

# OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers  
of Saskatchewan

## President's Report

Doug Haroldson

Our Annual General Meeting is a major event of the STS because it serves as a major governance component. The meeting was held at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon on May 12-14, 2015. Delegates had the opportunity to discuss and debate resolutions, to attend lively and informative interest sessions, and to participate in the business meeting where they heard Committee Reports, voted on the 2015-16 budget and elected the Provincial Executive. In addition to the business and interest sessions delegates were well entertained. Thanks to the AGM Planning Committee Co-chairs Elaine Broughton and Joyce Hoffman for organizing a very successful AGM.



STS President – Doug Haroldson

STS membership has now reached 10,645 with additional members anticipated as more teachers consider retirement. Similarly membership in the STS Group Benefit Plan continues to increase as retirees wish to avail themselves of Extended Health and Dental Plan benefits. The term of the new agreement with Saskatchewan Blue Cross is July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

The financial position of the STS remains secure due to the ongoing oversight by the Budget, Finance and Audit Committee, our Executive and committed Office Staff.

The granting of Honorary Life Membership in the STS provides major recognition of those who serve our organization at the Chapter and Provincial levels, as well as, communities. Without the commitment and dedication of our Honorary Life Members our organization would not be as strong as it is today. Congratulations to Audry Blais, Battlefords and District Chapter; Orest Machushek, Yorkton Chapter and Nestor Trach, Humboldt and District Chapter who are our 2015 Honorary Life recipients. Thank you for your outstanding contribution to education, to the STS and to your community.

I wish to thank our Chapters and their Executives who provide many supports to our members in the form of information, program and social functions, as well as, friendship. We also appreciate the feedback as it is considered by the Executive when directing the affairs of the STS. Our Provincial recreation events would not occur without the hosting Chapters. Thank you to those who have hosted these events and to those who agreed to host in the future. The onus is on the membership to support these events.

Thank you to Shirley Henderson, Elaine Broughton and George Georget, who are leaving the Executive, for your contributions to the work of the Provincial Executive. We welcome Jane Isinger, Saskatoon Chapter and Anna Wehrkamp, Carrot River Valley (Melfort and District) Chapter. We are looking forward to your contributions to the team.

Chapter Presidents please make every effort to invite new retirees to your Chapter events. Encourage them to become members of the STS, thereby availing themselves of our services.

Remember new retirees who are not members of another group benefit plan have the sixty day window to

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# Highlights of the 42nd Annual General Meeting

Elaine Broughton and Joyce Hoffman

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan was held at the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel on May 12, 13 and 14, 2015.

Forty-two of the forty-three Chapters were represented by over 200 delegates, including the three Chapters from British Columbia: Fraser Valley, Okanagan Valley and Victoria.

On Tuesday, May 12, registration took place beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the assistance of volunteers from The Battlefords and District Chapter and the Potashville Esterhazy Chapter.

We sincerely thank our corporate sponsors: Saskatoon Travelodge

## *Continuation of President's Report*

join our benefit plan without medical evidence. Direct them to contact the STS office for details.

Thank you for your support during the past year and the opportunity to serve you in 2015-16. It has been my pleasure to visit many of our Chapters and I look forward to visitations during the next year. Thanks to all who so graciously hosted my wife and me when we visited your Chapters. Special thanks to our Office Staff, MJ, Heather, Colleen and Fred for the exemplary work and professional commitment to serve the STS.

Hotel, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, ESTI and TCU Financial for their generosity in making this a wonderful AGM.

A very successful McDowell Foundation Raffle was again held. Prizes were donated by: Saskatoon Chapter – a Paverpol garden Statue and a hand stitched lap quilt; Joe Kurtz, Kindersley Chapter a wooden statue and pottery candle holder – An original prairie scene painting – Swift Current Chapter; Twin quilt – Tisdale Chapter. \$1,080 was raised for the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching.

## **Tuesday Evening, May 12**

Following registration on Tuesday evening STS President Doug Haroldson welcomed delegates and guests. Past-President Robert Wuschenny introduced the candidates running for Executive positions. Each candidate was given the opportunity to address the assembly.

The "Little German Band" from Humboldt provided the audience with great entertainment and wonderful dancing music.



Little German Band

## **Wednesday, May 13**

President Doug chaired the plenary session. The AGM was opened with O Canada played by Kate McCorriston. Kate then gave the Invocation followed by a Moment of Silence in remembrance of superannuates who had passed away during the past year.



Kate McCorriston

Executive Secretary, Fred Herron, reviewed election procedures. Vice President, Maxine Stinka, delivered various announcements and introduced President Doug, who delivered the President's address.

Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, presented the budget and then moved the Committee Reports be tabled until Thursday.

Elaine Broughton, AGM co-chair, presented information on the Annual General Meeting format.

President Doug introduced Colin Keess, President of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, who brought greetings from the Federation.



Colin Keess, STF President

Delegates broke into five small groups to discuss resolutions and the budget.

Prior to lunch, President Doug and Past-President Robert presented Membership Growth Awards to eight Chapters whose membership had grown by 10 percent since their last award. President Doug read the names of fifteen superannuates who had received a Chapter Award in 2014-15.

The afternoon consisted of five interest sessions. Delegates could attend three of the five sessions.

- Creating Attractive Gardens – Bill Meger and Marj Meger
- Library On-Line Systems and Book clubs – Ann Foster and Erin Romanyshyn
- Retirement & Health – Blaine Mackie
- Travel Tips for Everyone – Don Gabel, Alan Laughlin and Sunil Pandila
- How to Choose a Financial Planner – Judy Sokoloski

On Wednesday evening, delegates, Honorary Life Members, Past

Presidents and guests enjoyed the banquet held in the Galaxy Ballroom. President Doug introduced the head table, Executive members, STS Office Staff, Honorary Life Members and special guests.

Kate McCorriston, Chair of the Honorary Life Membership Committee, presented Audry Blais, Orest Machushek and Nestor Trach with Honorary Life Membership Awards.

The evening was complete with entertainment by singer-songwriter-pianist Jeffery Straker who delighted the audience with his music and story-telling. Catherine Folstad accompanied Jeffery on cello.

## Honorary Life Members

Kate McCorriston

### Congratulations!

#### Audry Blais

- A former STS Executive member who served on many Committees.
- Actively involved with the Battlefords and District Chapter since 1998.
- Very involved in her community and church.

#### Orest Machushek

- An active member of the Yorkton Chapter for 30 years.
- Very involved with his church and canvassed for many foundations.
- Active member of the Knights of Columbus for 42 years.

#### Nestor Trach

- Served four terms as President of the STS Humboldt and District Chapter.
- Active member of the community serving on many boards.
- Active member of his church and has volunteered for many major events in Humboldt.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to these three well deserving recipients.



L-R Orest Machushek, Audry Blais, Nestor Trach



Entertainers Jeffery Straker and Catherine Folstad

### Thursday, May 14 – Plenary Session

Election procedures were reviewed and the candidates for President, Vice-President and ACER-CART representative were declared elected by acclamation. Voting took place for the five positions of Councillors and seven positions for Members-at-large.

The Annual Business Meeting followed.

Closing remarks were given by President Doug. The 42nd Annual General Meeting was then adjourned.

Thank-you for the opportunity of being co-chair of the Committee.

## McDowell Foundation Raffle Prize Winners



Fred Herron – Doreen Turner Painting



Linda Broad – Cuban Sculpture and Vase



Karen Hiebert – Twin Quilt



Ed Magis – Outdoor Paverpol Sculpture



Laurie Hnatuk – Lap Quilt

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**Winners  
of the  
TCU draws  
were:**

Mug – Janet Skalicky;  
Cooler Bag – Anita Beckstead;  
Small Bag – Stella Shulhan;  
Tools – Lillian Vargo;  
Pen – Glenda Lazurko;  
Key Chain – Jeanette Eckert;  
Golf Balls & Tees – Maxine Stinka;  
Golf Balls & Tees – Karen Mundt



## Membership Growth Awards 2015

(Outlook Chapter and Rosetown Chapter representatives missing from photo)

Chapter Name	Award	Chapter Name	Award
Carrot River Valley (Melfort & District) Chapter . . .	Plaque	Outlook & District Chapter . . . . .	Plaque
Kerrobert Chapter . . . . .	Plaque	Regina Chapter . . . . .	Plaque
Nipawin Chapter . . . . .	Plaque	Rosetown Chapter . . . . .	Plaque
Okanagan Valley Chapter . . . . .	Plaque	Tisdale Chapter . . . . .	Plaque

# Councillors' Report

Robert Wuschenny

Eight STS Councillors attended the 2015 Annual STF Council Meeting, April 22-25, 2015. Council began with a mentorship and briefing session which included a review of how Council operates. We also heard addresses by Educational Partners: Honourable Don Morgan, Minister of Education, SSBA President Connie Bailey, LEADS President Don Rempel, STF President Colin Keess, and CTF President Diane Woloschuk. STS Councillors also participated in STF business affairs, the candidates' forum and had the opportunity to meet candidates informally.

Our Councillors also took part in group discussions and debate on Notices of Motion and Resolutions. Several Policies (Social Justice, Equity, Child and Youth Well-Being, Indigenous Education, the Principalship, Gender and Sexual Identity, Teaching and Learning, Early Childhood, to name just a few)

that received Councillor input and consideration at the fall 2014 Meeting of Council, were revised and brought back for Council approval.

Some resolutions of interest that passed were implementation of an electronic voting system when presenting a tentative bargaining agreement, lobbying CTF to encourage a funding formula that meets the needs of Band schools, and hosting a provincial teachers' convention every four years.

The new STF President is Patrick Maze and Vice-President is Debbie Ward. Elected to the Executive were: Denise Beaudin Anquad (Regina), Nathan Bromm (South East Cornerstone), Ben Goby (Regina), Brent Keen (Northwest), Samantha Becotte (Lloydminster), and Randy Cline (Prairie Spirit). Returning Executive members are: Sonja Susut (Prairie South) and Dwayne Jeffrey (Lloydminster).

## Chapter Award Recipients 2015

**The Battlefords and District Chapter**  
Eileen Butler

**Prince Albert Chapter Award of Distinction:**  
Walter Berg, Dave Monette

**Regina Chapter Chapter Award of Merit:**  
Shirley Dodds,  
Adeline Wuschenny

**Saskatoon Chapter Chapter HLM Awards:**  
Cecile Martel, Irma Kittelson

**Swift Current Chapter Chapter Award:**  
Rosalie Flynn, Jim Spencer

**Tisdale Chapter 10 year pens were awarded:**  
Vivian McGuire, Garry Mutch,  
and Carol Spencer

**20 year key fobs were awarded:**  
Kathy Kowal and Muriel Popp

**Victoria Chapter 10 year service award:**  
Elaine Zandee

**20 year service award:**  
Adina Mooney, Dick Mooney  
Laurie Simpson

# STS Resolutions 2015

## Resolutions Directed to the STS (A)

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**A 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS investigate the inclusion of the pneumonia vaccination for members under the age of 65 into the Extended Health Plan.

– Carried

**A 2. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS consider providing each member with an official STS identification card.

– Carried

**A 3. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS explore member discounts at hotels and fitness locations.

– Carried

**A 4. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS investigate changing the Extended Health Plan maximum allowance for Paramedical/Health Practitioners from \$350 to \$400 per practitioner per calendar year.

– Carried as amended

**A 5. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS investigate the process involved in adding drugs to the Saskatchewan Formulary.

– Carried

**A 6. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS negotiate with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to cover \$200 annually towards the cost of lenses for diabetics.

– Carried

**A 7. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) draft and forward a letter to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) conveying its support for the SARM lobby to ban the

use of plastic grocery bags in Saskatchewan.

– Carried

**A 8. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS Executive explore the possibility of obtaining a Corporate gym membership with GoodLife Fitness Gym, or similar facility, for STS members.

– Carried

**A 9. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS annual fee for 2015-16 be \$30 per person.

– Carried

**A 10. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2015-16 be as follows:

<50 – \$10.00 per member  
50-100 – \$ 9.00 per member  
>100 – \$ 8.00 per member

– Carried

## Resolutions Directed to STF (B)

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**B 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request the STF to negotiate changes to the Group Life Insurance Plan to provide coverage for superannuated teachers, after age 65, equal to ten percent of the benefit coverage for active teachers.

– Tabled

**B 2. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS urge the STF to negotiate changes to the Teachers' Group Life Insurance to raise the termination age from 85 to 90 years of age.

– Defeated

## Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART (C)

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**C 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers. Association Canadienne des Enseignantes et des Enseignants Retraités (ACER-CART) to actively lobby the Government of Canada to restructure the calculation of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) clause to adequately reflect the cost increases faced by retired people to ensure that seniors are able to avoid living in poverty.

– Tabled

## Resolutions Directed to Government (D)

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**D 1. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request the Government of Saskatchewan to extend coverage for vaccines to include the Shingles vaccine.

– Carried

## Late Resolutions

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**B 3. BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request the STF to add one representative from the STS Executive to the STF Collective Bargaining Committee.

– Defeated

**D 2. BE IT RESOLVED** that this STS AGM express its concern to the provincial government regarding the proposed model for two-for-one MRI use in Saskatchewan.

– Referred to STS Executive

# Group Benefits Report

## Medications and the Saskatchewan Formulary

The Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan and the STS Extended Health Plan are both based on the Saskatchewan Formulary. The Saskatchewan Formulary is a listing of the therapeutically effective drugs of proven high quality that have been approved for coverage under the Drug Plan. A prescription is required for all drugs dispensed under the Drug Plan. The Formulary is compiled by the Minister of Health with the advice of the Drug Advisory Committee of Saskatchewan and is then prepared, maintained, and distributed by the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch. The members of the Drug Advisory Committee are appointed by the Minister of Health: two public representatives and clinical specialists in the areas of medicine, pharmacology, pharmacy, and economics. The Saskatchewan Formulary is published annually in April, but additions to the Formulary are made throughout the year. Interchangeable generic drugs are added monthly, and other products are added quarterly. This information comes from the Government of Saskatchewan document "About the Saskatchewan Formulary". Each province of Canada has a similar list of drugs or a formulary upon which they base their Drug Plan coverage.

It is important for patients who receive a prescription from a doctor to ask questions about the medication being prescribed. First it is important to ask the prescriber if the drug being prescribed is on

the Saskatchewan Formulary. If the answer is "Yes", then the medication will be covered by the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan and will also be included in the medications covered by the STS Extended Health Plan if the patient is a member of the Plan. If the answer is "No", then the next question should be to ask if this medication would qualify for coverage under the Exception Drug Status (EDS). If this drug is eligible, the doctor prescribing it or the pharmacist must apply for this coverage on behalf of the patient. If this drug is approved for EDS coverage, it is then covered by the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan. When Saskatchewan Blue Cross is advised by the STS member of this EDS coverage, the drug will be covered by the STS Extended Health Plan.

If you are finding that medication costs are using a greater percentage of your income, it is important for you to apply for the Special Support Program offered by the Government of Saskatchewan. There are no age restrictions on applying for this benefit. Application forms are available from your doctor or at your pharmacy but you must apply to receive this coverage.

If you have any questions about your medications, please ask your doctor or pharmacist. If you have any questions about the STS Group Benefit Plan and/or the STS Extended Health Plan, please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 or by email at [sts@sts.sk.ca](mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca). Being informed is very important.

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# Budget, Finance and Audit

Maxine Stinka

The 2015-16 budget as previously published was accepted. The membership fee for 2015-16 will be \$30. The rebates to Chapters will be as follows: less than 50 members = \$10 per member; 50-100 members = \$9; greater than 100 members = \$8.

## Advocacy

Robert Wuschenny

Following the Presidents' Meeting last October, the Advocacy Committee invited input from Chapters regarding issues/concerns that may be addressed with candidates at the time of a federal election. Issues/concerns identified by Chapters were turned into questions that may be asked of potential candidates running in the upcoming federal election. The questions were printed in the form of a brochure and distributed to Chapters at our AGM for use at their discretion.

## Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan

If you are the primary plan holder of the STS Group Benefits Plan and are eligible for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan, please send a copy of the confirmation letter to the STS office in order to have your monthly Extended Health premium reduced. If you are no longer eligible for the Seniors' Drug Plan please notify the STS office.



## Upcoming Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

### Bridge

Host needed for 2015

### Curling

Date: November 2-4, 2015

Host: The Battlefords and District Chapter

Contact: Bob Krismer

Phone: 1-306-445-8267

Email: argkay@gmail.com or battlefords.sts@live.ca

2016 Host: Yorkton

### Fishing

Date: June 21, 2015

Host: South Central Chapter in co-operation with LaFleche Lions Club

Location: Thomson Lake

Contact: Mike Klein

Phone: 306-266-2115 or

Email: mklein@sasktel.net

### Golf

Date: June 22–23, 2015

Host: Swift Current Chapter

Location: Elmwood Golf Course, Swift Current

Contact: Beryl Robinson

Email: bcrobinson@sasktel.net

2016 Host: Weyburn Chapter

### Kaiser

Date: October 14, 2015

Host: Wakaw Chapter

Location: Wakaw Legion

Cost: Registration fee to be determined.

Lunch will be included.

Contact:

Mel Osolinsky – 306-233-5596

or Don Gabel – 306-233-3055

### Stitch 'N Quilt

Host needed

## Bowling Competition Results

A very successful provincial bowling tournament was hosted by the Saskatoon Chapter on April 30 & May 1, 2015, at Hunter's Eastview Bowl.

Mayor Don Atchison extended greetings on behalf of the city of Saskatoon.

Fourteen teams which included bowlers from Yorkton, Moose Jaw, Wishart, Outlook, Regina and Saskatoon bowled three games on Thursday afternoon and three games on Friday morning. In store for the wonderful bowlers was a delicious banquet by Grasswood Park Catering and great entertainment by Jean and Doreen on Thursday evening.

On Friday a fantastic buffet lunch by the Gallery Restaurant (Eastview Bowl) was followed by the award presentations.

The Saskatoon Committee, Assistants and all Bowlers did a great job!



**Home Team Winners**

*Moose Jaw – Lillies of the Alley*

(L-R) Jackie Junek, Pamela Diacon, Elaine Parsons, Julie Thiessen, Joan Kehrig



**Tournament Team Mixer Winners**

*Cranes*

(L-R) Marge Popenia (Wishart), Susan Livingstone (Saskatoon), Renelle Gauthier (Saskatoon) Judy Verbeke (Regina), Rick Murza (Saskatoon)

### Individual Awards: Gold Medalist

Ladies' High Single: Judy Verbeke - Score 231 (Regina)

Men's High Single: Dave Coleman - Score 249 (Regina)

Ladies' High Triple: Liz Duncan - Score 554 (Regina)

Men's High Triple: Dave Coleman - Score 633 (Regina)

Ladies' High Average: Liz Duncan - Score 178 (Regina)

Men's High Average: Rick Murza - Score 197 (Saskatoon)

*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.*

# STS 2015 Curling Registration Form

## Northland Power Curling Centre

#2-623 Carlton Trail, North Battleford, SK

November 2-4

Mail entries to:

STS Curling 2015

c/o Bob Krismer

10702 Meighen Crescent

North Battleford SK S9A 3L1

Phone: 306-445-8267

Email: argkay@gmail.com

or battlefords.sts@live.ca



Registration Deadline: October 13, 2015.

Minimum: 16 rinks

Tournament Fee: \$200 per rink

Extra banquet tickets will be available.

Team Fee:	\$ 200.00
Extra banquet tickets: _____ X \$20 = \$ _____	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>= \$ _____</b>

Make cheques payable to: Battleford and District Chapter, STS

Team Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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, 2015**.

For information, please request an information package from:

Administration/Governance

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

2317 Arlington Avenue

Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8

Phone: 306-373-1660; 1-800-667-7762

## Saskatchewan Teachers College (Moose Jaw) 60th Reunion

1955 Graduates and Guests

Friday, September 18, 2015

Royal Regina Golf Club

Registration Deadline:

Friday, August 28

For more information please

contact Bob Mitchell at

1-306-586-0510

rjmitchell@accesscomm.ca

Good friends are  
like quilts –  
they age with you,  
yet never lose  
their warmth

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on your retirement.



# Spotlight on Superannuates



## 42nd AGM in Pictures



# Superannuates Make a Difference

Submitted by Horst Sawatzki, Moosomin Chapter (The following excerpt is from an article published in *The World-Spectator* – Moosomin, Saskatchewan. Permission to reprint has been authorized)

## Devona Putland

Though she's retired from teaching and being the principal at MacLeod Elementary in Moosomin, Devona Putland continues to use her teaching skills to help others. Putland has already travelled to Mongolia and India to educate teachers and students in ESL (English as a Second Language) and best teaching practices, and now she is planning a third international teaching trip, this time to Bujumbura, Burundi.

She will be teaching with an organization called the Tanbur African Aid Society (TAAS), a group of Alberta teachers who volunteer and raise funds for a few

schools in Burundi and Tanzania in Southeast Africa.

While at the Burundi English School, Putland's volunteer responsibilities will vary depending on needs, but there is a schedule. From 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. kids are in class, and Putland may spend the first half of the day helping teachers model lessons and providing mentorship in classrooms. However, from 1 to 3 p.m. during teacher preparation time, Putland's work begins. "In that time, we'll work on lesson ideas, maybe new ways to instruct. Education systems in developing countries go back to traditional ways of education – the

three Rs – remember, regurgitate, recite. We have come beyond that, so it's being able to show them practices that will engage the kids in learning," Putland says.

For Putland, volunteering in schools overseas puts into perspective the privilege of Canadian education. "There is so much we have been given by birthright in Canada, and I think by going to developing countries, you get a taste of other people's reality, and gain a new respect and thankfulness for the abundance we've been given."

Putland will be living in Burundi from September until December. There is a home provided for volunteers, but electricity and hot water are intermittent luxuries, as is bandwidth. Putland will take along a large shipping container full of school supplies, furniture, and computers for a lab. The volunteers are hoping to start a recorder music program at the school, so Putland is looking for gently used and cleaned recorders for kids, any school supplies, even soaps and shampoos from a hotel – hygiene items like these are luxuries for many people.

Putland says she is excited about her three months in Africa. "It will be exciting to see first-hand what is going on in this school. I have all these questions as I read about it. I like learning about another culture, seeing what general daily life is like. I get interested in all of it," she says.

Putland leaves for Burundi on August 27.

## STS Executive 2015-16 (as of July 1, 2015)

<b>President/Councillor</b>	Doug Haroldson, Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter
<b>Vice-President/Councillor</b>	Maxine Stinka, Assiniboine Chapter
<b>Past-President/Councillor</b>	Robert Wuschenny, Regina Chapter
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<b>Councillors:</b>	
Don Gabel	Wakaw Chapter
Joyce Hoffman	Swift Current Chapter
Mike Kaminski	Assiniboine Chapter
Sunil Pandila	Moose Jaw Chapter
Helen Sukovieff	Regina Chapter
<b>Members-At-Large:</b>	
Calvin Bachmeier	Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter
Judy Buzowetsky	Weyburn Chapter
Jane Isinger	Saskatoon Chapter
Alan Laughlin	The Battlefords and District Chapter
Roger Marchand	South Central Chapter
Kate McCorriston	Nipawin Chapter
Anna Wehrkamp	Carrot River Valley (Melfort & District) Chapter

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## STS Executive 2014-15

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Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter

### Vice-President/Councillor

Maxine Stinka, Assiniboine Chapter

### Past-President/Councillor

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### Executive Secretary

Fred Herron, Saskatoon Chapter

### ACER-CART Representative

George Georget, Saskatoon Chapter

### Councillors:

Calvin Bachmeier

Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter

Joyce Hoffman

Swift Current Chapter

Mike Kaminski

Assiniboine Chapter

Sunil Pandila

Moose Jaw Chapter

Helen Sukovieff

Regina Chapter

### Members-At-Large:

Elaine Broughton

Saskatoon Chapter

Judy Buzowetsky

Weyburn Chapter

Don Gabel

Wakaw Chapter

Shirley Henderson

Prince Albert Chapter

Alan Laughlin

The Battlefords and District Chapter

Roger Marchand

South Central Chapter

Kate McCorriston

Nipawin Chapter

## From The Editor's Desk

As this will be my last editorial I am taking a stroll down memory lane.

It started for me in January 2000. I walked in and started in the "janitor's storage room". In there we set up two desks, a large lateral filing cabinet, a smaller filing cabinet, a printer, two chairs and a phone which never stopped ringing.

This was the time when STS took over the administration of the Group Benefits Plan. What a learning curve!

We soon outgrew this room and progressed to two offices and an

open reception area just down the hall from "the one room school".

Now we have a beautiful facility in the building next door to the STF. This has three offices, a storage room and a large reception area. How we have moved on.

The membership has grown to over 10,500 from the 3,000 when I started. The enrolment in the Group Benefits Plan has grown to over 6,000 from the 1,000 when I started. The work space has definitely expanded to a warm, refreshing area where members are warmly welcomed. The time for me has gone by very quickly. It

has been hard work to begin with but the rewards were many.

To each and every one of you THANK YOU! Thank you for the memories, thank you for the sharing, thank you for the friendships that have developed over the years.

To the Chapters and individual members who have submitted articles for *Outreach* – you have made this job a lot easier, thank you.

So, I will now go play in the dirt and get my plants and seeds into the garden.

Shirley

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