

Outreach



To The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

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The President's Report

Merry Christmas and all the Best in 2002

As I sit to bring you greetings the weather has been, and is, so beautiful that it is hard to think in terms of winter or of Christmas and the holiday season. However, both will soon be upon us.

Exciting things are happening within STS. Membership is up, the budget is balanced, Benefit plans are stable, we are studying the possibility of having an STS website, we have an expectation of an enlarged and enhanced office area within a year and we have an Executive Secretary.

On Nov. 15th and 16th the members of the Executive completed another round of committee meetings and an executive meeting. Reports show that our membership is rapidly approaching 5800 and most of those members pay by automatic fee deduction. Over 80% of the new retirees have become members of STS and over half those members have enrolled in one or both of the Benefit plans. The claims ratio in the Benefit plans is very good. A few problems are

being encountered but we have been able to work these out quite satisfactorily. One attractive new feature in the Travel insurance is the option of purchasing up to 123 days of coverage above the fixed sixty days, to a total of 183 days.

The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the statements for the first six months of the year. There has been an increase in revenue due to the increase in membership. If the trend continues they predict a balanced budget without using the investment income. This would permit us to retain the investment income in the Contingency Fund, a goal we have been seeking. Some preliminary work was done on the 2002-2003 budget.

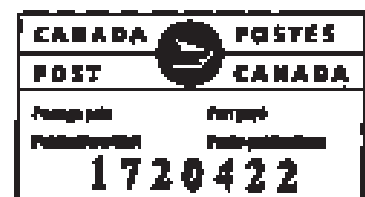
The variety and complexity of STS activities continue to grow. To accommodate this growth we have increased our office staff and increased office hours so that the office is open five mornings a week. We are also looking at the overall structure of the organization as set out in the constitution and bylaws. One significant change proposed is to replace the secretary and the Office and Staffing Committee with

an Executive Secretary. This position would be filled by a volunteer appointed by the Executive Committee. Some of the responsibilities would be: (a) To provide leadership, direction and overall supervision of STS activities, (b) To be responsible for the overall supervision of the office and office staff, (c) To help in the communications and relationships with other organizations and (d) To carry out other activities jointly agreed upon with the STS President and the Executive.

I am pleased to announce that Fred Herron has accepted this appointment on an interim basis for the remainder of this year. During this time we will continue to define the position and study the constitutional changes required to implement it on a permanent basis. The required information and suggested revisions will be brought to the AGM in May 2002 for discussion and decision.

On behalf of the Executive and the office staff I extend best wishes for a happy holiday season and a wonderful year in 2002.

Bert Gordon - President



ACER/CART Report Health Care Survey

Sincere thanks are extended to those STS members who completed the ACER/CART survey form regarding health care in Canada. As of Nov. 5th, 2001, 235 forms had been received. About half of these had been distributed at Chapter meetings, while the other half were returned on the form provided in Outreach. All will be considered in the submission being prepared for the Romanow Commission on the future of health care.

It is apparent that superannuated teachers are strongly supportive of medicare as it has existed in Canada. They are concerned, however, that the principles underlying medicare, especially universal accessibility, may be compromised by funding shortfalls, hospital closures, over utilization, for-profit clinics, and a shortage of medical personnel.

In particular, those who responded

to the survey expressed dissatisfaction about lengthy waiting periods for surgical procedures, the cost of prescription drugs, the quality of home care, and the need for suitable accommodation for those unable to remain in their homes. Those who would like to see a reduction in the number of visits made to clinics and emergency rooms proposed the introduction of user fees, while others were of the opinion that user fees will discriminate against those with low incomes or suffering from chronic conditions.

Every effort will be made to reflect all opinions in the brief to be submitted on behalf of the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers to the Romanow Commission. Again, many thanks to all those who provided input into this important topic.

**Terence McKague,
on behalf of ACER/CART**

Take Time

Take time to think . . . it is the source of power;
Take time to play . . . it is the secret of perpetual youth;
Take time to read . . . it is the fountain of wisdom;
Take time to pray . . . it is the greatest power on earth;
Take time to love and be loved . . . it is a God-given privilege;
Take time to laugh . . . it is the music of the soul;
Take time to give . . . it is too short a day to be selfish;
Take time to work . . . it is the price of success;
Take time to do charity . . . it is the key to heaven.

How you spend Christmas is more important than how much.



From the STS Office . . .

The STS Office will be closed for the
Christmas Holiday

December 22 - January 1

We will be open again on January 2, 2002

Retirement Lifestyle Planning

The Planning Committee, composed of Bert Gordon (Chairperson), Len Davidson, Shirley Dyck (Sec.) Mickey McLellan, Dona O'Callaghan and Boyd Taylor, met at the STF office in Regina on Oct. 4th, 2001. STF liaison George Georget, sent his regrets.

We discussed a number of ways of advertising our seminars in the School Divisions. Much of this will be done through the STF and the Executive Assistants. We also discussed the funding of seminars. We want to stay as close to cost recovery as possible without putting undue pressure on P.D. budgets. Committee members and other speakers will be selected from as close as possible to reduce travel costs. One major problem is to find members capable of, and willing to, cover Mickey's area, and prepare them to do this.

That afternoon we did a presentation for the members of the Prairie East Teachers' Convention.

We are planning our next meeting for January.

Bert Gordon

Two men were discussing their mothers-in-law.

One said, "My mother-in-law comes every Christmas and stays until the New Year."

The other said, "Don't complain. My mother-in-law comes every New Year and stays until Christmas."

Chapter Highlights

STS Kindersley Chapter

September 11th 2001: The Kindersley Chapter of STS held their September meeting in Kerrobert. It began with a delicious lunch served by the Krafts of Tramping Lake and was followed by an enjoyable presentation about Cuba by Joe Kurtz. Joe and his wife Marlene spent last Easter in Cuba. While there they became friends of a Cuban family and thus had a better insight of the country and its people than the average tourists. After Joe shared stories and pictures of the country and of their special family, a raffle was held with the proceeds being sent to the family in Cuba.

The business meeting followed. The 2001 executive is: President Joe Kurtz, Kerrobert; Vice President Wayne Welte, Kindersley; Secretary Marilyn Hering, Kerrobert; Treasurer Lois Warren, Eston.

The 72 members that belong to the Kindersley Chapter hail from Kindersley, Eston, Eatonias, Alsask, Smiley, Brock, Major and Kerrobert.

(Courtesy of the Kerrobert Citizen)

STS Regina Chapter

On Monday, Oct. 15th, the Honourable Lynda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, was the guest speaker at the STS Regina Chapter's monthly meeting. Her topic: "*The Canadian Experience, a Model for the Global Village*".

Over 175 superannuates were provided with an informative, interesting global and visionary message. Her Honour presented some very intriguing facts about poverty and illiteracy in the world. She presented possible solutions to solve the problems, but she also stated that without the will, courage and team effort, these are dream solutions. From the global perspective, Her Honour progressed to the provincial and local concerns. Throughout her presentation, you felt a warm, conscientious sincerity about the issues she presented and her determination to try to find solutions. Paul Neumann thanked the Lieutenant Governor and presented her with a token of our appreciation for her message.

The assembly celebrated the Regina Chapter's 30th Anniversary, and it also honoured members who had retired 25 years ago in 1975. The afternoon concluded with much socializing and the delightful opportunity to meet and speak with the Lieutenant Governor.

Dorothea Schrader, Secretary

McDowell Foundation Report

The Board of the McDowell Foundation met on Saturday, Sept. 29th, 2001. In the current year, 30 applications for projects were received, and 17 were accepted. Two developmental grants were approved for further preparation on proposals to be submitted following the call for proposals in 2002. The Board authorized a call for research projects in 2002 totalling not more than \$85,000.

Ernie Dawson presented a proposed list of fund-raising activities. A useful goal would be to have \$3 million in the fund by 2008, which is the 75th birthday of the STF. There will be a mail-out campaign to superannuated teachers. Currently only 17 superannuates are continuing donors through the pledge program. I urge you to think about responding to the appeal.

Some discussions are on-going with corporations particularly those that have education links.

Once again, I would like to suggest that Chapters invite teachers who have completed a research project under the McDowell Foundation to be part of a program at a Chapter meeting. These research projects have come from every area of the province.

The McDowell Foundation has its own website at:

www.mcdowellfoundation.ca.

Doreen Lloyd

For Your Information..

As of Nov. 2, 2001, our total membership is 5,776, up 26% from 4,572 one year ago.

89% of our members pay by Automatic Fee Deduction. 83% of new retirees (as of Jul. 1, 2001) have signed up.

Think Positive

*If you think you are beaten, you are.
If you think you dare not, you won't.
Success begins with your own will...
It's all in your state of mind.
Life's battles are not always won by
those who are stronger or faster.
Sooner or later the person who wins,
is the person who thinks he can.*

From the Editor:

Welcome to the new look for *Outreach!* I collate the information and the Desktop Publishing Department at the STF office does the layout. Let us know what you think of it. Have a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2002!

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Councillors' Report

On Oct. 12 & 13, Councillors Don Bartel, Shirley Dyck and Mike Kaminski along with President Bert Gordon and Vice-President Doreen Lloyd attended the STF Councillor Conference and Special Meeting.

Oct. 12th morning - presentation of the Ad Hoc Committee's report on collective bargaining followed by small group discussion period facilitated by Tony Linner. Each group's recorder documented the discussion and turned it over to the ad hoc committee as additional input.

Oct. 12th afternoon featured four informative presentations: The Proposed Policy on Technology and Education; Policy on Religion and Religious Instruction in Public Schools; Accessibility of STF Services; and the STF Communications and Political Action Plan for 2001-2002. Later, councillors mixed and mingled at a social and banquet with provincial ministers, MLA's and candidates.

Oct. 13th: Mel McCorriston reviewed the activities of the Governance Review Committee.

The Special Meeting of Council chaired by Beryl Robinson began at 10:30 A.M. The notice of motion re the STF Benefits Plan-Administration and Trusteeship was endorsed. Resolutions, like Technology in Education, Elections to STF office, COLA clause & Orthodontic Care to be added to the asking package. Changes in parental leave benefits and a campaign to inform the public of the inappropriateness of ranking schools were discussed, amended and passed. Other resolutions like expansion of the grid, increase in optical benefits and establishment of a \$5000 STF scholarship were defeated. Council rescinded the 1972 policy on religion and adopted STF Council's 2000 resolution/policy. The resolution dealing with Collective Bargaining and the 25 recommendations were referred to the Dec. 1 meeting of STF Councillors.

Mike Kaminski

*Sympathy is two hearts
tugging at one load.*

New this year

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

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

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

Honorary Life Membership Committee

STS Provincial Recreation Report

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



And the Winners are . . .

STS Bridge

Host: Moose Jaw Chapter

Date: Oct. 1 & 2/01

Individual:

1. Brian Whiteside, Swift Current
2. Lawrence Kalmakoff, Swift Current

Pairs:

1. Gunter Weiner/Don Wilmot, Swift Current
2. Lawrence & Marie Gellela, Moose Jaw

Teams:

1. Harold & Loretta Anderson, Moose Jaw
2. Corney Unger/ L. Kalmakoff, Swift Current

Regina will host in 2002.

Fishing Derby 2001

(First annual)

Hosts: Mainline & Moosomin Chapters

Date: September 18/01

Blue Cross Trophy:

Walter Gorkoff

Teachers' Credit Union Trophy:

Walter Gorkoff

Largest Perch:

Millie Sutherland, Round Lake and Irene Norton, Round Lake tied;

Most Mature Fisherperson:

Faye Smith, Moosomin

Most Travelled Fisherpersons:

Faye Smith, Lyle Severson, Horst Sawatzki, Moosomin

Host needed for 2002 ???

Kaiser Tournament

(First annual)

Host: North Battleford Chapter

Date: Nov. 1/01

Top Lady:

Vicki Zurburg, St. Gregor

Top Gent:

Bud Bohun, N. Battleford

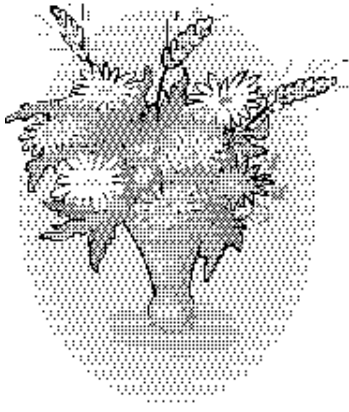
Bud Bohun was the overall top winner!

Other prizes won by: Paul Nickel, Larry Zurburg, Stan Chomey, Fred Kozakewich, Jean Chapman, Bernie Broshko, Walter Ewanchuk, Maurice Nachtegaele, Mildred Powell, Florence McNabb, Ruby Rafuse and Dick Semeniuk.

Novelty prizes won by: Wanda Bohrey(2), Sophie Choma, Fred Kozakewich, Bill Sawyshyn, Larry Zurburg, Elmer Woytiuk, Stella Ewanchuk and Sylvia Sawyshyn.

Nipawin will host in 2002.

Bowling	Prince Albert Doris Lund	May 8/9 764-5643	<p align="center">STS Bowling Minto Bowling Centre, Prince Albert, SK MAY 8 & 9, 2002 Enter as singles or a team of up to 5 Fees: \$40 (Banquet, 6 games & lunch) REGISTER BY MARCH 16, 2002 Prince Albert Inn : 922-5500 (banquet site) Send entries to: Al Subchyshyn 760 20th St. W. Prince Albert, SK S67 4H3 or: Doris Lund, 670 Davis St. Prince Albert, SK S67 2T2 <i>Up to 100 bowlers can be accommodated.</i></p>
Golf	Yorkton Muriel Dalshaugh - Gabrielle Hamilton	June 12/13 783-5643 783-2445	
Horseshoes	Saskatoon(?) Tournament	North Battleford (?) and possible clinic.	
Bridge	Regina Amber MacLeod	TBA 586-2785	
Curling	North Battleford	TBA	



In Memoriam

NAME (NEE)	DECEASED	LAST TAUGHT
Baerg, Rueben	Oct 21/01	
Bates, Harold	Oct 23/01	Dept. Of Indian Aff. Nipawin
Baldwin, Gerald	Sep 22/01	
Bautista, Gerry	Oct 03/01	
Beaudoin, Sr. Cleophee	Jun 20/01	Northern Lights SD
Bexfield, Ruth (Goodwin)	Apr 19/01	Lloydminster SD
Boechler, Sr. Wilhelmina	Aug 15/01	Regina East SD
Brittin, Edward	Jul 20/01	Estevan Comp
Broughton, Linda	Oct 07/01	Buchanan
Buceuk, Kathleen (Kinnear)	Apr 07/01	Kamsack SD
Buchinski, Michael	Sep 23/01	Saskatoon
Clark, Donald	Aug 24/01	Regina Public SD
Claye, Lorene (Hill)	Feb 09/01	Medstead SD
Courchene, Genevieve(Malone)	Jul 13/01	Wakaw SD
Derkach, Walter	Aug 01/01	Kinistino SD
Doepker, Sr. Rosa	Jul 11/01	Humboldt Rural SD
Eichorst, Murielle (Turner)	Sep 25/01	Prince Albert
Ewert, William	Aug 29/01	Norman Wells N.W.T.
Faller, Noreen (Huber)	Oct 22/01	
Fea, Henry	Jun 04/98	Eastend SD
Ferguson, John	Oct 21/99	LloydminsterSD
Geppert, Rachel (Doney)	Jun 13/01	Inkster SD
Gogol, Annie (Bozak)	Jul 02/01	Potashville SD
Haug, Elmer	Oct 20/01	Saskatoon
Heather, Norma (McLeod)	Oct 19/01	Unity Public
Homer, Rowena	Nov 02/01	
Horn, Cona (Stewart)	Sep 08/01	Wawota Rural
Johnson, Vera (Frazer)	Sep 19/01	
Joice, Aletha (Rogers)	Jun 12/01	Swift Current SD
Krotenko, Samuel	Sep 09/01	
Lischynski, Nicholas	Oct 03/01	
Magus, William	Nov 06/01	
Meyer, Isobel	Sep 30/01	Humboldt
McInnis, Isobel (Rutherford)	May 14/01	Prince Albert SD
Orsted, Shirley (Dalgliesh)	Oct 29/01	
Paparich, Phyllis (Roney)	May 14/01	Swift Current SD
Pezderic, Mary (Persnick)	Aug 13/98	Saskatoon West SD
Rice, Daniel	Sep 23/01	
Rigney, Annie	Oct 30/01	Regina
Romich, Florence (Dawson)	Mar 05/01	Govan
Ruthven, Ruby	Aug 02/01	Moosomin SD
Sandau, Isabel	Oct. 14/01	
Skjeic, Inga	Aug 16/01	Parkland SD
Smith-Gorham, Norma (Howlett)	Jul 15/01	Long Lake SD
Tohen, Elizabeth	Sep 30/01	
Thornton, Mabel (Crawford)	May 1/01	Regina SD
Van Nes, Gladys	Sep 27/01	
White, Jean (Bunnell)	Oct 16/01	
Whiteman, Descima (Brant)	May 28/01	Meadow Lake SD
Wowk, Wayne	Aug 23/01	Potashville SD
Zealand, Gerald	May 01/01	Last Mountain SD

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

Active Living for Older Adults – *A Lifelong Odyssey*
Alcoa Forum 2002 – May 9-12, 2002 – Delta Regina Hotel

Mark your calendars and make your long range plans now.

In early May 2002, visitors to Regina will have a unique opportunity to explore some of the key issues of Health and Wellness for Seniors, at the “Lifelong Odyssey”

Forum 2002. This will be a national forum hosted by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism and the University of Regina, and presented by SaskPower. There will be roughly a hundred distinguished Canadian speakers,(researchers,the-

oreticians, practitioners and corporations). A wide variety of displays and exhibits by companies and service providers will provide information, answers and innovative ideas. Delegates will also enjoy active living breaks, luncheon adventures and entertaining banquets. Forum 2002 will practise the philosophy that Active Living embraces: the spiritual, artistic, social, intellectual, cultural, psychological, physical and other holistic aspects of a healthy lifestyle.

The Active Living Breaks will be extended periods held twice daily that invite our visitors to discover and to practise an active living lifestyle by visiting such Forum 2002 partners as YMCA, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Government House, MacKenzie Art Gallery, Regina Plains Museum, Saskatchewan Science Centre & IMAX Theatre, Dunlop Art Gallery, or tours with the Regina Natural History Society.

For additional information contact the Forum 2002 Office at 306-757-1898, email to ALCOA2002@sk.sympatico.ca or visit www.alcoa.ca

Al Schell, SSM Board Member

Meet Your Executive

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Executive Meetings:
Sept. 13/01; Nov. 15/01;
Jan. 17/02; Mar. 14/02;
AGM: May 22-24/02

Committees:

Outreach: Al Schell (Chair), Shirley Dyck, Loretta Romankewicz, Stirling McDowell, Laura Lawson

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McDowell Foundation: Doreen Lloyd

Lifestyle Planning: Bert Gordon, Shirley Dyck, Len Davidson, Mickey McLellan, Dona O'Callaghan, Boyd Taylor



Ralph Ritcey was named a member of the Order of Canada May 31, 2001.

(Mr. Ritcey taught at the Rosetown Composite High School 1950-1961.)

Plan to Attend

29th Annual General Meeting of the STS

**May 22 - 24, 2002
Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon**

Wednesday, May 22:

Registration 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. followed by a guest speaker, entertainment by the "Saskatoon Jammers" and a social.

Thursday, May 23:

Plenary Session (morning)

5 Interest Sessions (afternoon) The four interest sessions confirmed thus far are:

- Built Wonders of Saskatchewan -Glen Grismer;
- Seniors Keeping Fit -Linda Martin, SK Health;
- Trust Services and Wills - Trevor Kehrer TCU;
- Gambling a Problem with Seniors - David Morgan, Assistant Director of Problem Gambling
- A Tour of the Western Development Museum from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. at a cost of \$10.00 will be available to spouses and delegates Thursday afternoon.

Thursday Evening:

Banquet; Honorary Life Memberships; Saskatoon Chapter Choir directed by Alf Driedger.

Friday, May 24:

Annual Business Meeting and discussion of Resolutions.

Resolutions received by March 1 will be published in the *Outreach*. Resolutions received after that date will be mailed to Chapter Presidents with other AGM materials.

Detailed information will be going out to the Chapters in February. Please register your delegates with the STS office by April 1. To receive the Convention rate, delegates MUST be registered at the Travelodge at least 30 days in advance of the AGM.

The Planning Committee feels it is organizing another great AGM.

Plan to attend!

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

Honorary Life Membership Reminder

Nominations for Honorary Life Memberships MUST be sent to the chairperson in plenty of time to ensure their arrival before Feb. 28. Guidelines for nominations were printed in the fall issue of *Outreach*. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the chairperson by phone at 873-2030, e-mail at darlene.mccullough@sk.sympatico.ca or by mail: Darlene McCullough, Box 1195, Tisdale, SK S0E 1T0

Thank You

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Executive Committee wishes to express thanks and appreciation to the STF for their assistance in the development of our membership list in electronic format and for their willingness to assist in publishing *Outreach*.

***Deadline for
submission of
articles for the
next Outreach
is Jan. 10, 2002.***

*Life is as unpredictable
as a grapefruit's squirt.*

*Gossip, like mud, can be wiped off,
but it leaves a smear.*