

OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers
of Saskatchewan

President's Report

Margaret Martin

It is an honour and a privilege to serve you as President of Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan for the 2010-2011 year. I wish to thank Jim Segó for his service to STS during the past two years as your President. I also would like to welcome to the Provincial Executive George Georget, Gerald Mamer, and Dan Palsich. They, along with your other Executive members, Fred Herron, our Executive Secretary, Colleen Bailey, our Office Manager, and Heather Hase, our Assistant Office Manager, are continuing the work to enable our organization to run so efficiently.

Welcome, too, to the many new superannuates who have joined the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan over the past few months. We now have 9386 members in our 43 Chapters as we continue to be a large and growing organization.

The Group Benefits Plan, which includes the Extended Health Plan and the Dental Plan, continues to be an important program for our STS members. The Client Drug Reimbursement Card which was able to be used as of April 1, 2010, has been positively received by our members. It is important to note that the Group Benefits Plan is **our Plan**. This means that **members pay all of**

the costs for the plan, STS oversees the functioning of the Plan, and Saskatchewan Blue Cross is the carrier of the Plan. This is the second year of a three-year negotiated agreement with Saskatchewan Blue Cross. The Group Benefits Committee along with the STS Executive continue to be watchful of the costs to the Plan.

Our eight STS Councillors have again been invited by the STF to be participants at the STF Councillors' Conference and Special Meeting of Council on October 14 to 16, 2010, in Saskatoon. We have the opportunity at that time to be updated on educational issues in the province and to take part in all discussions.

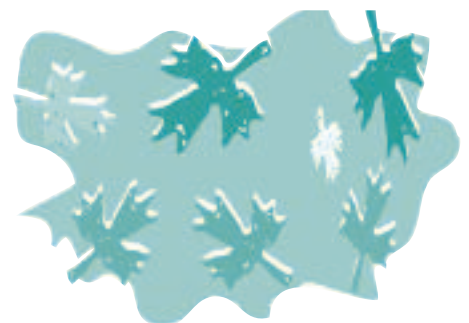
Many recreational activities are being hosted by our local Chapters and supported by STS for this coming year. I look forward to meeting with many of you as you take part in these activities—maybe even on the curling ice in Shellbrook on November 1, 2, and 3, 2010.

It is never too early to take note of any resolutions from you or any of your Chapter members. Resolutions can be submitted to the STS Office at any time of the year and will be dealt with by our Resolutions Committee prior to our annual STS AGM in May, 2011.

Please note the reports written for inclusion in this issue of *Outreach* by the STS Committee Chairpersons after our most recent STS Committee and Executive Meetings on September 15 and 16. They will provide updated information on the STS Executive and Committee work.

I have been contacted by many Chapters to be a part of their fall meetings. I welcome these opportunities to meet with you. Please call me at 306-373-4433 or send me an email (bill.marg@sasktel.net) if you would like me to visit your Chapter. I also look forward to meeting with all of our Chapter Presidents at our annual Presidents' Meeting on Friday, October 29, 2010. The agenda has been finalized, and Chapter Presidents will be receiving information from the STS Office as soon as possible.

Please enjoy our unpredictable but wonderful Saskatchewan fall weather!



Group Benefits Report

Shirley Henderson

The Committee met and set the following goals for 2010 – 2011:

- To closely monitor the visions of the Group Benefits Plan and the financial status of the Plan.
- To continue to promote and provide information of the Group Benefits Plan to new superannuates.
- To review the policies and procedures of the Group Benefits Plan as set out in the STS Policy Handbook.
- To monitor closely the cost and usage of the Client Reimbursement Card.

As new superannuates join our Group Plan we need to be reminded that this is our Plan, self-funded by its members. It is not a continuation of the Teachers' Plan, but rather a Plan belonging to and administered by the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.

At 2010 AGM a resolution was put forth and referred to the Group Benefits Committee. We recommended to the Executive **THAT** retroactive to July 1, 2010 our Group Benefits Health Plan increase the cardiac rehabilitation lifetime maximum to \$600.00 when prescribed by a physician.

Some reminders to note for our members:

- If you have a child who is over 21 years and a full time student please notify the STS Office that he/she is still a student or he/she will no longer have Group Benefit coverage.
- 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 to the government Special Support Program for assistance with

coverage. Forms can be obtained at your pharmacy.

- If you are a member of the STS Group Benefits Plan, are 65 years of age or older and qualify for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan,

you are entitled to receive a reduction in the monthly premium for the Extended Health. Please forward a copy of the Seniors' Drug Plan confirmation of eligibility letter to the STS Office.

ACER-CART Report

Fred Herron

The 19th Annual General Meeting of ACER-CART (Canadienne des Enseignantes et des enseignants Retraites-Canadian Association of Retired Teachers) was held in Ottawa on June 3-5, 2010. ACER-CART is made up of fourteen provincial and territorial retired teacher organizations in Canada and represents approximately 170 000 retired teachers.

The priority for ACER-CART during 2009 – 2010 has been health care for Canadians and high drug costs, particularly for senior Canadians. ACER-CART has lobbied the Government of Canada to uphold the five historic principles of the Canada Health Act (1984) and urges the government to implement a national Pharmacare program. ACER-CART also petitioned the

federal government to provide regional funding for Radio Canada and the CBC, implement a national securities regulator and take measures to fight fraud and respond to the needs of fraud victims.

ACER-CART will again focus on health issues in 2010 – 2011. The undermining of the five historic principles of the Canada Health Act (1984) continues to be a major concern and the high cost of prescription drugs continues to anger members of our organization.

The Executive for 2010 – 2011 includes President, Vaughn Wadelius; Past-President, Helen Biales; Regional Representatives: Tom Gaskell (Atlantic), Ed Zegray (Quebec). Brian Kenny (Ontario) and Dean McMullen (West).

Budget, Finance and Audit Report

Robert Wuschenny

Membership is 9386 as of September 15, 2010.

The following Committee goals were set for 2010-2011:

1. Assist with the preparation of the 2011-2012 budget
2. Continue to monitor the 2010-2011 budget.

3. Provide information to STS members regarding our pension plans.
4. Improve STS members' knowledge base regarding Health and Dental Plans.
5. Be sensitive to our new members' expectations through Chapter liaison controls, Pre-retirement seminars, *Outreach*, President's message.

AGM Report – Shirley Dyck & Doug Haroldson

The next AGM will be held at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon from Tuesday, May 10, to Thursday May 12, 2011.

The Committee reviewed the evaluation sheets from the 2010 AGM. There was a very positive response from the 166 delegates that returned them.

The AGM Committee dealt with Resolution Two that was passed at the 2010 AGM and forwarded it to the Planning Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS Provincial Executive consider that at least one of the interest sessions at the Annual General Meeting be related to matters of STS benefits (i.e. pensions, health care, insurance).

We recommended to the Executive that the attendance formula be the same as last year. Each Chapter is eligible 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.

The Membership Growth Awards and Chapter Awards will be presented at the Wednesday Luncheon rather than at the banquet.

Goals of the AGM Planning Committee:

- to present a quality Annual General Meeting.
- to keep the cost of the Annual General Meeting within the budget guidelines.

Retirement Lifestyles Planning Report – Shirley Dyck

The Retirement Lifestyles Planning Committee met on September 16th at the STF Building.

The Committee welcomed new Executive member Gerald Mamer. Returning members are Daryl Nordick, Bert Gordon, George Georget, Shirley Henderson, Calvin Bachmeier, Elaine Broughton,

Darlene Kidd, Dianne McLeod, Doug Haroldson, and Margaret Martin.

We discussed the evaluations from the eight Conventions where presentations were made in 2009-2010.

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

We discussed the possibility of Post-Retirement presentations.

The Retirement Lifestyles Planning Committee will again advertise in the *Bulletin* and send out a letter to all Divisions and PD Chairs that will outline our program. We look forward to assisting teachers in their retirement.



STS Executive 2010-2011

Back row (from left) Doug Haroldson, Maxine Stinka, George Georget (ACER-CART Representative), Shirley Henderson, James Slough, Mike Kaminski, Dan Palsich, Kate McCorriston, Gerald Mamer, Roger Marchand. Front row (from left) Fred Herron (Executive Secretary), Shirley Dyck, Jim Sego (Past President), Margaret Martin (President), Robert Wuschenny (Vice President), Elaine Broughton, Calvin Bachmeier

Outreach Report – Margaret Martin

The *Outreach* Committee members, Margaret Martin (chair), Shirley Dyck, George Georget, Shirley Henderson (Editor), Kate McCorrison, Dan Palsich, Jim Segó, and Fred Herron, reviewed the *Outreach* Printing and Distribution Guidelines for the 2010-2011 year.

We continue to request contributions from our Chapters for the Spotlight on Superannuates page highlighting a Chapter member or members or a Chapter itself. Please send all submissions to the STS Office.

It is possible to receive *Outreach* by email (to save a tree and some postage)

by contacting the STS Office. You will be advised that the current copy is posted on our website about one week earlier than you would receive your paper copy. If two copies of *Outreach* are being sent and only one is needed, please advise the STS Office.

Resolutions Report – Robert Wuschenny

- A website section to provide information on disposition of resolutions for the past five years is being developed.
- Resolutions passed at the 2010 AGM have been referred to the agencies to which they were directed.

- Resolutions approved at the 2010 AGM related to Policies and Bylaws have been incorporated in the amended 2010 STS Policy.

The Committee set the following goals for 2010-2011:

1. Complete website implementation for the Disposition of Resolutions.

2. Inform members as to Disposition of Resolutions from the 2010 AGM.
3. Receive and prepare resolutions for the 2011 AGM.
4. Seek background information on resolutions.
5. Encourage resolutions that address members' concerns.

Recreation – Calvin Bachmeier



Upcoming Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

Bowling

2011 Host Chapter: Saskatoon
Date: May 5-6, 2011
Contact: Rick Murza
Phone: 306-374-6323

Bridge

2010 Host: Moose Jaw Chapter
Date: October 12-13, 2010
This event has been cancelled.

Curling

2010 Host: Parkland Chapter
(13 teams already registered)
Date: November 1-3, 2010
Place: Shellbrook Curling Rink
Contact: Clarence Bowes
General Delivery, Shellbrook SK
S0J 2E0
Phone: 306-747-6268

First 16 teams to pay registration fee (\$160.00) will receive the acceptance and informational registration form.

2011 Host: Swift Current Chapter
Contact: Ross Orth
Phone: 306-773-1055

Fishing

A host is needed for 2011

Golf

2011 Host: Assiniboine Chapter
Date: June 13-14, 2011
Place: Madge Lake 18 hole course
Contact: Tom Jordens
Phone: 306-542-3265

Kaiser

2010 Host: The Battlefords and District Chapter
Date: October 14, 2010
Place: Battlefords Ukrainian Senior Centre
792 - 108th Street
North Battleford SK
Registration and coffee: 9:30 AM
Game time: 10:00 AM

Entry Fee: \$20.00
(includes lunch & coffee)
Contacts :
Bernie Broshko 306-445-9323
Stella Ewanchuck 306-445-6721

Stitch 'N Quilt

2010 Host: Weyburn Chapter
Date: November 4-6, 2010
Place: Ogema School Gymnasium
Contact: Marilyn Mead
Phone: 306-459-2831
f.mmead@sasktel.net

Please Note: Registration forms are available on the STS website at www.sts.sk.ca or please contact Marilyn Mead.

2011 Host: Moosomin Chapter
Contact: Ann Norgan
Phone: 306-435-3139
r.a.norgan@sasktel.net

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.

Report of the STS Provincial Fishing Derby

On June 24, 2010 the Nipawin Chapter hosted the 2010 STS Fishing Derby at Tobin Lake with 29 fishers participating in the Derby.

Nipawin and Tisdale Chapter members joined in on the Fish Fry held at the end of the day. 89 people enjoyed the Fish Fry.

A total of 168 fish were caught by the 29 fishers in four hours.

Awards were presented as follows:

- Longest Combined Length – Darwyn Worsley, Tobin Lake, (638 cm)
- Most fish caught – Darwyn Worsley, Tobin Lake (21 fish)
- Largest Walleye – Gar Williams, Nipawin (60 cm)
- Longest distance traveled – Alice and Valentine Schuster, Saltcoats

We were pleased that Betty and Peter Wiebe and Joan and Fred Herron were able to join us for the day.



STS Provincial Golf Winners 2010

Scramble Team: Carson Robinson, Beryl Robinson, Rudy Maksymiw, Neil Bruce

Senior Men: Rudy Maksymiw

Senior Ladies: Shirley Krone

Ladies: Championship Flight – Sylvie Francouer, Shirley Helmerson, Adele Owatz

1st Flight – Marie Farnden, Nancy Dobson, Lin Rigg

2nd Flight – Pauline Welte, Sheila Senga, Marg Ottman

Mens: Championship Flight – Dale Blake, Doug Lyons, Carson Robinson

1st Flight – Nick Asmondson, Ralph Senga, Jim Bobick

2nd Flight – Al Makowsky, Dave Spencer, Philip Lysager

3rd Flight – Norm Paproski, William Thon, Don Ottman

4th Flight – Murray Rigg, Wally Pearson, Stan Metcalfe

Hole Prizes: closest to the pin – Ernie Welyk, Linda Rigg

Long putt – Ernie Welyk, Nancy Dobson

Long drive – Carson Robinson, Sheila Senga



STS Provincial Bowling Tournament 2010 Results

High Single	Male	Julius Hofstatter (Regina)	320
	Female	Stella Kuc (Moose Jaw)	230

High Triple	Male	Rick Murza (Saskatoon)	796
	Female	Stella Kuc (Moose Jaw)	599

High Average	Male	Rick Murza (Saskatoon)	245
	Female	Stella Kuc (Moose Jaw)	195

Tournament Team	1st	The Capones 2578	2nd	Moose Cateers 2573
		Dwain Doran Vern Huber Ed Machusek Elaine Parsons Willis Wingert		Art Stricker Brian Beck Andre Nogue Art Watson Bev Stewart

Home Team	1st	Saska-toons 2770	2nd	PA Challengers 2676
		Bill Michaluk Rose Yaworski Tom Brophy Stella Shulhan Rick Murza		L. Ann Simpson-Exner Bev Stewart May Kerr Dot Junor Sheila Righi



Clint and Muriel Dalshaug (Yorkton) Plaque for 25 years of participation in STS bowling.



Home Team 1st place (Saskatoon).



Tournament team 1st place.

Congratulations

- Violet Pearl Morrison celebrating 102 years on October 31, 2010.
- Glen Sorestad received the Order of Canada.
- Lyle Vinish received the Lifetime Achievement Award from CTF.
- Fred Herron presented with the Certificate of Service by ACER-CART.
- Garnet Davis received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award in 2009.
- April Sampson – Golden Spike Award for outstanding service in the community of Weyburn.
- Laura Chapman – Honoured as a Woman of the Year for community service by the Weyburn Business & Professional Women's Service Club.



Left: Vaughn Wadelius, ACER-CART President, presenting Fred Herron with a Certificate of Service at the June 2010 ACER-CART annual general meeting.

Spotlight on Members

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting



Jack MacKenzie

The Joy of Effort

“Have a go!” A simple, inviting, yet profound call to action – a phrase that, internalized, would guide the life and work of Mr. Jack MacKenzie, an educator, volunteer and community leader.

As an educator, Jack’s efforts had a solid knowledge base which included several degrees: a Bachelor Science, a Bachelor of Arts with a Physical Education major, a Master of Arts in Political Economy, and a Master of Physical Education. He joined Regina Public Schools in 1956 as Supervisor of Physical Education and was instrumental in developing outdoor and physical education curricula. He co-founded Saskairie, an outdoor education centre in the Moose Mountains that serves children of southern Saskatchewan. He organized canoe trips, developed educational films about teaching and learning in the outdoors and helped create instructional videos on Camp Craft for the Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon.

As community leader and volunteer, Jack served as President to several organizations: the Saskatchewan Camping Association, the Regina Natural History Society, and Saskatchewan Physical Education Association, to name a few. He also founded the Saskatchewan Outdoor Education Association. Air Canada chose Jack as one of our country’s top twelve Canadians to be honoured on an in-flight vignette.

Jack’s efforts have resulted in several honours. He was the



recipient of the R.Tait McKenzie Award of Honour (Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance). Later, he was inducted as a Fellow to the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance for his outstanding contribution to the profession. In 2000, Regina Public Schools named Jack MacKenzie Elementary School in his honour. In November, 2009, in Saskatoon, Jack was awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, an award that recognized him as a visionary in Canada for his achievement promoting physical and outdoor education.

Continuing with his philosophy, Jack has created two major awards: one, The Joy of Effort Award, given yearly to the student (from Jack MacKenzie Elementary School) who best exhibits the joy of effort and achievement; and two, The Jack MacKenzie Random Acts of Kindness Trust Fund that provides

opportunity, guidance and financial resources for a Regina Public Schools’ student to initiate and implement worthwhile projects dedicated to helping vulnerable persons and/or our needy planet.

“Have a go!” A simple, yet inviting, call to action - a profound call, when one dedicates his life with passion to the very philosophy he practices and shares with the world. Congratulations, Jack MacKenzie, from the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan, Regina Chapter. Your efforts will have a long-lasting influence in our world.

*Thank you to Mr. Lazarou and the Regina Public Schools for the facts and photo provided in this article.

Attention Chapter Presidents

Nominations for Honorary Life Memberships must be submitted to the STS Office by February 14, 2011. 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

From The Editor's Desk

Welcome to all the new superannuates. May your retirement be fulfilling, productive and fun.

The fall colours are starting to be quite spectacular at this time of year. Many of us are still waiting for summer to come, but maybe next year.

Information has been sent to each Chapter President about the upcoming Chapter Presidents' meeting on October 29. We hope to see a representative from your Chapter at this meeting.

Please refer to the Group Benefits report about an increase in coverage through our Plan.

Shirley



STS Executive 2010-11

President/Councillor	Margaret Martin, Saskatoon Chapter
Vice-President/Councillor	Robert Wuschenny, Regina Chapter
Past-President/Councillor	Jim Sego, Unity Chapter
Executive Secretary	Fred Herron, Saskatoon Chapter
Councillors:	
Calvin Bachmeier	Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter
Shirley Dyck	Swift Current Chapter
Doug Haroldson	Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter
Mike Kaminski	Assiniboine Chapter
Maxine Stinka	Assiniboine Chapter
Members At Large:	
Elaine Broughton	Saskatoon Chapter
Shirley Henderson	Prince Albert Chapter
Gerald Mamer	Saskatoon Chapter
Roger Marchand	South Central Chapter
Kate McCorriston	Nipawin Chapter
Dan Palsich	Lloydminster Chapter
James Slough	Regina Chapter
ACER-CART Representative	George Georget, 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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