

Outreach



To The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

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The President's Report

DOREEN LLOYD

Happy New Year and welcome to 2004. I hope that your Christmas and New Year's celebrations were joyous and happy times.

I had the opportunity to attend the STS Bonspiel in Canora. The committee is to be congratulated for the fantastic organization and hospitality. Way to go, Canora!

In December, Al Schell and I attended the Midlakes Chapter meeting, and Bert Gordon and I attended the Unity Chapter meeting. Audry Blais and Laura Lawson also attended the Unity meeting. I am looking forward to meeting with the Yorkton Chapter in January, and the Kindersley Chapter in March. The Battleford Teachers' Convention will be held on February 17th, and Audry Blais and I will be making a presentation about STS to that group. I look forward to meeting with Chapters, and welcome the invitations. I will be meeting with Earle Roberston, the consultant with the McDowell Foundation, in February to look at initiatives for our involvement in the Foundation.

The Executive has completed another two-day Executive meeting. Six committee meetings were held on Wednesday, and the full Executive meeting was held on Thursday. A number of issues were discussed and acted upon, and these will be reported elsewhere in this edition. The Ad Hoc Committee established to investigate counsellor-like assistance to members has been named the Support Services Committee. When the committee met, it looked at the terms of reference and an action plan. It was a very interesting meeting, and will prove to be an exciting undertaking. There is need for member input into this study. Very shortly, Chapter Presidents will receive a letter asking for assistance with this study. The committee is seeking information as to the services that Chapters provide to assist those members who need some form of support during a crisis, and will also request information about community-provided services.

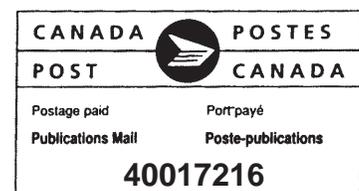
The time line on gathering material is short. Some Chapters may not be meeting in time to discuss the letter

as a Chapter issue. In these cases, would Presidents take the initiative and submit the information before the deadline? Siegrid Schergel is the chair of this committee. Dalton Tamney an experienced researcher has been contracted to provide research assistance.

We were very pleased to receive a request for the formation of a Chapter in the Outlook area. Welcome to our newest Chapter. It is great to have you with us.

A number of deadlines are fast approaching. I urge all Chapters to be aware of these deadlines, and submit the required information before the due date.

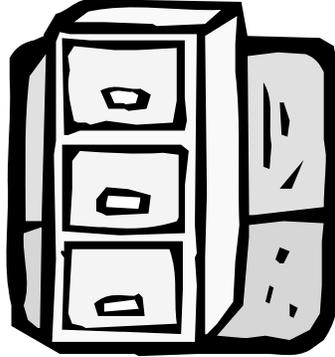
Some concerns have been expressed regarding lines of communication between Chapters or members and the Provincial Executive and/or Committees. All correspondence for consideration of Executive Members or Committees should be submitted to the appropriate Executive Member or Committee through the STS Office, unless otherwise directed. Concerns regarding the distribution of Outreach should be directed to the STS office.



Greetings from your Editor

Welcome to the year 2004. The Nov/Dec issue of Outreach marked the 10th anniversary of my participation in this organization as your editor. And do you know what? I still look forward with great anticipation to Shirley bringing me the information and I still get that marvelous feeling of satisfaction that I am helping to keep you in touch with our parent organization when I collate the reports AND I'm still convinced that the STS (and its Executive) are exactly what you and I, its members, need.

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CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

If your Chapter has presented any merit awards to members this year, please submit these names to the STS office by May 1, 2004.

Grandpa's Wisdom

Whether a man winds up with the nest egg or a goose egg depends a lot on the kind of chick he marries.

Trouble in marriage often starts when a man gets so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.

Too many couples marry for better or for worse, but not for good.

When a man marries a woman, they become one, but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

If a man has enough "horse sense" to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never be an old nag.

Judging from the specimens they pick for husbands, it's no wonder that brides often blush.

On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past.....but never the present.

A foolish husband remarks to his wife: "Honey, you stick to the washin', ironin', cookin', and scrubbin'. No wife of mine is gonna work.

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment only when the interest is kept up.

Many girls like to marry a military man — He can cook, sew, make beds, and is in good health. And he's already used to taking orders.

Grandpappy and his wife were discussin' their 50th wedding anniversary when she said, "Shall I kill a chicken tonight?" "Naw, said Grandpappy, "Why blame a bird for something that happened 50 years ago.

Reports

Councillors' Report

**DON BARTEL, SHIRLEY DYCK,
MIKE KAMINSKI, DOREEN LLOYD**

Councillors attended the December 6th Special Council on Bargaining in Saskatoon. Fall Council had dealt with the "asking package" and the councillors discussed each item. A revised "Asking Package" was developed from these discussions for our consideration.

Lyle Vinish went over the revised package in detail and the councillors voted to adopt it without any further revisions. The Federation is ready to begin negotiations.

Some of the items in the "Asking Package" that are of special interest to Superannuates are: (1) Increasing the survivor benefit from 60% to 66 2/3%. (2) Changing the COLA Clause from 80% to 100% of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Other topics include salary, substitute pay at the provincial level, allowances for Principals, Vice-Principals and Assistant Principals, administrative release time, preparation time for teachers, supervisory allowances for teachers, the dispute resolution process regarding transfers, class size and composition, violence and harassment policy, sick leave, SUB plan, dental plan, comprehensive health care plan, income continuance plan, leave for family responsibilities, and substitute teacher benefits.

Budget and Finance Committee Report

HORST SAWATZKI

1. The committee reviewed and recommended to the STS Executive the following for approval:

- The Financial Statement for the period ending November 30, 2003;
 - The Financial Statement for the period ending December 31, 2003;
2. The current membership report indicates 6913 STS members;
 3. We reviewed the proposed 2004 AGM Budget – \$60,000 - and recommended its acceptance to the STS Executive;
 4. Fred Herron presented a preliminary July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005 Budget. A proposed budget will be approved by the STS Executive and printed in the March issue of Outreach. The final budget will be presented to the the 2004 AGM.
 5. The Cost of Living (COLA) increase effective Jan. 1, 2004 is 2.6%;
 6. For individuals who began receiving superannuation allowances during the 2003 calendar year, the COLA will be prorated.

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

DON BARTEL

The SSM Executive meeting was held January 13th to consider applications for allocating the monies provided by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant.

Applications were received from:

Senior Citizens Association; Salvation Army; Federation des Aines Fransaskois; Sask. Senior Fitness Association - 55 plus Games; Sask. Senior Fitness Association - Workshops, Clinics, Meetings; Sask. Senior Association (SSAI) - newsletter; Saskatoon Council on Aging Inc. - Seniors

Communicate; SSEC -Seniors Education Centre - U of Regina; Senior Power - Seniors Voice Newsletter.

Resolutions Committee

**SIEGRID SCHERTEL,
RESOLUTIONS CHAIR**

Is there something on which you would like to see the STS take action? Is there an issue on behalf of which you would like the STS to advocate? Are there policy issues you would like debated? Why not submit a resolution to the AGM?

Copies of the 'submission of resolutions' form are available from your Chapter President and the format criteria are outlined in the Handbook, Guideline 3. Please submit all resolutions to the STS office. Resolutions received by March 1st will be published in the March Outreach; those received after March 1st will be mailed with the AGM material.

We look forward to receiving your resolutions.

Group Benefits Report

BERT GORDON

On January 14/04 the committee met with three representatives of Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

The Claims Experience for the first 11 months of the new contract is very positive. The health plan has a surplus of \$ 204,093.36 (17.5% of claims) and the Dental Plan has a surplus of 209,360.53 (34.8% of claims). At our next meeting in March we will be able to evaluate the figures for the first full year of the contract.

Membership in the Plans continues to grow, slowly but steadily. As of February 1/04 we have 3846 plan members involving 2841 STS members. 35.9% of our 6913 members participate in one or both of the plans. This figure is slightly lower than it had been in January, as a number of participants have returned to teaching and have temporarily withdrawn from our plans.

The Committee authorized Blue Cross to prepare a letter regarding the integration of prescription costs with the Sask. Health Special Support Program. This Government program is designed to offset the out-of-pocket expenses Saskatchewan residents face when purchasing prescription drugs. This letter will be sent to all Plan participants when their drug costs reach \$1000 for the year, and will encourage them to register for the Support Program. An application form will be enclosed. Participation in the Support Program will result in savings to the individual as well as savings to the Plan. Drug costs have increased by about 24%. Part of this is due to increased usage but drug prices alone have increased by about 15%.

We clarified the “over-age dependent verification” issue. The names of all over-age dependents are removed from the Blue Cross lists in September, but if the parents verify on the claim form that the dependents are still attending school, the names will again be added onto the contract. If the names have been off the list for some time and returning them will result in a status change and a change in premiums, then the parent must submit a change of status form and arrange for payment of the additional premium through the STS office.

The 90-day leave “prior condition” clause has been part of our travel contract since 2000 when we began our first contract with Blue Cross. It remains unchanged. It takes effect if there has been any change in condition indicated by your doctor,

even a change in the dosage of a prescription drug. The effective date is the date when your doctor recorded the change. If the change

takes place within 90 days of the commencement of travel, then the condition that triggered the change is not covered by the plan.

31st Annual General Meeting of the STS

Wednesday, May 19 – 21, 2004
Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS:

You will be receiving a package of information early in February.

Please send your list of delegates to the STS office shortly after receiving the information. The Executive has calculated that the attendance formula for this year will allow each Chapter to send two delegates for the first 40 paid up members, and one additional delegate for each additional 40 paid up members or portion thereof.

We are so pleased to announce that The Honourable Dr. Lynda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, will be our guest speaker on the Wednesday evening.

INTEREST SESSIONS:

We will offer **five** and delegates may attend **three**.

The topics this year will be:

- The Canada Light Source- Tracy Walker
- Saskatchewan’s Hidden Jewel - the Sand Dunes of Lake Athabasca – Peter Jonker
- Home Security – Bev Cook
- Bird Watching – Mary Gilliland
- There’s Life after Retirement - How to Treat Work Ethic with the Disrespect It Deserves - Terry Chamberlain

ENTERTAINMENT:

Wednesday evening: The Barbershop Quartet.

Following the banquet on Thursday we have “Eclipse” a well-known choral group.

Plan to attend!

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

Stitch 'n Quilt Retreat

Wed. Sept. 29 - 5:30 - 9:00

Thurs. Sept. 30 - 9:00 - 4:00

Fri. Oct. 1 - 9:00 - 4:00

Welcome... Join us at Moose Jaw's Wood Acres in beautiful Wakamow Valley for a stitching and quilting retreat.

Special Events...

1. WEDNESDAY EVENING:

- **Roast Beef Banquet** -5:30 - 7:00 pm. Join Moose Jaw STS members and retreat participants for a delicious meal. Cost \$10 payable at the door.

- **Trunk Show** -7:00 - 9:00 pm. Instructors and participants are invited to share their projects with the group. Bring your own items for "Show and Share" if you'd like to take part. Otherwise, sit back and enjoy!

2. THURSDAY EVENING:

- Dine out on your own at one of Moose Jaw's many fine restaurants and then meet for an exciting **Shop Hop** featuring local quilting/sewing merchants.

Workshops...

1. Crazy Quilting and Ribbon Work - Betty Caskey - 2 day- \$140

Learn the fine old art of Crazy Quilting and Ribbon Work in a fun filled 2 day adventure with Betty Caskey, a well known fibre artist from Olds, Alberta. These two fibre arts are combined in one class so you can create a wonderful heirloom wall hanging. Kit fee \$30 payable to instructor.
www.vicotrianpleasures.com

2. Beginner Sampler - Grace Gibbs - 2 day - \$140

If you have always wanted to try quilting here's your opportunity! Grace will teach basic techniques to construct a lap quilt.

**For the following classes some sewing experience is recommended.*

3. Three D Sampler - Marni MacDonald -1 day - \$70-Thursday, Sept. 30

National award winning innovative quilter will teach a workshop in dimensional quilting creating blocks for a full sized quilt.

4. A Vest for all Seasons - Dianna Best - 1 day - \$70 - Friday, Oct. 1

Using Battenberg and patchwork create a "Vest for all Seasons" with Dianna Best, designer, publisher, owner of Youngman Hughes Enterprises. This versatile vest is equally suitable in cotton or flannel. Pattern and lace purchase is necessary from instructor.
www.battenberglace.com

5. Paper Pieced Stained Glass -Carolyn Duncan - 1 day - \$70-Thursday, Sept. 30

An award winning quilter will teach paper pieced stained glass. Make a 12 inch floral block which would be the beginning of a runner, wall hanging or placemat.

** Includes lunch and two coffee/tea breaks per day.

- Supply lists will be forwarded once registration fees are paid.
- Maximum of 12 participants per workshop.

Contact Karen Mundt @ 693-7168
or Mary Field
@maryfield@sasktel.net

Accommodations ...

Reasonably priced accommodation is available at Wood Acres. Breakfast is included. For more information, please call 306 692-0126.

Registration Form...

Due May 31, 2004

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail address: _____

Workshop(s) _____

Fee \$ _____

\$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

- Make cheque payable to Stitch 'n Quilt Retreat
- Cheques may be postdated to Sept. 1, 2004.
- Cancellation fee \$10 after August 15, 2004.

Please check for Wednesday evening:

- I will attend the banquet (\$10 payable at the door) and Trunk Show.
- I will attend the Trunk Show only (free).
- I would like to participate in the "Show and Share" at the Trunk Show.

Mail completed registration and full payment to:

Doreen Himsl
248 Grandview St. W.
Moose Jaw, SK S6H 5K7

STS Provincial Recreation Update

Ed Magis 783-3350; Audry Blais 937-7115;
Calvin Bachmeier 628-3804



Wilson, Bill Gulka;

ACTIVITIES FOR 2004

BOWLING: MOOSE JAW (94)*
See registration form for details.

GOLF: REGINA (94) June 9,10, 2004 ; Emerald Park and Golf Course east of Regina; Registration form will be in the Mar/Apr Outreach. Contact Stu Reiley at 757-2569, or Jim Slough at 586-0397 (e-mail: sloughja@sasktel.net)

FISHING: Host needed

KAISER: NORTH BATTLEFORD
(Thank you Humboldt Chapter for hosting Kaiser in 2003.)

QUILTING: MOOSE JAW
See update provided; September 30 -October 1, 2004

BIRDING: ST. WALBERG ;
JUNE 18,19, 20, 2004; Contact: Paul Wilson 1-800-667-4668 Or Tony Leeson 306-248-3294; Attractions www.stwalberg.com

BRIDGE: SASKATOON (99)

CURLING: PRINCE ALBERT(96)
*() indicates date last hosted

For 2005, Saskatoon has committed

The Recreation Directors and committee members recommend that host locations be announced 2 years in advance. This would allow the host committee plenty of time to get donations and even purchase articles on sale. Please show your interest to host well in advance.

STS BOWLING 2004 ENTRY FORM

Surname	First name	Initial
Address		
Postal Code	Phone Number	
Team Registry (Name)		
Names of other Team Members		
1.	Phone	
2.	Phone	
3.	Phone	
4	Phone	
Fee enclosed	X \$43 = \$	
Extra banquet tickets	X \$18 = \$	
Extra luncheon tickets	X \$6 = \$	

Banquet and luncheon at Elks Hall, Langdon Crescent

Send entries to: STS Bowling, Rich Towriss, 59 Bluebell Cresc.,
Moose Jaw, SK , S6J 1A1 Phone: (306) 692-2562

STS BOWLING 2004

South Hill Bowling Alley
MOOSE JAW, SK
MAY 6 & 7, 2004

- Register as a group of 5 or as an individual

- Registration limited to 80 entries
- Fees \$43.00 per person (includes 6 games, banquet, Fri. Luncheon and awards)
- Register by April 28th, 2004

PROVINCIAL CURLING BONSPIEL RESULTS

Hosted by the Assiniboine Chapter
November 27 & 28, 2003

Honored to have President Doreen
Lloyd as a guest at the banquet

And the winners were:

A Event: Nick Asmundson (S) of
Wishart, Walter Popenia (3rd)
Connie Asmundson (2nd)
Marjorie Popenia (Lead)

B Event: Tom Jordens of Kamsack,
Joyce MacLean, Alvin
Makowsky, Norma Chernoff;

C Event: Lloyd Nelson of Humboldt,
Edward O'Hara, Mervin
Tomski, Herman Baur;

D Event: Arnold Makowsky of Canora,
Ernie Gabora, Don Bahrey,
Michael Spelay;

E Event: Denis Masurat of Melfort,
Dale McHarg, Reg Plaxin,
Steve Holowaty;

F Event: Orville Burak of
Rose Valley, Barry Eidsness,
Charlotte Eidsness, Loraine
Burak;

G Event: Wayne McDonald of Sturgis,
Joe Yacyshyn, Maxine Stinka,
Ardelle Chicilo;

H Event: Larry Wentland of Saltcoats,
Gloria Rathgeber, Rob

Attention all former Math Teachers:

SUBJECT: SUBVERSIVE MATH TERRORISTS

WARNING ALERT

At New York's Kennedy airport today, an individual, later discovered to be a public school teacher, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a setsquare, a slide rule, and a calculator. At a morning press conference, Attorney general John Ashcroft said he believes the man is a member of the notorious al-gebra movement. He is being charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

"Al-gebra is a fearsome cult," Ashcroft said. "They desire average solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in a search of absolute value. They

use secret code names like "x" and "y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns," but we have determined they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country."

"As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say, there are 3 sides to every triangle," Ashcroft declared.

When asked to comment on the arrest, President Bush said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes.

I am gratified that our government has given us a sine that it is intent on protracting us from these math-dogs who are willing to disintegrate us with calculus disregard.

Murky statisticians love to inflict pain on every sphere of influence," the President said, adding: "Under the circumferences, we must differentiate their root, make our point, and draw the line."

President Bush warned, "These weapons of math instruction have

the potential to decimal everything in their math on a scalene never before seen unless we become exponents of a Higher Power and begin to factor-in random facts of vertex."

Attorney General Ashcroft said, "As our Great Leader would say, read my ellipse. Here is one principle he is uncertain of: though they continue to multiply, their days are numbered as the hypotenuse tightens around their necks."

Retirement Lifestyle Planning

Sessions will be held at Teacher Conventions in North Battleford and Regina during the month of February.

Nominations for 2004- 2005 Executive

BERT GORDON

Nominations are now being accepted for the following Executive positions: President, Vice-President, CART representative, Councillors and Executive-members-at-large.

Please submit the name, address, and phone number of nominees for these positions to the STS office or to Bert Gordon, Nominations Chair. (Phone 763-7113, email – bert.gordon@sasktel.net

Nominations received by March 15, 2004 will be listed in the next Outreach, however nominations may be submitted up to and during the AGM. Candidates should submit a brief resume to the office and these will be made available to all AGM participants.

It is quite acceptable to submit your own name. If submitting the name of another member, be sure that you have his/her consent.

A Retired Teacher from Ontario Sends a Message to Saskatchewan

I am a retired teacher from Ontario and I have recently become Membership Chair of the Billy Bishop Heritage Museum. This Museum was proclaimed a national historic site on September 25, 2003. It is my intention to get new members for the museum from all parts of Canada. We have a very good educational programme and I believe that some retired teachers would be interested in supporting us for that reason.

We welcome new members in the Billy Bishop Heritage Museum in Owen Sound, Ontario. The cost is \$10.00 individual, \$15.00 family. Your membership will help promote our educational programme. You may E-mail myself at howardandmarilyn@sympatico.ca or info@billybishop.org

Thanks for your help.

Howard Schmidt
Membership Chair



In Memoriam

(If known, the last area taught and the maiden names of deceased women are included)

SUPERANNUATE

Bailey, Lavina (Jelsing)
 Bessel, Ruth (Schoepp)
 Bottomley, Dorothy (Hallock)
 Dickinson, Jean
 Duffield, Theresa (Hoegl)
 Erickson, Kenneth
 Friebe, Alea (Nordahl)
 Gerbrand, Anita
 Hammel, Sr. Philippine
 Hoffman, Erna (Strasser)
 Jones, Doris (Wharton)
 Kerber, Alice
 Kidd, Florence (Measner)
 Klemke, Anna (Plohr)
 Law, Astrida (Endzinaite)
 Lowe, Mona (Woodley)
 MacArthur, Dorothy (Wilkins)
 Mauchel, Elizabeth
 McCarron, Cecil
 McCaslin, Rosalie (Gessner)
 McLeod, Stella (Olafson)
 Mitchell, Mildred (Dahl, Hjertaas)
 Morrison, Esther
 O'Kane, James
 Osachoff, William
 Peterson, Chalmer
 Rabeau, Alice
 Robinson, Norma (Sutor)
 Schultz, Elizabeth
 Swystun, Peter

DECEASED

Aug 11/03
 Sep 29/03
 Sep 4/03
 Jul 29/03
 Jul 20/03
 Sep 29/03
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 Sep 14/03

LAST TAUGHT

Oxbow S.D.
 Potashville S.D.
 Arcola S.D.
 Regina RCSSD
 Lloydminster S.D.
 Ranch Ehrlo Society
 Moose Jaw S.D.
 Estevan S.D.
 St. Angela's Academy
 Anaheim #1466
 Biggar S.D.
 Saskatoon Public
 Wilkie S.D.
 Swift Current S.D.
 Moose Jaw S.D.
 Moose Jaw S.D.
 Humboldt S.D.
 Saskatoon Public
 Weyburn S.D.
 Wood River S.D.
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