

# OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers  
of Saskatchewan

## President's Report

Jim Sego

Since I last wrote to you in *Outreach* I have had a full summer as I hope you have. After the AGM I visited several Chapters – Moose Jaw, Kerrobert, Esterhazy, Saskatoon, Carnduff, and Nipawin – seeing much of the province, celebrating the centennial of Unity where I reconnected with many former students whom I taught between 1966 and 1997, and watching my granddaughters, Nora and Aubrie, exploring their three-year and six-month-old worlds.

After a summer of unusual and uncertain weather, I am pleased to report to you on one stable element in our lives – the administration of both our provincial organization and our benefit plan. The first meeting of the Executive was accompanied by reports of a clean audit of our books, receipt of a surplus in our budget, a membership of 8955, and a significant surplus in the operation of our benefit plan for the first five months (the benefit plans operate from February 1 to January 31).

The annual meeting of STS Chapter Presidents will take place on November 14, 2009. Please contact your Chapter President for information about the schedule and to discuss ideas that you see as

deserving provincial discussion among Chapter Presidents.

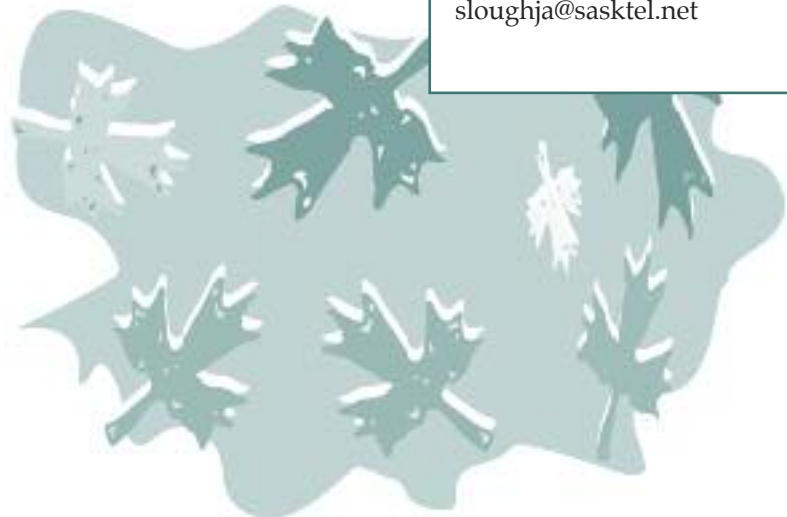
As usual each of the committees of the Executive has reports in *Outreach*; please read them to keep informed about upcoming events and deadlines.

I will be busy visiting Chapters between now and the Presidents' Meeting. If I am in your area I hope you will attend your Chapter meeting to inform me of your views and to pass them to the provincial level via your President or through Chapter resolution. Carole and I are looking forward to visiting the following Chapters: South Central, Biggar, Maple Creek-Medicine Hat, Humboldt, Swift Current, Regina, Prince Albert and Lloydminster.

### Attention Chapter Presidents

Nominations for Honorary Life Memberships must be submitted to the STS Office by February 14, 2010. If you have worthy candidates for these awards, ensure that the nominations are submitted well before that deadline. Please check the *Policy Handbook* pages 38 and 39 for the required information and for the correct format of the nomination.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact James Slough at (306) 586-0397 or email [sloughja@sasktel.net](mailto:sloughja@sasktel.net)



## Annual General Meeting – Shirley Dyck & Doug Haroldson

The 2010 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon on Tuesday, May 11 to Thursday, May 13, 2010.

Our delegates will be royally entertained on opening night as Catriona LeMay Doan will be our guest speaker.

Our 2009 AGM was very successful according to the 173 evaluations we received. We reviewed these evaluations at our first meeting of the AGM Planning Committee and the many useful suggestions. Thank you delegates for taking time to complete them.

The Executive has calculated that the attendance formula for this year will allow each Chapter to send two delegates for the first 60 paid members or portion thereof, and one additional delegate for each 60 paid members or portion thereof.

We are planning a very exciting 2010 Annual General Meeting.

## Group Benefits – Shirley Henderson

The Group Benefits Committee held its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 to review our Extended Health and Dental Plan. As you know, on February 1, 2009 we entered into a new three year contract with Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

Upon reviewing the Claims Experience Report ending August 2009 it shows a very positive position with a claims ratio of 82.9% for Extended Health and a claims ratio of 92.4% for Dental and an average of 86.3% for both.

The membership is continuing to grow with a total of 4519 members taking part in the Group Benefits plan.

The Committee established the following goals for 2009-2010:

- To closely monitor the visions of

the Plan and the financial status of the Plan;

- To continue to promote the Group Benefits Plan to new superannuates;
- To review the Policies and Procedures of the Group Benefits as set in the *Policy Handbook*.

### Some reminders to note for our members:

- **If you have a child who is over 21 years please notify the STS Office as they will no longer have Group Benefit coverage unless they are a fulltime student. Please let the STS Office know if your child is a fulltime student.**
- **Once your child has left school the STS Office needs to be notified or you will continue paying for their coverage.**
- **If you are a family of high prescription use please apply for the Special Support Program for assistance in coverage. Forms can be obtained at your pharmacy.**
- **If you are a member of the STS Group Benefits Plan and are over 65 years and live in Saskatchewan you can apply for the Senior Drug Plan offered by the Saskatchewan Government. If accepted in this Plan please send to the STS Office a copy of such acceptance. This will qualify you to receive a reduced rate in Extended Health Premiums.**

## Budget, Finance and Audit – Margaret Martin

Mr. Albert Johnston, Lead Client Service Partner, Deloitte, was present to speak to the Committee about the audited STS Financial Statements and the audited STS Extended Health Fund Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2009. Both of the financial statements resulted from a clean audit. The audited STS Financial Statements for the year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 showed that we

had revenues of \$417,939.00 and expenses of \$391,537.00, as well as, an Operating Fund surplus of \$26,402.00. Mr. Johnston answered any questions the Committee had and noted that the auditors were very happy with their working relationship with Fred Herron and our Office Staff. The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee scrutinized these financial statements and approved them. They will now be distributed to the Chapters and presented for approval at the STS AGM 2010.

The STS membership is presently 8955 members. In February of 2007 we reached 8000 members, and 9000 members should be reached before the end of this year.

The Committee established the following goals for 2009-2010:

1. That we continue to scrutinize all STS financial reports.
2. That we continue to monitor the financial situation of the STS.
3. That the Committee members continue to improve their knowledge base by noting areas we need to improve on an ongoing basis.
4. That the Committee continue to play a major role in the budget planning process.
5. That the Committee and the Executive receive on-going information about the TSP and STRP Pension plans to be able to respond to questions being asked of us.

## Outreach – Margaret Martin

The Committee reviewed the *Outreach* Printing and Distribution Guidelines already in place. They seem to be working well. We will continue to monitor this process.

The Committee established the following goals for 2009-2010:

1. That we prepare a Style Guide specific to *Outreach*.
2. That we continue to monitor *Outreach* printing and distribution.
3. That we take an active role in seeking articles for the Spotlight

on Superannuates page that can highlight or give special recognition to individual superannuates or Chapters. We hope that Chapters will assist us with these articles.

4. That we update the Activities summary page for inclusion as soon as possible.
5. That we continue to try to keep our issue size to eight pages if possible.

Our Editor, Shirley Henderson, asked a question about an article being written to assist a STS member's spouse after the death of the superannuate. It was decided that this would be of assistance to many and that Shirley Henderson and Fred Herron would gather information to get this article written.

## **Retirement Lifestyles Planning Report – Shirley Dyck**

The Retirement Lifestyles Planning Committee met on September 18, 2009 at the STF Building.

We discussed the evaluations from the seven Conventions we had presented to in 2008-2009.

We evaluated the program we present to teachers who will be retiring within ten years.

We discussed a Post-Retirement presentation that we would be willing to share at STS Chapter Meetings.

The Retirement Lifestyles Planning Committee will again advertise in the bulletin and send out a letter that will outline our program to all Divisions and PD Chairs. We will also have a colorful brochure to send out as well.

This fall we have been invited to the Prairie South Teachers' Convention to be held in Assiniboia on September 25 and the Chinook Teachers' Convention to be held in Swift Current on October 13.

## **Support Services Committee Report – Calvin Bachmeier**

The committee welcomed new Executive member Roger Marchand to the committee. Returning members are Elaine Broughton, Wally Derkach, Doug Glazer, Al Schell, Dalton Tamney, Fred Herron and Jim Sego.

The committee passed a motion to allow a survey directed to public and private sector Canadian workers aged 45+ and retired persons to assess their potential interest in transitioning to full or part-time paid employment in the non-profit sector, either in later career or post-retirement years. This was requested by the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers. It will appear on the STS website and will be completed on a voluntary basis.

Goals and Objectives for 2009-2010.

1. Maintain and monitor existing programs.
2. Strengthen the relationship between STS liaison persons and the local Chapters.
3. Monitor the STS website [www.sts.sk.ca](http://www.sts.sk.ca).
4. Keep the STS website current.
5. Be responsive to the needs of our membership.

## **ACER-CART – Fred Herron**

The 18th Annual General Meeting of ACER-CART (Association Des Enseignantes et Des Enseignants Retrait – Canadian Association of Retired Teachers) was held in Ottawa on June 5 and 6, 2009. ACER-CART is made up of fourteen provincial and territorial retired teacher organizations in Canada and represents more than 168,000 retired educators.

The major priority for 2008-2009 was to lobby the Government of Canada to uphold the five historic principles of the *Canada Health Act* (1984). A comprehensive brief was presented to the federal

government and to opposition critics in support of the health care priority. In addition, a brief addressing income issues for seniors such as RIFF's, RRSP's and OAS clawbacks was presented to Finance Minister Flaherty during pre-budget consultations.

Among the priorities for 2009-2010 are continued pressure on the federal and provincial and territorial governments to uphold the five historic principles of the *Canada Health Act* 1984. In addition, ACER-CART passed resolutions calling for the establishment of a National Securities Regulator and implementation of the November 2008 report of the Canadian Health Coalition. Two resolutions sponsored by STS calling for a phase in of a national prescription drug strategy and the elimination of the renewal of drug patents were also passed.

A request was made by ACER-CART to become an Associate Member of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Associate membership would allow full participation in Project Overseas by ACER-CART members. Unfortunately that request was rejected by CTF at their annual meeting in July.

The Executive for 2009-2010 includes the newly elected President, Vaughn Wadelius, Past President, Helen Biales and Regional Representatives Thomas Gaskell (Atlantic), Ed Zegray (Quebec), Arnold Hall (Ontario) and Dean McMullen (West).



# Resolutions

Robert Wuschenny

## Disposition of Resolutions

All resolutions from the May 2009 AGM have been sent to the bodies to which they were directed. Resolutions directed to ACER-CART were all passed at the ACER-CART AGM. The Committee awaits results from other bodies and will inform the members accordingly in future STS publications, including *Outreach*.

The following resolutions have been approved by the STS Executive in accordance with STS Bylaw 9:

### Resolution One

#### Bylaw 3 – Elections, Terms of Office and Vacancies

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw 3 – 1.2 be amended to read:

“Nominations will be received until four o’clock of the day prior to the elections for the STS Executive”.  
Note: Guideline 5.2, p.41, par 3 would also need to reflect this change.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw 3 – 2.3 be amended to read:

“Should the Past President decline the offer, the position shall remain vacant and the Executive shall appoint a Nominations Committee Chairperson and elect an additional Councillor at the AGM”.

### Resolution Two

#### Bylaw 7 – Quorum

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Bylaw 7 – 7.1 be amended to read:

“A quorum at an Executive Meeting shall be the majority of the members”.

### Resolution Three

#### Policy 3 – Resolutions

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the note under Policy 3 be amended to:

“Any resolutions received after April 30 and not dealt with by the Resolutions Committee shall be designated as Late Resolutions”.

## Alzheimer Society

The Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan is seeking energetic volunteers to help deliver their Children’s Education Program in classrooms. Alzheimer Society staff will provide all the training and materials needed to deliver the program to students in Saskatchewan. For further information please contact: Bobbi Krushkowski, Public Education Coordinator, and Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan.

Phone:

(306) 949-4141

or toll free-1-800-263-3367

Email:

krushkowski@alzheimer.sk.ca

Website:

www.alzheimer.sk.ca

## Attention Superannuated Teachers

If you withdrew teaching services during a legal strike over the course of your career and as a consequence were required to delay your superannuation in order to accumulate additional contributory service, you may be entitled to a benefit from the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation. Applications will be received until October 30, 2009.

For information, please request an information package from:

Martha Galenzoski,  
Administration/Governance  
Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation  
2317 Arlington Ave  
Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8  
Ph: (306) 373-1660; 1-800-667-7762



The *Outreach* is available online. Please e-mail the STS Office if you wish to receive notification when it is posted on the website instead of receiving a hard copy.

Email: [sts@stf.sk.ca](mailto:sts@stf.sk.ca)

## 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**

## Surgery Wait Time Hotline:

Saskatoon Health Region: 1-866-543-6767

Regina-Qu’Appelle Health Region: 1-866-622-0222

# Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2008-2009 STF Post-Secondary Education Prizes:

The five STF Entrance Prizes in the amount of \$1,000 were awarded to:

Nicole Barrington	Saskatoon, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Meritt Kocdag	Saskatoon, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Lexton Lee	Midale, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Teghan Lowe	Moosomin, SK	University of Regina
Kaitlyn Marchand	Elrose, SK	Lethbridge College

The recipients above have been drawn from 144 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 five STF Continuing Prizes in the amount of \$1,000 were awarded to:

Erin Exley	Wilke, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Katie McCaw	Wynyard, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Nicole Nelson	Saskatoon, SK	University of Saskatchewan
David Plemel	Saskatoon, SK	University of Saskatchewan
Mary Stirling	Saskatoon, SK	University of Saskatchewan

The recipients above have been drawn from 254 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.



For the first meeting of the year the Mainline Chapter met at two locations because of the size of the Chapter. This meeting was held at the Calling Lakes Centre north of Fort Qu'Appelle. The other one was held at Kipling. Both were held at the same time on Tuesday, September 8.

# Recreation

Calvin Bachmeier



## Upcoming Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

### Bridge

2009 Host: Saskatoon Chapter  
Date: October 23-24, 2009  
Location: Saskatoon Bridge Club  
Contact: Maureen Scott  
Phone: (306) 373-0408

### Curling

2009 Host: South Central Chapter  
Date: Nov 2, 3 & 4, 2009  
Location: Assiniboia Curling Club  
Contact: Maurice Koszman  
Phone: (306) 268-2867

2010 Host: Parkland Chapter  
Location: Shelbrook Curling Club  
Contact: Clarence Bowes  
Phone: (306) 747-6268

### Fishing

2010 Host: Nipawin Chapter  
Date: June 24, 2010  
Location: Tobin Lake  
Contact: Kate McCorrison  
m.mccorrison@sasktel.net  
Phone: (306) 862-3627

### Golf

2010 Host: Souris-Moose Mountain Chapter  
Location: Madge Lake  
Contact: Merv Walker  
Phone: (306) 433-2207

2011 Host: Assiniboine Chapter  
Contact: Tom Jordens  
Phone: (306) 542-3265

### Bowling

2010 Location: Moose Jaw  
(Dates and Details to follow)

### Stitch & Quilt

2010 Host: Saskatoon Chapter  
Contact: Jacqueline Kurmey  
Phone: (306) 374-6652

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

## Recreational Activities (1979-2009)

Date	Bowling	Bridge	Curling	Golf	Horseshoes	Other
1979				Humboldt		<b>Tennis</b>
1980				Kamsack		Saskatoon 1988
1981				Estevan		
1982			Melfort	Prince Albert		<b>Kaiser</b>
1983			Govan	Regina		N. Battleford 2001
1984	Moose Jaw		Kamsack	Melfort		Nipawin 2002
1985	Yorkton		N. Battleford	Outlook	Saskatoon	Humboldt 2003
1986	Regina		Langham	Prince Albert	Saskatoon	N. Battleford 2004
1987	Tisdale		Melfort	N. Battleford	N. Battleford	Unity 2005
1988	Prince Albert		Swift Current	Yorkton	N. Battleford	Prince Albert 2006
1989	Kindersley		Regina	Foam Lake	Moose Jaw	N. Battleford 2007
1990	Lloydminster		Saskatoon	Lafleche	Moose Jaw	Prince Albert 2008
1991	Foam Lake		Yorkton	Kamsack	Saskatoon	Unity 2009
1992	Assiniboia	Moose Jaw	Prince Albert	Swift Current	N. Battleford	
1993	Melville	Swift Current	Weyburn	Melfort	Moose Jaw	<b>Fishing</b>
1994	Moose Jaw	Regina	Nipawin	Regina	Saskatoon	Moosomin/Mainline/01
1995	Yorkton	Swift Current	Grenfell	Nipawin	N. Battleford	Moosomin/Mainline/02
1996	Saskatoon	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	Moosomin	Moose Jaw	Moosomin/Mainline/03
1997	Regina	Moose Jaw	Saskatoon	Shamrock	Saskatoon	Moosomin/Mainline/07
1998	Moosomin	Regina	Rosetown	Red Deer River Valley	N. Battleford	Moosomin 2009
1999	Swift Current	Saskatoon	Melville	N. Battleford	Moose Jaw	
2000	Humboldt	Swift Current	Melfort	Estevan	Saskatoon	<b>Quilting</b>
2001	Yorkton	Moose Jaw	Weyburn	Swift Current	N. Battleford	Moose Jaw 2004
2002	Prince Albert	Regina	N. Battleford	Yorkton		Kenosee 2005
2003	Regina	Swift Current	Canora	Saskatoon		Manitou Beach 2006
2004	Moose Jaw	Saskatoon	Prince Albert	Regina		Waskesiu 2007
2005	Saskatoon	Moose Jaw	Moosomin	Nipawin		Mainline 2009
2006	Esterhazy	Swift Current	Outlook	Weyburn		
2007	Yorkton	Saskatoon	Melville	Melfort		
2008	Regina	Regina	Saskatoon	Maple Creek-Medicine Hat		
2009	Prince Albert	Saskatoon	South Central	Midlakes		
2010	Moose Jaw		Parkland	Souris Moose Mountain		

# Spotlight on Members

## Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan



### **STS Executive 2009-2010**

Back row (from left) Doug Haroldson, Shirley Dyck, Mike Kaminski, Elaine Broughton, Shirley Henderson, Kate McCorriston, Mike Gorkoff, Robert Wuschenny, James Slough, Calvin Bachmeier.

Front row (from left) Fred Herron (ACER-CART Representative), Margaret Martin (Vice-President), Jim Sego (President), Peter Wiebe, Maxine Stinka, Roger Marchand.

### *Congratulations*

Hazel Parker celebrated her 90th birthday on August 19, 2009. A family celebration took place at Thompson Lake.

Alfreda Vold celebrated her 100th birthday on August 23, 2009. A celebration took place in Qu'Appelle.

Marjorie E.I. Ingram celebrated her 90th Birthday on October 15, 2009. The celebration for this special day took place in the Quill Lake Community Centre on August 9, 2009.

The Rosetown STS Group is proud of one of their members, Hugh Lees, for obtaining the honour of being Rosetown's Citizen of the Year 2008.

## From The Editor's Desk

As I write this, Mother Nature has given us our summer with numerous days in places all across Saskatchewan breaking heat records. This is allowing for the harvest to continue with great vigor.

Another year has begun with the Executive meeting and showing due diligence on the working of our STS organization. Please read the reports as presented in this newsletter. If you have any questions please contact your Chapter liaison, the STS Office or any member of the Executive.

Please keep in mind the Chapter Presidents' Meeting coming up on November 14 at the STF Building in Saskatoon. If you, the Chapter President, cannot attend, consider sending an alternate.

Till next time take care and enjoy the very colorful outdoors.

**Shirley**

New shoes, new lunchbox,  
new teachers...

September brings new  
possibilities, too!

The chance to shine, to learn,  
to grow...

Whether you're six or sixty!

(Sally Kogan)

## STS Executive 2009-2010

<b>President/Councillor</b>	Jim Sego	Unity Chapter
<b>Vice-President/Councillor</b>	Margaret Martin	Saskatoon Chapter
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	Fred Herron	Saskatoon Chapter
<b>Councillors:</b>		
Calvin Bachmeier	Maple Creek / Medicine Hat Chapter	
Shirley Dyck	Swift Current Chapter	
Michael Gorkoff	Red Deer River Valley Chapter	
Doug Haroldson	Maple Creek / Medicine Hat Chapter	
Mike Kaminski	Assiniboine Chapter	
Peter Wiebe	Regina Chapter	
<b>Members At Large:</b>		
Elaine Broughton	Saskatoon Chapter	
Shirley Henderson	Prince Albert Chapter	
Roger Marchand	South Central Chapter	
Kate McCorriston	Nipawin Chapter	
James Slough	Regina Chapter	
Maxine Stinka	Assiniboine Chapter	
Robert Wuschenny	Yorkton Chapter	
<b>ACER-CART</b>		
Fred Herron	Saskatoon Chapter	

## Reminder

### STS Group Benefit Primary Plan holders

If you qualify for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan **and have not already done so, please send a copy of the confirmation letter to the STS Office** in order to receive the reduced premium for Extended Health.

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