 34th Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Pat Renihan - A College: A Province: A Bricolage of Memories

In his address Dr. Renihan shared his bricolage of memories such as when he and his brother Fred left Ireland



Colleen McKay and Dr. Pat Renihan with College of Education 80th Anniversary cake

and arrived by train in Gull Lake; where they were met by a school board member and transported by half-ton truck to Admiral. In his memories of events and people such as Wanda Eddingfield, John Egnatoff, Stirling Mc Dowell, Murray Scharff, he evoked many memories in each of us. Mingled with these memories were poetry readings and a great deal of humor.

I have chosen to present to you a bricolage of images and memories that I hope will resonate with your own images and memories. I invite you to reflect on your own experiences with the same spirit in which I share mine with you. This is a spirit of celebration, not only of a College, but of a unique and cherished provincial environment for teaching and learning of which the College is an integral part:

- Images are constructed by personalities and are irrevocably influenced by the spirit of the times.
- The more I thought about this occasion, the more I realized that the picture I share is not that of the College in a vacuum, its fortunes have always been by nature intertwined with the general environment of the province. It is in that context that it has to be understood and celebrated.

There was always a strong realization of College and school and agency. In my later associations with other provinces and countries I just did not find this to be the case. Perhaps we took it for granted back in those days. We certainly didn't wear it on our collective sleeves. It went a long, long way toward helping us avoid the 'ivory tower' image that has followed our counterparts elsewhere and we have been all the stronger for it.

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since 1927. What have we learned? The College has always been an instrument for public policy but we have found that there is great potential in interagency reciprocity in research, service and teaching. And there are enduring principles that have guided our collective work:

- A (sometimes unwarranted) spirit of optimism about the future: A Saskatchewan mentality;
- An enduring awe and respect for learning;
- A commitment to elevating and affirming the profession of teaching and;
- A commitment to doing that 'elevating' and 'affirming' together.

That's what makes Saskatchewan unique.

Teacher

(Rabbi Zev Shostak)

I am the most fortunate of persons, for I am eternal

Some live in the world of today, I live in the world of tomorrow

Some find meaning in the temporal and the transient,

I find meaning in the enduring and the eternal.

For I am charged with the most sacred of missions

To transmit all that our parents lived for and loved for

and died for to the next generation.

I span the generations

Making the wisdom of the past live now

*So that the future will have meaning
I make wisdom live.*

*For I am no mere bearer of knowledge
I do not simply teach the mind – I reach
the heart*

*And when I reach the heart, I touch the
soul.*

*To those who say: 'Two generations
hence, what will I be*

*if but a distant memory'? I respond
Though the mind fades the memories
linger*

*Though the body fails the spirit prevails
Though the scroll burns the letters
dance in the air.*

President Siegrid thanked Dr. Pat Renihan for setting the tone and getting our AGM off to a great start.

This was followed by an informal social complete with a beautiful Anniversary cake provided by the College of Education depicting their 80th Anniversary. The evening concluded with a "sing a long" with Blaine Morrison entertaining us at the piano.

Wednesday, May 16

President, Siegrid Schergel chaired the Plenary Session held in the Galaxy Ballroom.

Following the singing of O Canada accompanied by Penny Banks, Ernie Epp presented the invocation. This was followed by a minute of silence.

President Siegrid delivered her President's Address.

Horst Sawatzki brought forward the slate of nominees. Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, presented the budget. He then moved we table the Committee reports until Thursday.

Shirley Dyck, AGM Co-Chair, discussed the Annual General Meeting format.

Delegates then broke into five groups to discuss the resolutions.

In the afternoon delegates could attend three of the five Interest Sessions offered:

- Alzheimer's Disease – Joanne Michael
- Ask the Pharmacist – Bill Martin
- Container Gardening – Sharon Leach
- Crystal Meth Labs – Wilbur Hueser
- Financial Concerns – Karen Tzupa and Trevor Kehrer.

Wednesday Evening, Galaxy Ballroom

On Wednesday evening, the delegates, Honorary Life Members, Past Presidents, and guests enjoyed the banquet held in the Galaxy Ballroom. President Siegrid Schergel introduced the head table, the Executive, the Honorary Life Members, and special guests.

The Archives Committee of Calvin Bachmeier and Jim Segó presented Membership Growth Awards to twelve Chapters. Horst read a list of sixteen superannuates that received a Chapter Award in 2006.

Darlene McCullough, Chair of the Honorary Life Memberships, bestowed this prestigious award on three worthy candidates: Shirley Henderson, STS Office Manager; Raymond Mynett, South Central Chapter; Loretta Romankewicz, Editor of *Outreach*, Swift Current Chapter. There is a more detailed report in *Outreach*.

The evening concluded with socializing and another "sing a long" with Blaine Morrison entertaining us at the piano.

Thursday, May 17

President Siegrid Schergel introduced Dianne Woloschuk, President Elect of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, who brought greetings on behalf of STF.

Dianne Woloschuk

In the opening of her address Dianne stated: "I commend you for your commitment to your members and your continuing efforts to ensure that your organization is vibrant, growing and responsive. Congratulations also to the three Honorary Life Members who were honored last evening."

She went on to say: "You are no doubt aware that education in Saskatchewan is experiencing interesting times. The effects of provincial restructuring of school divisions and the subsequent restructuring of local associations are still reverberating throughout the province. School closures have focused attention on declining student numbers and on the long-term fate of small communities. Teachers' concerns about transfers and redundancy are certainly heightened. The Continuous Improvement Framework is another over-arching development initiated by Saskatchewan Learning with the stated goal of improving student outcomes and increasing accountability of school divisions for the public funds allocated to them. It also has implications for expectations of teachers and the increased workloads and paperwork they are required to carry out. Certainly, over the years, many of you have faced similar challenges in your teaching careers and in your local association and STF work. I certainly appreciate and respect the wisdom and the voice of experience that STS Councillors contribute to the STF at Fall and Spring Councils as we gather from around the province to discuss and make decisions about these matters. I look forward to further opportunities for our two organizations to work together for the betterment of both".

Diane commented on the importance of teachers, "There is a profound satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment in the knowledge that, as a teacher, you've made a difference in the life of a child. It is like

dropping pebbles into a pond, pebbles of caring and commitment and perseverance that ripple through our society longer than we are capable of knowing."

"So I thank you for the many contributions you have made to individual students, to their families, and to society as a whole in your work as teachers. As I assume my duties as President of the STF in July, I look forward to the opportunity to get to know you better and to learn from you. I know that I have a great deal to learn, but I also know that I will have excellent help. None of us is able to achieve so very much on our own. When we work together, we can make great things happen. That is the story of STF and also of STS. We are stronger together than apart. So I thank you for your continued dedication to your profession, to your colleagues, and to education in Saskatchewan. On behalf of the STF, I thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your celebration. I wish you well for the remainder of your General Assembly."

Displays

We were pleased to have displays from the McDowell Foundation, the TCU Financial Group, Saskatchewan Blue Cross and the STF and STS memorabilia. We had a draw from the McDowell Foundation; the winner was Doug Haroldson. We had three draws from TCU Financial Group; the winners were M. Becker, W. Willems, and C. Grosskopf. We thank them for their generosity and participation in our STS Annual General Meeting.

The Annual Meeting

The minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting were presented by Executive Secretary, Fred Herron. These minutes were adopted as distributed. The nomination slate was presented by Horst Sawatzki who

also conducted the Election of Officers. The report on the elections and the committee reports are presented elsewhere in this issue.

Committee reports presented and adopted were:

- Executive Secretary – Fred Herron
- Office and Staffing – Fred Herron
- ACER-CART – Fred Herron
- Budget and Finance – Jim Segó
- Recreation – Ed Magis
- McDowell Foundation – Maxine Stinka

- Archivist – Calvin Bachmeier
- Councillors – Margaret Martin
- Support Services – Ernie Epp
- *Outreach* – Ernie Epp
- SSM - Peter Wiebe
- Lifestyle Planning - Bert Gordon
- Group Benefits – Horst Sawatzki
- Saskatchewan Teachers Retirement Plan – Ted Ewert

Jim Segó, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the resolutions.

Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, presented the 2007 – 2008 Budget.

Deloitte Touche was appointed as auditor for the next year.

Jim Segó presented the Courtesy Resolution.

President Siegrid Schergel, in her closing remarks, thanked Executive Members Ernie Epp, Ed Magis and Barry Hollick for their service on the Executive. She then thanked everyone for attending the 2007 Annual General Meeting and adjourned the 34th Annual General Meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Dyck*

Sincere Thanks and Appreciation

Moved by Jim Segó and seconded by Mike Kaminski that sincere appreciation and thanks be extended to the following:

- **Pat Renihan**, our guest speaker
- the **College of Education University of Saskatchewan** for the 80th anniversary cake
- **Sharon Leach, Karen Tzupa, Trevor Kehrer, Bill Martin, Joanne Michael and Wilbur Hueser**, presenters at the interest sessions
- **Dianne Woloschuk**, President-Elect for 2007-2008 for bringing greetings from the STF
- **Blaine Morrison** for entertaining us on the piano and leading our sing-a-longs and to **Penny Banks** for playing O Canada
- our corporate sponsors: **Travelodge, Greystone Capital Management Inc., TCU Financial Group, ESTI Consulting, and Saskatchewan Blue Cross**
- the **College of Education @ U of S, the McDowell Foundation, TCU Financial Group, and STF Memorabilia** for their displays
- the Management and Staff of the **Travelodge Hotel** for assisting in making our stay here so comfortable
- **President Siegrid** for her leadership this year
- the **STS Executive** for their work in executing the policies developed by the AGM's
- **Shirley Henderson**, Office Manager, **Colleen Bailey**, Assistant Office Manager, and **Heather Hase**, Office Assistant, for the behind-the-scenes preparations that made the AGM run so smoothly
- **Fred Herron**, Executive Secretary, who oversees the administration of the STS and works so diligently on behalf of the members
- Resolution Group Facilitators and Resource Persons
- Prince Albert and Swift Current Chapter delegates for help at registration
- our capable co-chairpersons of the Planning Committee, **Shirley Dyck** and **Darlene McCullough** for planning and organizing another successful AGM
- ** **Laura Lawson, Larry Lozinski and Helena Pike** for expediting the voting

To All Members and the Executive of The STS

A sincere thank you does not seem to say what is felt.

I appreciate all the calls, the emails and cards.

I am especially grateful to the Executive for nominating me for Honorary Life Member.

Thank You.

Shirley Henderson

Reminder – Group Benefits Plan

If your dependent is no longer eligible to be covered under your plan, please notify the STS office by the 15th of the month.

“Eligible Dependents are defined as your spouse, unmarried dependent children under 21 years of age, and unmarried children under 26 years of age who are attending an educational institution or training at a school of learning on a full-time basis.”

STS Honorary Life Members

Darlene McCullough chaired the presentation of the Honorary Life Membership awards which were bestowed upon Shirley Henderson, Raymond Mynett and Loretta Romankewicz for their distinguished support of and contributions made to the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.

Readers of the citations were Shirley Dyck, STS Executive member, for Shirley Henderson; Wynn Lautermilch, South Central Chapter delegate for Raymond Mynett and Leon Eckert, President of the Swift Current Chapter, for Loretta Romankewicz.



Shirley Henderson

- STS Office Manager for 7 1/2 years
- Administration of Benefits Program
- Life Styles Planning Committee Member



Raymond Mynett

- Provincial Executive Member for 7 years
- Served on several provincial committees
- President of Pro-Life Association for 7 years



Loretta Romankewicz

- Outreach Editor from 1993 to 2007
- Editor and Publisher of Chapter Newsletter
- Received Chapter Honorary Award in 2001
- Received Hilroy Fellowship Award in 1984

Membership Growth Awards 2007

Chapter Name	Award	Chapter Name	Award
Battleford	Plaque	Maple Creek/Medicine Hat	2nd Base & Plaque
Fraser Valley	Plaque	Melville	Plaque
Humboldt & District	Plaque	Moose Jaw	Plaque
Kerrobert	Plaque	Northwest	Plaque
Langenburg	2nd Base & Plaque	Petrofka	Plaque
Last Mountain	Plaque	Prince Albert	Plaque
Lloydminster	Plaque	Weyburn	Plaque

STS Activities Report

Ed Magis, Calvin Bachmeier, Jim Slough



Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

Bowling

80 bowlers enjoyed 2 days of enjoyable companionship and bowling in Yorkton.

The winners are:

Home Team - Flora Henderson Trophy

Yorkton Andy Bolezuik
Hector Nelson
Norm Yasinsky
Edna Mazur
Rae Thompson

Mixed Visiting - Saskatoon Shield

Bev Stuart	Prince Albert
Norm Yasinsky	Yorkton
Alvin Craig	Foam Lake
Stella Shulhan	Saskatoon
John Pasishnik	Yorkton

Next year's host: Regina



Day One

Winning Team:
Edna Mazur, Andy Boleziuk,
Hector Nelson, Norm
Yasinsky, Rae Thompson



Day Two

Tournament Team:
Bev Stuart, Alvin Craig,
Stella Shulhan (holding
plaque), Norm Yasinsky,
John Pasishnik

Golf

Melfort June 13 & 14
Vic Goos (306) 752-4858

Swift Current 2008
hosts (tentative)

Fishing Derby

at Birds Point- Round Lake
July 5, 2007 (alternate July 12th)
9 am to 2 pm

Register at site or call
(306) 435-2551
Cost \$10.00

Kaiser

No host

Bridge

Saskatoon
Oct. 5 & 6
Maureen Scott (306) 373-0408
e-mail tmscott@shaw.ca
Note: corrected email

Stitch and Quilt

Hawood Hotel, Waskesiu
Oct. 10 - 12, 2007
\$150.00 Shirley Gange
(306) 982-3311
hgange@sasktel.net
Web page <http://stitchandquilt.com>

Curling

November 8 & 9, 2007 – Melville,
Saskatchewan

- Registration Fee: \$120.00 Per
rink, first 16 teams will be
accepted

- Spouses of retired teachers are
welcome to enter

Send a list of team members and
registration fees to:

Margaret Shanks
Box 191
Melville, SK S0A 2P0
(306) 728-4546

Thanks to all the STS members who have assisted me in making all the activities successful over the years.
It's been a pleasure and fun! Ed

To Hell With The Bells Breakfast

All former teachers of Hudson Bay and those who taught in the Hudson Bay School Division are invited to attend a breakfast and a day's celebration of Hudson Bay's 100th Birthday.

August 29, 2007 – 9:00 a.m.

Treeline Dining Room, Hudson Bay

Please let Michael Gorkoff know by August 15th if you are attending the breakfast.

Contact can be made at: mgorkoff@sasktel.net or by phone at (306) 865-3356 or by mail at Box 1367, Hudson Bay, SK S0E 0Y0

The web page for the **4th Annual STS Stitch and Quilt** is up and running. Please check it out <http://stitchandquilt.com>

For those who do not have access to a computer please contact Shirley Gange directly at (306) 982-3311, Box 28, Christopher Lake, SK S0J 0N0



**GREATER
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International Student Program

Host Families Invited

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools operates an International program in several schools throughout Saskatoon. This program brings the world to our students. It helps them to see differing world views and promotes understanding, peace, and harmony. Our students are able to form world-wide friendships and networking opportunities in the future. The students are here to study for one or more semesters.

A fundamental cornerstone of the international program is the homestay experience. It is an integral part of the program because of the sharing of culture, family, and language. English language acquisition is the primary goal of the students we get. The program has proven to be a highly positive experience for most families.

Currently, we anticipate a need for more homestay families in this area and invite you to consider this exciting cultural exchange. We are looking for families to provide a safe, caring environment with healthy meals and comfortable accommodation. The student reimburses the family \$600 a month. Hosting a foreign student can be a rewarding and enriching experience for your family.

If you are interested in experiencing a different culture by hosting a student, please call our office at 659-7688, Ron Muench at 227-9832, or Sharon Tkachuk at 221-3160.

For additional information regarding what a homestay does, have a look at our Homestay Guide at www.gscs.sk.ca/international.

Chapter Awards 2007

Battlefords Chapter:

- Cecile Blais
- Arthur Tegart

Prince Albert Chapter:

- Winnifred Chamberlain
- Constantine Honish

Regina Chapter:

- Evelyn Jay (2005-2006 Award of Merit)
- Paul Neumann (2005-2006 Award of Merit)
- Orren Bartel (2007 Award of Merit)
- Peter Wiebe (2007 Award of Merit)

Saskatoon Chapter:

- Aldean Glass (2005-2006 Honorary Life Member)
- Harold Flett (2006-2007 Honorary Life Member)
- Robert Wilson (2006-2007 Honorary Life Member)

Swift Current Chapter:

- Frank Mudry (2005-2006 Award of Distinction)
- Harry Wiebe (2005-2006 Award of Distinction)

Yorkton & District Chapter

- Dona O' Callaghan
- Jean Rudy
- Ruth Molnar

STS Executive 2007-2008

President/Councillor	Siegrid Schergel	Moose Jaw Chapter
Past President/Councillor	Horst Sawatzki	Moosomin Chapter
Vice-President/Councillor	Jim Sego	Unity Chapter
Councillors:		
V.A. Derkach	Nipawin Chapter	
Shirley Dyck	Swift Current Chapter	
Mike Kaminski	Assiniboine Chapter	
Margaret Martin	Saskatoon Chapter	
Peter Wiebe	Regina Chapter	
Members At Large:		
Calvin Bachmeier	Maple Creek/Medicine Hat Chapter	
Elaine Broughton	Saskatoon Chapter	
Doug Haroldson	Maple Creek/Medicine Hat Chapter	
Darlene McCullough	Tisdale Chapter	
James Slough	Regina Chapter	
Maxine Stinka	Assiniboine Chapter	
Robert Wuschenny	Yorkton Chapter	
ACER-CART	Fred Herron	Saskatoon Chapter
Outreach Editor	Shirley Henderson	Prince Albert Chapter
Retirement Lifestyles Planning	Shirley Dyck	Swift Current Chapter

Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2006-07 STF Post-Secondary Education Prizes

The (5) STF Entrance Prizes in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to:

Stacey Archibald	Naicam, SK	Naicam School
Tolysha Dale	Saskatoon, SK	St. Joseph High School
Laura Froehlich	Chaplin, SK	Chaplin School
Kent Sandor	Saskatoon, SK	Glentworth Central School
Carrie Yuzik	Landis, SK	Landis School

The recipients above have been drawn from 184 applications received. They are children of teachers who are current, superannuated or deceased members of the STF. They are entering their first year at an accredited post-secondary institution.

The (5) STF Continuing Prizes in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to:

Cameron Berg	Lashburn, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Drew Canham	Regina, SK	University of Alberta
Steven Dollansky	Biggar, SK	University of Alberta
Janae McIntyre	Moose Jaw, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Alexander Shalashniy	Saskatoon, SK	University of Saskatchewan

The recipients above have been drawn from 252 applications received. They are children of teachers who are current, superannuated or deceased members of the STF. They have completed their first year and are entering a subsequent year as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary institution.

College of Education 80th Anniversary Event Listings for 2007

- September 14 University of Saskatchewan Alumni and Friends Centennial Homecoming - College of Education Reception** - Education Library, 2nd floor, College of Education. 7 – 10 p.m. Decade rooms will be open for alumni and emeriti. All alumni and current and former faculty and staff are invited. There will also be an administrative staff reunion for all current and former College of Education employees and each department will also be hosting graduate student reunions during this time. Cost is \$10 per person. Cash bar. For more information go to <http://www.usask.ca/education/anniversary/homecoming.htm> or call 966-7637.
- September 15 University of Saskatchewan Alumni and Friends Centennial Homecoming - College of Education Pancake Breakfast** - Student Lounge, College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Everyone welcome. For more information go to <http://www.usask.ca/education/anniversary/homecoming.htm> or call 966-7637.
- September 22 College of Education, University of Saskatchewan 80th Anniversary Celebration Reunion.** Location TBA, Victoria, B.C. 2 - 4 p.m. All alumni and current and former educators are invited. For more information go to www.usask.ca/education/anniversary or call 966-7637.
- September 27 College of Education, University of Saskatchewan 80th Anniversary Celebration Reunion.** Location TBA, Edmonton, AB. 4 - 6 p.m. All alumni and current and former educators are invited. For more information go to www.usask.ca/education/anniversary or call 966-7637.
- September 28 College of Education, University of Saskatchewan 80th Anniversary Celebration Reunion.** Location TBA, Calgary, AB. Time TBA. All alumni and current and former educators are invited. For more information go to www.usask.ca/education/anniversary or call 966-7637.
- November 22 Teaching in the Wireless Age.** A public lecture by David Booth, Professor Emeritus, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. 7:30 p.m. Quance Theatre, College of Education, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. For more information, go to www.usask.ca/education/anniversary or call 966-7637.

Streetsville Secondary School

(Mississauga, Ontario) celebrates its 50th Anniversary 1958 - 2008. June 6-7, 2008.

For more information, visit www.sss50thanniversary.ca

Announcing A Web Site For Puzzle-Lovers

www.puzzlepick.com – from a retired Canadian Teacher! There is a weekly cryptic crossword, a monthly double acrostic and a twice-a-week online (and mainly nostalgic) trivia puzzle. Lots of material there for mental exertion – and plenty of free puzzles to start with (49 words).

In Memoriam

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

*We are only able to include the
maiden names of the deceased
teachers if the family gives that
information to the Teachers'
Superannuation Commission.*

Name (Nee)	Date of Death	Last Taught
Andreas, Victor	Mar 24/07	Moose Jaw SD #1
Arnold, William	Mar 18/07	
Arnott, James	Apr 01/07	Moose Jaw SD #1
Baerg, Irene	Apr 03/07	Saskatoon W SD #42
Bailey, Cecil	Apr 03/07	Oxbow SD #51
Bernhardson, Verna (Nagel)	Mar 08/07	
Brown, Marilyn	Mar 22/07	Saskatoon SD #13
Busse, Edna	Feb 14/07	
Carr, Marjorie	Apr 24/07	Wilkie SD #59
Cheveldayoff, Pauline	Nov 27/05	
Cornish, William	Apr 27/07	Regina SD #4
Cripps, Sandra (Piloski)	Mar 20/07	Regina SD #4
Dickson, Margaret	Mar 20/07	
Dreger, Helen	Apr 03/07	Regina SD #4
Dyck, Helen	Apr 04/07	
Gawley, Jacqueline	Mar 30/07	Moose Jaw SD #1
Gifford, Mervin	Apr 03/07	Saskatoon SD #13
Granberg, Agnes	Apr 16/07	
Gregorash, Thelma	Apr 16/07	Weyburn SD #97
Harris, Lily	Mar 17/07	Regina SD #4
Jensen, Carl	Mar 29/07	Nipawin SD #61
Jowsey, Frances	Apr 09/07	
Kool, Doris	Apr 11/07	
Kot, Beatrice (Vanderdiressche)	Apr 19/07	
Krause, Margaret	Mar 13/07	North Battleford SD #103
Lalonde, Victor	Mar 07/07	
Latimer, F. Elsie	Mar 18/07	North Battleford SD #103
Lawson, Edith	Apr 02/07	Regina SD #4
Lemay, Sr. Maria	Mar 25/07	
Lesanko, Eunice	Apr 19/07	Timberline SD #45
MacKinnon, Frederick	Apr 12/07	
Martin, Eva	Apr 19/07	Moose Jaw SD #1
McCaffrey, Ruth	Mar 21/07	Turtleford SD #65
McIvor, Gordon	Apr 22/07	Mankota RCSSD #9
McFarlane, Eleanor (Cunningham)	Mar 24/07	Regina SD #4
Meyer, Margaret	Apr 18/07	Herbert SD #79
Moneo, John	Mar 21/07	Borderland SD #68
Morris, Margaret	Mar 05/07	Saskatoon SD #13
Newbern, Mary	Mar 12/07	Wilkie SD #59
Okrainetz, Peter	Apr 27/07	Canora SD #37
Rubin, Marie	Apr 0/07	
Shockey, Dale	Apr 29/07	
Smyth, Dorothy	Mar 05/07	Wilkie SD #59
Solar, Sylvester	Apr 03/07	Wakaw SD #48
Spicer, Thomas	Apr 20/07	Saskatoon SD #13
Stadnek, Ardith	Apr 22/07	Hudson Bay SD #52
Steer, Manon Emma	Mar 09/07	Regina SD #4
Thompson, Arvid	Apr 12/07	Regina SD #4
Tomyn, Peter	Apr 01/07	Leader SD #24
Wagner, Sister Lorraine	Apr 04/07	Golden Plains SD #124
Weinheimer, Walter	Apr 17/07	Thunder Creek SD #78
Woytowich, John	Mar 20/07	
Yake, Hugh	Apr 14/07	Saskatoon SD #13
Zrymiak, John	Apr 20/07	Prairie West SD #74
Zurif, Gladys	Apr 18/07	

STS Executive 2006 - 2007

From Your Editor

Outreach is the bond, the glue that binds our Chapters together. It really is a personal letter, 5 times a year, from our Parent organization to each of you, the Chapter child. Each committee, a member of the family, in its printed report, makes you aware of what is being done for you and the progress that is being made. STS and *Outreach* have not stood still. In addition to the newsletter, we now have a website filled with scads of information about STS AND.... *Outreach* is posted on-line. ***Outreach... you've come a long way, Baby.***

Each of us is a vital thread in the tapestry that is our organization, the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan. We are the warp and the weft, the colour, the strength and the needs that fashion its fabric. Our lives are woven together and together we form an awesome group that cares for its own. Thank you, Executive, and members!

Remember everyday is a gift. Deposit all the happiness you can in your bank account of memories.

Goodbye, take care and God bless!

Loretta A. Romanekwicz
E-mail: allorosa@sasktel.net

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