

OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers
of Saskatchewan

The President's Notebook – March 2006 Executive Meeting

Horst Sawatzki

Count them – 1-2-3-4!

Congratulations to Shirley Dyck, Bert Gordon, George Schmid and Doreen Lloyd, the recipients of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal. Our STS nominations met with 100% success.

On Friday, January 27, 2006 several Executive members and I attended "The Celebration of Life" for Doreen Lloyd, a very dedicated and respected member of the Executive for several years. At the time of her passing Doreen was STS Past President. Thanks for your leadership Doreen. We shall miss you. Your cheer "Go Riders Go" shall be our reminder to take STS on to further heights.

We finally put the finishing touches to the 2006 Annual General Meeting Agenda. A proposed budget with a modest fee adjustment is ready for debate. A number of resolutions have been forwarded to date. These, and other resolutions are included in this edition of OUTREACH. Menus for breakfasts, dinners, and the banquet have been forwarded to the chefs.

Be ready to enjoy the entertainment, check out the group sessions and listen carefully to the greetings, addresses and directions.

Have you clicked on the STS Support Services Information

Website? It is easy to use. With just a click on the blue underlined letters, you can find assistance or information about topics "A" to "Z" and with a supplementary "click" here and there, you get to that "aha" stage. Your search is answered.

To make this service spread its wings we are still looking for chapter personnel to assist members within each chapter! Did you forward your chapter liaison person's

name and e-mail address to the STS office?

I invite you to turn the page(s) for further information about committee reports, AGM 2006 Directives, Coming Events and other interest items.

I just noticed, spring will be here on Tuesday. Golf cannot be far away. Spring renovations need to be done ASAP. What is holding you back?

See you at the AGM in Saskatoon.



STS Bursary

Fred Herron with Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Bursary recipient Deiphan Remoundos

Group Benefits Committee - Bert Gordon

STEADY AS SHE GROWS

Present: Bert Gordon (chair), Derwyn Crozier-Smith, Shirley Dyck, Fred Herron, Siegrid Schergel, Horst Sawatzki, Peter Wiebe, Colleen Bailey, Bob Wilhelms (Saskatchewan Blue Cross).

Membership in the Benefit Plans continues its slow but steady growth. As of April 1, 2006, 3106 members are participants in one or both of the plans, up from 2881 on July 1, 2005. There are 2426 Dental Contracts and 2537 contracts for the Extended Health Plan.

Changes and amendments for the new contract have been finalized and approved. The changes were communicated previously and are also available on our website. Everything seems to be working well. If you have questions or problems, be sure to contact Saskatchewan Blue Cross and/or our office immediately so that the apparent problem can be addressed.

Another reminder about the Drug

Reimbursement Program that came into effect on April 1, 2006: NO NEW CARD IS REQUIRED. Present your current Saskatchewan Blue Cross card to your pharmacist. The pharmacist will enter the number on your card into the computer, and return the card. Be sure they correctly enter the full number. You pay the full cost of the prescription and the pharmacist will submit your claim electronically. Your reimbursement will be mailed by Saskatchewan Blue Cross or you may elect to have it deposited to an account of your choice. In either case you will be mailed your regular statement by Saskatchewan Blue Cross. Your pharmacist may decide not to become part of this plan, in which case, you submit your claims as you have in the past.

Application for Membership in the plan

Can you apply for membership in the Plans after the age of 65? YES!

Application requirements are exactly the same at any age.

1. You must be a member of STS.
2. To be guaranteed acceptance you must apply within 60 days of leaving another Group Plan.
3. After the 60 day window you must fill out a medical form and your application will be evaluated by Saskatchewan Blue Cross to determine eligibility for the Extended Health Plan. You would be accepted into the Dental Plan, but with limited benefits for the first year.

Travel Alert

If you require hospitalization as a result of an accident, unexpected illness or other medical emergency that occurs when traveling outside of Canada, you must call the nearest Canassistance Centre. The number(s) are found on the back of your Saskatchewan Blue Cross card. Failure to call the Canassistance Centre within 48 hours, preferably 24 hours, may invalidate your claim.

STS Drug Reimbursement - Saskatchewan Blue Cross

We are pleased to announce that effective April 1, 2006 all STS members will have access to Saskatchewan Blue Cross Electronic Drug Reimbursement.

The process is convenient and easy to use. When you are purchasing a prescription drug simply present your Saskatchewan Blue Cross identification card to your pharmacist. The pharmacist will then input your policy and identification num-

ber. Your claim will be electronically submitted to Saskatchewan Blue Cross. You will be responsible to pay the pharmacy for the full amount of your prescription purchase. Your claim will be adjudicated on-line and refunds will be processed on the next business day. A reimbursement cheque will then be mailed directly to you or, if previously requested, direct-deposited to your bank account.

You will no longer be required to complete and remit a claim form when purchasing prescription medications. However, please be advised that claim forms will still be required when you are submitting claims for co-ordination of benefits.

If you encounter a problem with the electronic submission please contact our Call Centre at (306) 244-2662 or toll free at 1-800-667-6853.

SSM Report - Peter Wiebe

I thank Ernie Mazur for filling in for me at the SSM meetings during my absence.

Beverly MacLeod agreed last Monday to be the new Executive Director of SSM. A probation period of six months and an annual performance evaluation will be written into the contract.

Minz & Wallace is the auditor retained to check our financial activities.

The SSM AGM will be held May 18, 2006 at the Travelodge on South Albert, Regina beginning at 10 a.m. Minister Responsible for Seniors, Honorable Graham Addley is invit-

ed to be the guest speaker. STS will have 3 voting delegates, Peter Wiebe, Ernest Mazur and Al Schell.

SSM Centennial License Plate sale has been discontinued. Less than half the plates were sold.

SSM met with Rod Ashfield to discuss the Wired for Wisdom Project. Our responsibility in the project is to recruit tutors and students who will learn how to use the computer (using the Neil Squire facilities) by attending informal sessions for 40 weekends tentatively beginning April 8/06. We are also responsible for promoting the project and recruiting tutors/students by

putting information in Gray Matters.

The Health and Lifestyle Showcase will be held in Regina, September 29, 30, and October 1/06.

International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15/06. Information is available at www.inpea.net

Member organizations must advise the SSM office annually of the name of the person representing the organization, the alternate, and their addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses

Support Services - Ernest J. Epp

The STS Support Services data base is now fully operational and available on the website address www.sts.sk.ca. This is truly an accomplishment for STS and a unique service for its membership and others who wish to access it. This Support Services site has been designed to be "user friendly" and comprehensive so as to be relevant to a very broad range of health related assistance our members may require. To date, this site has not yet

been frequently visited, although several that have, indicate that the information available has truly been helpful. Your Support Services Committee met on March 15 and has determined that several steps still need to take place to make this type of help more inviting. Since not all STS chapters have submitted Support Services liaison representatives yet, it was decided that an immediate reminder about the importance of this be communicated

to those Chapters. Next, it was decided that Dalton Tamney, our key resource person assisting with this service, contact each liaison representative personally to provide initial orientation for assistance each such representative might provide. Following this contact, plans for increased orientation and communication for and with all Chapters are being formulated.

Outreach - Ernest J. Epp

The STS OUTREACH newsletter, which is published 5 times per year, remains the primary medium of communication within the entire STS membership in Saskatchewan. Because of its importance in communication it is vitally important that its content be highly significant and relevant to matters of importance to the membership. The distribution of OUTREACH is a vitally important stage of the production of each issue. Unfortunately, the January/February

'06 issue encountered some difficulty at the distribution stage and I, as the chair of the OUTREACH committee, offer an apology to all members who either did not receive this last issue or, as in some instances, received more than one copy. The cause of this difficulty has been examined and a full explanation has been provided. An apology has been expressed by those responsible for this stage. We feel confident that corrective measures have been taken

and that a repeat of this difficulty is very unlikely. OUTREACH may also be utilized as a medium for Chapters and individual members to communicate matters of importance to the whole membership. Please submit your articles for OUTREACH to our STS office in Saskatoon. An editorial review group reviews and proofs each issue prior to the final printing stage. Items of interest to superannuated teachers are welcome.

33rd Annual General Meeting of the STS

Celebrating Success

Tuesday, May 9th to Thursday, May 11th, 2006

TRAVELODGE HOTEL, SASKATOON

TUESDAY, MAY 9TH

5:00 – 7:15 Registration – Galaxy Ballroom
7:15 Welcome – President Horst Sawatzki
Introduction of Candidates
Entertainment – Henri Loiselle and Martin Janovsky
Informal Social with Blaine Morrison, pianist

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH

7:15 – 8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Plenary Session followed by small group sessions to discuss the Resolutions.

Wednesday afternoon:

Five Interest Sessions will be offered

Wednesday evening:

We have a banquet, the Membership Growth Awards, Announcement of the Chapter Awards and Presentation of the Honorary Life Memberships

THURSDAY, MAY 11TH

7:15 – 8:30 Breakfast
9:00 Greetings from the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
The Annual General Meeting

Chapter Presidents have received the package of information about the Annual General Meeting. The names of the delegates were to be into the STS Office by March 15th. The delegates' packages have been mailed. Delegates please register at the Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon by April 12th; call either (306) 242-8881 or the direct toll free number 1-888-278-4209. When making reservations indicate that you are with the Superannuated Teachers Annual General Meeting to get the preferred rate.

Travel: Each Chapter should submit one voucher for travel costs at the AGM.

The rate of travel will be \$0.30 per kilometre, return travel on the basis of one car for each three delegates.

We have planned a great AGM. Hope to see you there!!

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

Disposition of Resolutions From 2005-2006

We are often asked whatever happened to the resolutions that were passed at the last AGM. Below is a summary of the action taken and response received and/or current status of the resolutions.

1. Resolutions Directed to the STS.

The Bylaws and Guidelines amendments have been implemented and incorporated into our Policy Handbook. The resolutions dealing with the Support Services Committee have been implemented by that committee. The annual fee and chapter rebates have been implemented.

The STS was also directed to investigate and report the cost implications of changing our Drug Plan coverage from the Saskatchewan formulary to the National formulary. During the course of our examination of the changes to the STS Extended Health and Dental Plan this was investigated and the following information was provided to us: There is no National Formulary established by the Federal Government. The term "National Formulary" is actually a product name used by other benefit providers. It refers to a subset of drugs that are approved by Health Canada. The Saskatchewan Formulary is such a subset and to change to a more extensive formulary would add significant costs to the Plan. The Saskatchewan Formulary is reviewed on a regular basis.

2. Resolutions Directed to the STF

There were three resolutions urging the STF to negotiate changes to the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan—to increase coverage after age 65 to \$20,000; to increase insurance coverage after age 65 (no amount stated); and to remove the maximum age restric-

tion. The response to all three resolutions was the same: "It is a major challenge to convince insurance companies that life insurance at reasonable cost, or life insurance at all is a viable business proposition for those over 65 years of age. Nonetheless, we will pursue these goals on behalf of superannuated teachers as vigorously as possible."

The STF was also urged to negotiate for 100% Cost of Living Adjustment. The response: "The costs associated with the provision of 100% indexing is substantial, and creates barriers to its negotiation in light of the unfunded liability in the Teachers Superannuation Plan."

3. Resolution Directed to ACER-CART

The resolution urged ACER-CART to petition the Government of Canada to change the tax credit formula to increase the charitable tax credit to the same level as political tax credits. This resolution was adopted at the ACER-CART AGM and presented to the Federal Government for consideration.

4. Resolution Directed to the Provincial Government

The resolution that we oppose the proposed New School Division Boundary proposal was tabled.

The final resolution directed the STS to urge the Government to abolish the mandatory retirement age of 65. The Government response stated, in part, that: Saskatchewan has no legislation that requires mandatory retirement on a general basis, although there are specific pieces of legislation that require it in certain workplaces, specifically the public sector. The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, however, does not prohibit an employer, or a collective agreement, from establishing a mandatory retirement age, provided that age is 65 or more. . . The Code is administered by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, and it is the responsibility of Saskatchewan Justice. I will ensure that both organizations are made aware of your resolution.

Resolutions Committee Report

Elsewhere in this issue, for your consideration, are the resolutions that have been received to date by the Executive. These will be considered by the delegates at the AGM in May. Also, we have added a new section this year—a summary of the disposition of the resolutions passed or tabled at the last AGM.

If these proposed resolutions or a past resolution sparks your thinking, it is not too late to submit further resolutions. The format and guidelines are outlined in our Policy Handbook and forms are available from your Chapter President. The resolutions must be submitted in writing to the office, but if you need some assistance I would be pleased to try to help.

Respectfully submitted,
Siegrid Schergel, Chair

Executive Nominations 2006-2007

PRESIDENT/COUNCILLOR:	Siegrid Schergel	Moose Jaw Chapter
VICE-PRESIDENT/COUNCILLOR:	Jim Sego	Unity Chapter
PAST PRESIDENT/COUNCILLOR	Horst Sawatzki	Moosomin Chapter
COUNCILLORS: (Five to be elected)	Wally Derkach Shirley Dyck Mike Kaminski Margaret Martin Peter Wiebe	Nipawin Chapter Swift Current Chapter Assiniboine Chapter Saskatoon Chapter Regina Chapter
MEMBERS-AT -LARGE: (Seven to be elected)	Calvin Bachmeier Ernie Epp Barry Hollick Ed Magis Darlene McCullough Jim Slough Maxine Stinka	Maple Creek/Medicine Hat Saskatoon Chapter Prince Albert Chapter Yorkton Chapter Tisdale Chapter Regina Chapter Assiniboine Chapter
ACER-CART	Fred Herron	Saskatoon Chapter

Note: As set out in the Constitution and Bylaws, Past President Horst Sawatzki is also a Councillor.

Above are the declared nominations to this date. Further nominations must be received, in writing, by 9:00 AM on the day in which elections are to be held.

Bert Gordon, Chairperson, Nominations Committee.

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Proposed Budget: July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

	BUDGET 2005-2006	8 MONTH ACTUAL	INCOME	BUDGET 2006 - 2007
INCOME				
Membership Fees	190,000.00	133,464.00	Membership Fees	225,000.00
Admin Commission (Benefits Plan)	100,000.00	75,180.33	Admin Commission (Benefits Plan)	116,000.00
Interest	500	2,108.50	Interest	3,000.00
Other	7,500.00	544	Other	8,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$298,000.00	\$211,296.83	TOTAL INCOME	352,000.00
EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES		
Annual General Meeting	72,000.00	57.43	Annual General Meeting	74,000.00
Chapter Rebates	46,000.00	46,683.00	Chapter Rebates	56,000.00
Executive and Committee Meetings	32,000.00	28,233.17	Executive and Committee Meetings	26,000.00
STS Affiliations	6,000.00	3,045.32	STS Affiliations	10,000.00
Executive Chapter Travel	7,000.00	4,937.58	Executive Chapter Travel	8,000.00
Chapter Presidents' Meeting				10,000.00
"Communications, Membership Growth, PR"	30,000.00	19,727.46	" Communications, Membership Growth, PR"	32,000.00
Retirement Life Styles Planning Committee	2,000.00	1,847.48	Retirement Life Styles Planning Committee	2,000.00
Support Services Planning Committee	2,000.00	2,000.00	Support Services Planning Committee	6,000.00
Recreation	3,000.00	2,097.93	Recreation	4,000.00
Office Staff	74,000.00	51,459.84	Office Staff	86,000.00
Office Operation	20,000.00	19,271.44	Office Operation	24,000.00
Computer and Programming	10,000.00	1,247.59	Computer and Programming	12,000.00
McDowell Foundation	1,000.00	1,000.00	McDowell Foundation	1,000.00
Scholarships	1,000.00	500.00	Scholarships	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$306,000.00	\$182,108.24	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$352,000.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(8,000.00)	\$29,188.59	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	

NOTES:

- Note 1: The proposed budget for 2006-2007 is based on an annual fee of \$30.00.
- Note 2: A financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 will be prepared as soon as possible after year-end, audited, and made available to all STS Chapters. Copies of the audited financial statement for 2005-2006 will also be made available to all AGM delegates at the 2007 AGM.
- Note 3: The Operations Reserve Fund has a current balance of \$173,655.47. Should a deficit be incurred for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, it would be covered by monies from the Operations Reserve Fund.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. 7700 Members
2. Fee increase of \$3.00 annually
3. Rebate to Chapters of \$8.00
4. Chapter Presidents' Meeting

STS Resolutions 2006

Resolution One – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS request the STF to urge the Department of Learning to recognize the traditional faith designation of Christmas as the official holiday of that season of the year.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Background:

1. It seems the faith designation of Christmas is being deliberately eliminated and the seasonal holidays are only called holidays. This developing trend is offensive to many and historically inaccurate.
2. Political correctness stresses the honoring of all religious special events and occasions. The Christian faith is deserving of the same regard.

Resolution Two – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS request ACER-CART to urge the government of Canada to increase the basic personal exemption amount from the current \$8,648 to \$10,000 for income tax purposes.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Background:

1. The personal exemption of 2005 was \$8,148.00 of which 16% could be used as an exemption; $\$8,148 @ 16\% = \$1,303.68$
2. The new exemption is \$8,648.00 with a 15% exemption allowed; $\$8,648.00 @ 15\% = \$1,297.20$
3. This is an actual loss of \$6.48 with the new system.
4. Either we increase the exemption or increase the percentage amount so that a personal benefit might accrue or both of the aforementioned increases be used.
5. If the amount of \$10,000 was used at 16%, the actual exemption would be \$1,600.00, an increased benefit of $\$1,600.00 - \$1,303.68 = \$296.32$.

Resolution Three – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS request the Canadian Teachers' Federation to urge the provincial Departments of Learning to require the study of History and Canadian History in all Canadian High Schools.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Background:

1. It is important for our students who graduate to be well informed in matters of Canadian citizenship.

Resolution Four – BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the STS Group Benefit Plan payment for hearing aids be raised to \$750 per hearing aid every 5 years providing this amount is congruent with the 75% co-insurance payment agreement currently in effect.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Background:

1. The STS Group Benefits Plan allows us to recover \$400.00 every three years for new hearing aids. This amount has not been changed since the Plan was implemented, while the cost of hearing aids has increased substantially.

Resolution Five – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS explore subsidizing smaller Chapters to assist them in their growth and program delivery.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Resolution Six – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS explore the implementation of automatic membership fee deduction at source of all retired Saskatchewan teachers.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Background:

1. This would result in no lapse of membership and/or benefits.
2. Follow-up time would be eliminated.

Resolution Seven – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS encourage all Chapters to reassess their current Chapter designation in view of the new amalgamated larger school divisions in Saskatchewan. If the assessment reveals that existing Chapters should extend their current boundaries to include other Chapters in the new larger division, they should be encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Resolution Eight – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS urge the STF to negotiate the Group Life Insurance Plan to be extended from the age of 75 years to 80 years of age.

STS Saskatoon Chapter

Resolution Nine – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS urge the STF to study the feasibility of increasing the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan coverage after age 65.

Prince Albert Chapter

Resolution Ten – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS urge the STF to study the feasibility of providing insurance coverage beyond age 75 under the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan.

Prince Albert Chapter

Resolution Eleven – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS contribute \$1000.00 in memory of and celebration of Doreen Lloyd's life and in recognition of her contributions to this organization to the charity chosen by the family, the McDowell Foundation.

STS Executive

Resolution Twelve – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the STS Annual Fee for 2006-2007 be \$30.00 per person.

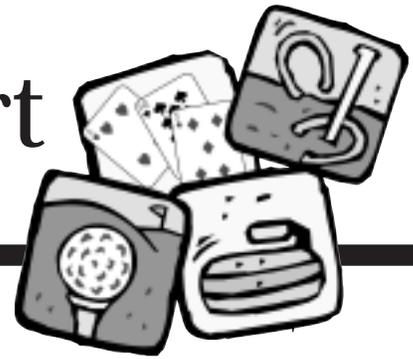
STS Executive

Resolution Thirteen – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Rebate to chapters for 2006-2007 be \$8.00 per person.

STS Executive

STS Activities Report

Calvin Bachmeier, Ed Magis, Audry Blais



Upcoming Events

Bowling

Esterhazy – May 3, 4, 2006 – Ken Johnson, (745-2081) Box 1122 Esterhazy, SK S0A 0X0

Bridge

Swift Current – Oct. 4,5, 2006
Contact: Jim Roberts, 604 North Hill Dr., Swift Current, S9H 1X2
Fax/Phone: (306) 773-8056;
e-mail robertsj@sasktel.net

Curling

Outlook – November 15, 16, 2006

Fishing

Victoria – (Salmon Fishing) – Last week in August.

Estimated cost – Boat, equipment, misc. \$300.00 for 4 people for 4 hours

For more details contact Val Young – (250) 391-0661, email lava1@shaw.ca

Golf

Weyburn – June 7, 8, 2006
Contact: Stan Zaluski, (306) 842-2847.

See the entry form on page 10.

Kaiser

Fifth Annual STS Kaiser Tournament at the Prince Albert Inn in Prince Albert

Oct. 19, 2006 – 9:30-4:30

Cost: \$15 per person (Lunch provided)

Contact: Norbert Tetzlaff, Box 1885, Prince Albert, SK S6V 6J9

Stitch and Quilt Retreat
October 16, 17, 18, 2006 at Manitou Beach, SK.

Contact: Elaine Muzichuk (306) 946-2687 or pweichel@sasktel.net.
Registration fee - \$70.00 per day or \$140.00 for the entire retreat. The fee includes classes, coffee breaks and lunches for Tuesday and Wednesday but does not include breakfast and supper.

See the workshop information and registration form on pages 10 and 11.

Wine Soiree

Wakaw – April 22nd – 2:00 p.m., Melvin Osolinsky (306) 233-5596.

See more information and the registration and entry form on page 12.

Nature Saskatchewan Spring Meet

June 16, 17, 18, 2006 at Prince Albert, SK

PLEASE JOIN US. Field trips, nature talks and story tellers are all part of this event. Learn more about forest and wildlife management and enjoy bird watching in the boreal forest. For more information on scheduled events and accommodation, visit the Nature Saskatchewan website at www.naturesask.ca or 1-800-667-4668.

Pool

No volunteers at this time.

STS Provincial Golf Tournament

Weyburn Golf Course June 7 & 8, 2006



Pre-register by May 1 enclosing \$100.00 per golfer; includes golf cart

Extra banquet tickets \$20.00 each

Accommodations:

Perfect Inns: 1-800-354-2445 Circle 6 Motel: 1-888-922-6166

Travelodge: 1-888-842-1411 Weyburn Inn: 1-877-939-2876

Contacts: Stan Zaluski 1-306-842-2847

Ernie MacDonald 1-306-842-3501

email: e.m.macdonald@accesscomm.ca

Return completed registrations by May 1 to:

Stan Zaluski
1 Abells Bay,
Weyburn, SK. S4H 3M2

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Average score on 9 holes (or handicap) _____

Extra banquet tickets _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Limit 144 golfers

Quilt Naturally Stitch 'n Quilt Retreat 3

Join us for a retreat full of fun, friendship and stitching at Manitou Beach, Sask.

Monday, October 16 – 2 pm to 10 pm, Tuesday, October 17 – 9 am to 10 pm and
Wednesday, October 18 – 9 am to 1 pm

Monday, October 16, 2006

Registration
12:00 – 2:00

Workshops
2:00 – 5:00 & 7:00 – 10:00

1. Square in a Square - Veronica Longmuir is a certified instructor for the wonderful SnS ruler. She will show you that you never have to cut or sew another triangle again, and your points will be right on! She'll share lots of great tips on cutting, sewing and pressing techniques. There is no need for using time-consuming templates. You'll see how easy it is to adapt a pattern to easy SnS technique. Ruler is \$29 and kit is approximately \$45.
2. Purse Play - Using your own pattern or a pattern purchased for \$4 from the instructor, Bonnie Voice, you will combine simple blocks, embellishments and threads galore to make an unusual and fun one of a kind purse or bag.

2:00 - 5:00

3. Heirloom Quilting With Your Serger An often forgotten tool when it comes to quilting and decorative work. Learn how to make the most of your serger using decorative threads and techniques to create beautiful heirloom quilt blocks. Kits are available for \$35.
4. Rag Quilting - Carol Eaton will show you rag quilting - an innovative way to make a quilt - turns out every time and looks thick and warm and inviting. Kit can be provided for \$100.00 plus 1.1M of cotton batting (batting scraps will work for those who create scraps).

7:00 – 10:00

1. Knitting Workshop/Demo - Claimed by experts to be as relaxing as yoga, knitting is fast becoming today's hottest hobby. Don't be left out, join us and learn to knit or improve your knitting skills. This workshop is designed to meet the needs of beginners as well as advanced knitters. We

will cover all the basic skills as well as a variety of advanced techniques with demos as well as hands on including, easy finishing, working with colours, fixing mistakes and how to use up your stash of yarns in creative ways.

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

9:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 - 4:00

1. Quilting 101 - Complete a table runner (yes, COMPLETE) and learn everything you need to know to be a confident quilter. Carol Eaton will take you through color and picking fabric, cutting, sewing, quilting and binding. Your project will easily be finished in the time allotted. Kits can be provided for \$40.00.
2. Falling in Love with Curves - Join certified Creative Curves teacher Wendy Toye and discover how easy it is to sew curves. This class is designed as an introduction to the cutting and sewing of curves. We will create a series of blocks that create an elegant, quick and easy quilt. This dramatic quilt uses the 3" Creative Curves ruler and Virginia Walton's "no pins" curved sewing technique. Ruler must be purchased. Kits can be provided for \$50.
3. Breaking Up Is Fun To Do - Bonny Voice will have you bring out your sense of play to class and find out how

you can make wonderful quilts from your less than favorite blocks. We all have them-assorted blocks and/or blocks that we don't know what to do with. You can also make a favorite block of yours in several colourways and work together so that we can cut them apart and reconnect to block parts in new and different ways. A simple way to get unique and interesting results.

4. Easy Stained Glass Window Silhouette - A fun and easy class that makes a very effective wall hanging. A selection of kits and patterns (\$22) will be made available by instructor, Veronica Longmuir who owns and manages a large 6000 sq. foot fabric shop, called Veronica's Sewing Supplies, located in downtown Kindersley, Saskatchewan.

7:00 - 10:00

Knitting Demos & Workshop
Sewing Time
Spa Services & Swimming

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

9:00 - 12:00

1. Fringe Polar Fleece Blanket - Veronica Longmuir will have you

make one for a Christmas present or an occasion of your choice. Her love of fabric, sewing, teaching and her enthusiasm and encouragement certainly make her classes fun to take. Approximate cost of kit \$60.

2. Backing, Batting & Bindings - Carol Eaton will show these techniques are not as hard as they look. You will make sample projects and learn the tricks to putting on borders without waves, the right batting to use to "make" your project, ways to finish the quilt with different forms of quilting and lastly how to put binding on so it looks professionally finished. Kit is \$20.00.
3. Machine Quilting Demo - Bonnie Voice will show off her originality and practicality of quilting on your machines. Bonnie has taught at Quilt Canada and we are fortunate to have her contribute to our retreat.
4. Any more questions on Falling in Love with Curves? - Just ask Wendy.

12:30 - 1:00

Lunch and Retreat Trunk Show - You show off what you made or bring a masterpiece that you are proud of—we all benefit from sharing.

Registration Fee - \$70.00 per day or \$140.00 for the entire retreat.

Fee includes the classes, coffee breaks and lunches for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Breakfast and supper are NOT included in this fee.

Participants will be responsible for their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Manitou Springs Hotel (306) 946-2233 - \$74 per night. All retreat activities will be at this venue.

Complete supply lists and list of local spa services will be forwarded once registration is paid.

Maximum of 15 participants per workshop. All sessions are fragrance free.

Haus of Stitches and Veronica's Sewing Supplies will have merchandise for sale during the retreat.

The committee reserves the right to cancel classes should there be insufficient registrants. After June 15th classes will be advertised to the public to fill spaces.

For more information contact Elaine Muzichuk at (306) 946-2687 or at pweichel@sasktel.net

Registration Form- Quilt Naturally-Stitch 'n Quilt Retreat 3

Due June 15, 2006

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Workshops

Monday

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Monday evening activity (note: Some sessions continue into the evening, those participating in afternoon sessions #3 & #4 may choose to finish their project, join the knitting or have some time for R & R.)

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Tuesday

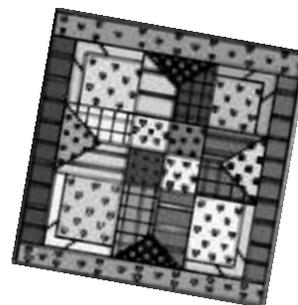
1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Tuesday evening activity

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Wednesday

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____



*Make cheques payable to Humboldt & District STS
*Cheques may be postdated to September 1, 2006
*Cancellation fee \$10 after September 1, 2006

Mail completed registration and full payment to:
Cécile Buehler, Box 1071, Humboldt, SK S0K 2A0

STS Wine Soiree 2006

Wakaw Chapter

You are invited to attend a wine tasting/supper soiree on Saturday, April 22nd, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion – Wakaw, SK. (314 – 3rd Ave. So., Wakaw)



Program: Register early – limited numbers

Vintners must deliver wine by 1 p.m., Saturday, April 22nd

- 2:00 – Welcome from Wakaw Chapter; M.C.
- 2:15 – 4:00 Wine Tasting
- 4:00 – 5:00 Entertainment
- 5:00 – 6:00 Catered Supper / Door Prizes
- 6:15 – Wine Competition Awards, People's Choice Award
- 7:00 – Closing Remarks / Auction & Bottle Pick-ups

Tickets: \$20.00 each; must be purchased prior to April 15th
Enquiries: Mel Osolinsky @ (306) 233-5596 or mooroz@sasktel.net
Stay at: Wakaw Lodge Motel, (306) 233-4345
Camping: Wakaw Lake Regional Park, (306) 233-5744
Poplar Beach RV Resort, (306) 233-5584

Things to Visit: Diefenbaker Law Office, Regional Park – Golfing, Wakaw Lake, Batoche National Historic Site, Scrimshaw Gallery, Duck Lake, Prytula General Store, Tway

Registration

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ PC _____

Tickets required _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Make cheque payable to: STS Wakaw Chapter
Send to: Phil Mueller, Box 159, Wakaw, SK S0K 4P0

Wine Competition: April 22, 2006

Entry Form

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

Prov. _____ PC _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Please check type of wine and name of wine (max. of 2)

Class _____ Kit Wines _____ Scratch wines _____

Red Dry _____

Red Sweet _____

White/Blush Dry _____

White/Blush Sweet _____

Vintner's Signature _____ Date _____ Comp. Ticket # _____

• If additional ticket(s) required, please fill in "Ticket Request Form"

Regulations:

1. Competitors will supply at least 4 (750 ml) bottles of wine per class (maximum of 2)
2. Wine must be delivered by 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22
3. Competition starts at 2:15 p.m.
4. Bottles (and unopened wine) will be ready for pickup at 7:15 p.m.
5. Vintners are provided with one complimentary ticket; all other tickets are \$20 each and must be purchased prior to April 15.
6. There will be prizes in each category plus a "people's choice" award
7. Entries will be accepted on a "first-come" basis based on space available, so enter early; limited entrants
8. For more information, contact Mel Osolinsky at (306) 233-5596
9. Mail entry form to: Mel @ Box 400, Wakaw, SK S0K 4P0, or by email mooroz@sasktel.net

Hats Off to Our Chapters

Tisdale Chapter Book Launch



Bob Donnan, Editor, and Maureen Donald, President of the Tisdale Chapter, with the book on the compiled histories of the schools that have operated in the Tisdale School Division. Members did the research on the schools and located a photo of each school. 190 copies have been printed and they have all sold so if there are enough further orders, more copies will be printed. It proved to be a most interesting project and has been very well received by the public.

Sincere congratulations from the Victoria Chapter and all STS members to Harry Bond of the Victoria Chapter who will celebrate his 100th birthday, April 8, 2006! Harry faithfully attended Chapter meetings until three years ago and was one of the early members of the Chapter. Last year he was presented his Thirty Year Membership Certificate. Les Wood and John Cook will be visiting Harry on his birthday and presenting him with a bouquet of flowers and a birthday card from the Chapter.

In 2002 Elaine Kowpak and Beth Robertson, two retired teachers of Harris, combined their writing talents and musical flair which resulted in the musical drama, "The Pull of the Land". Three years later and after 64 performances to 25,000 people in 20 locations, the cast and crew have decided to perform only in their home town. Thus, on July 12,13,14 and 15, 2006 the drama will be staged in dinner theatre format as part of a Harris Summer Festival. The Festival begins each day at 2:00 pm and includes Museum visits, walking tours, art and craft sales and other attractions. Advance reserved seating for the dinner theatre is available at (306) 656-2155. Bus tours are welcome. Visit our website at www.thepulloftheland.sk.ca or contact Beth at (306) 656-2015.

In order to view more photos of The Little Red School House (January - February edition of Outreach), please go to: www.geocities.com/joebess2001/2006/STSLittleRedSchoolHouse.html. A very special thanks to Joe Butel for sharing these pictures with us.



Honorary Life Membership

On April 20, 2005, Hildur Parry was recognized by the Weyburn Chapter with an Honorary Life Membership in the Chapter. Provincial President, Horst Sawatzki, presented the award. Hildur, whose teaching career centred in the Ogema High School and neighbouring country schools, became an active and dedicated member of the Weyburn Chapter of STS upon retirement in 1982. She served in a variety of positions all the while keeping a scrapbook of Chapter activities and its history. Should a question arise, Hildur is the ultimate authority.

Congratulations to the Recipients of the Centennial Medal

Bert Gordon, George Schmid, Doreen Lloyd and Shirley Dyck, who were nominated by the Executive of the STS to the Government of Saskatchewan, received the Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Centennial Medal is an official honour of the Crown and part of the Saskatchewan Honours and Awards Program. This medal recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to our province and is a symbol of the pride and vision of Saskatchewan and its people.

Bert, Shirley, Doreen and George sincerely thank the STS for the nomination and this honour bestowed upon them.

Sincere Get Well wishes for a speedy recovery to Executive member, Audry Blais.

Reunion

Meath Park School
Reunion July 28, 29, 2006.
Welcome high school students, teachers and staff, from 1944 - 1980. Contact: Delbert Cousins (306) 929-4813 or Diane Adamko (306) 929-2043

Book and Music Sale

April 27 - May 6, 2006 10 am - 6 pm
Confederation Mall - Centre Concourse,
Saskatoon, SK All proceeds support the Saskatoon Symphony. Donations accepted year-round by volunteers. Call (306) 665-6414 for details.

Congratulations

to the members selected for Honorary Life Membership in the STS for 2006. They are: Bert Gordon, Doreen Lloyd and Ernest Mazur.

Corrections

There were a number of errors in the Jan/Feb Outreach:

Our apologies to Terry Gabriel who wrote the article for The Little Red School House production not Shirley Woytas as was printed;

The phone number, address and e-mail address of the STF were to be printed separately NOT as a part of MaryLynn Gagne's Research Project;

Note the date of the Wine Soiree in Wakaw : April 22/06;

When you send your bowling registration to Ken Johnson, his address is Box 1122 Esterhazy, S0A 0X0

The Seniors' Information Hotline: 1-888-823-2211

Saskatchewan HealthLine: 1-877-800-0002

In Memoriam

With great appreciation
we remember our
colleagues for their
many years of
educational services
to the children and
young people of
Saskatchewan.

Name (Nee)	Date of Death	Last Taught
Arnesen, Beatrice	Jan 03/06	
Badham, F. Michael	Jan 23/06	Regina SD #4
Bell, Sarah	Jan 11/06	
Berntson, Ivar	Jan 30/06	Oxbow SD #51
Brown, Allan	Jan 23/06	Tisdale SD #53
Buchko, Ann (Phillipow)	Jan 16/06	St. Paul's RCSSD #20
Byers, Mabel	Jan 13/06	Nipawin SD #61
Corbin, Mabel (Hanna, Dixon)	Dec 12/05	Shaunavon SD #71
Cottingham, Zoie	Jan 29/06	
Cross, Sharie	Jan 13/06	
Englot, Dora	Jan 10/06	Moosomin SD #9
Eremko, Lillian	Jan 11/06	
Ewart, William	Jan 22/06	Regina SD #4
Gladstone, Estelle (Mallin, Brans)	Jan 14/06	Saskatoon SD#13
Hepting, Henry	Jan 30/06	Moose Jaw SD #1
Kirkpatrick, Jennie	Jan 08/06	
Kyle, Wayne	Jan 03/06	Blaine Lake SD #57
Laidlaw, Florence	Jan 27/06	
Lloyd, Doreen	Jan 23/06	Prince Albert SD #3
Marte, Sr. Appolonia	Jan 15/06	St. Angela's Academy
McRae, Helen	Jan 11/06	
Olauson, Melfort	Jan 02/06	St. Paul's RCSSD #20
Pawlyshyn, Gloria	Jan 17/06	Kamsack SD #35
Pizzey, Eric	Jan 31/06	Turtleford SD #65
Reusch, Anna	Jan 31/06	Kamsack SD #35
Ross, Dorothy	Jan 03/06	Regina SD #4
Ruddell, Joseph	Jan 20/06	Prairie View SD #74
Schurman, Theodore	Jan 25/06	
Smith, Phyllis	Jan 25/06	Prairie View SD #74
Smith, William	Jan 29/06	
Steinhauer, Elizabeth	Jan 29/06	
Thorn, Mildred	Jan 19/06	
Welwood, Muriel	Jan 05/06	
Whelan, Errol	Jan 03/06	Swift Current Comprehensive

We extend sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mike Badham who passed away suddenly on Jan. 23, 2006. Not only will Mike be remembered for his 31 years of active teaching but also for his participation in the STF where he served as the President, as a representative of the Board of the CTF at many international conferences, and for his tremendous community involvement that included five terms on Regina City Council and his service and commitment to many boards and commissions, locally, provincially and nationally.

The University of Regina is honoured to celebrate his life through the establishment of the Mike Badham Scholarship Fund. Donations to the Mike Badham Scholarship Fund, University of Regina, External Relations, 210 North Residence, Regina, SK S4S 0A2 will be gratefully received. Charitable receipts will be issued for gifts of \$10 or more.

STS Executive 2005 - 2006

Chapters, please submit names of members who have been recognized with Chapter awards to the office in Saskatoon.

Past Acting President/Councillor:	Bert Gordon, Prince Albert
President/Councillor:	Horst Sawatzki, Moosomin
Vice-President/Councillor:	Siegrid Schergel, Moose Jaw
Councillors:	Wally Derkach, Nipawin Shirley Dyck, Swift Current Mike Kaminski, Assiniboine Margaret Martin, Saskatoon Jim Segoy, Unity
Members-at-Large	Calvin Bachmeier, Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Audry Blais, Battleford Ernie Epp, Saskatoon Ed Magis, Yorkton Darlene McCullough, Tisdale Maxine Stinka, Assiniboine Peter Wiebe, Regina
ACER-CART	Fred Herron, Saskatoon
Group Benefits/ Retirement Lifestyles Planning	Bert Gordon
Editor	Loretta Romanekewicz

From The Editor

“We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give.” Teachers and retired teachers are well-known for their give, their volunteerism, in so many facets of their community. Keep making a life for yourself and others.

Take care and God bless!

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