

OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers
of Saskatchewan

President's Report – Robert Wuschenny

The high snow banks outside my window remind me that spring is not yet here. However, the seed catalogues have arrived and retail store personnel are busily unpacking their new spring and summer wares, making me anxious to see the snow banks disappear and nature to put on a new mantle of hues more interesting than white.

The Provincial Executive met on March 5-7, 2013 in Saskatoon. Our membership is now at 10,045, and we hope to welcome new members as retirements occur at the end of June.

Our 40th AGM, to be held on May 14-16, 2013 at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon, promises to be an exciting event as we celebrate our history and our successes realized over the past forty years. AGM Planning Committee Co-chairs, Jerry Mamer and Elaine Broughton have planned an interesting and informative AGM for delegates. Chapter Presidents are reminded to submit their Chapter reports and delegate names to the STS Office by April 1, 2013.

Congratulations to our Retirement Lifestyles Planning Committee who put on a very good Retirement Lifestyles Planning Seminar on March 9, 2013 in Saskatoon!

The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee and the Executive have approved the 2013-14 Proposed Budget which is included in this issue of *Outreach*. You will notice that it is a balanced budget and that again the fee is \$30 per member. The Executive is pleased to have been able to maintain the same membership fee since 2006 without "cuts" to services. Please direct questions and/or concerns regarding the proposed 2013-14 budget to Chapter delegates who will be discussing and voting on the proposed budget at our AGM.

As reported by Group Benefits Committee Chairperson, Margaret Martin, our Extended Health and Dental Plans are operating efficiently.

Resolutions are often said to provide direction for the STS Provincial Executive. A number of resolutions have been received and are included in this issue of *Outreach*. Please peruse them and provide feedback to your Chapter AGM delegates who will be debating and voting on resolutions at the AGM.

The STS is a Local Association of the STF. As such, our eight STS Councillors will attend the STF Annual Meeting of Council in Saskatoon on April 24-27, 2013

where we will participate in the discussions and debates of Council as well as vote on STF resolutions.

Several recreation activities are being hosted by Chapters in the next few months. Please register for Provincial Bowling to be hosted by the Regina Chapter at the Glencairn Bolodrome, May 1-2, 2013 and for Provincial Golf hosted by the Northwest Chapter at Goodsoil on June 10-12, 2013.

STS Diaries provided for the 2012-13 year proved to be very popular with many superannuates. Diaries will again be printed for those who wish to use them. We ask Chapter Presidents to bring to the AGM as accurate a count as possible of the number of Diaries that your Chapter will require for the 2013-14 year.

It is always a pleasure to visit our Chapters and to meet with members. I have plans to visit a number of Chapters in the near future. If you would like me to visit your Chapter, please call me at 306-545-2512 or email at r.wuschenny@sasktel.net.

I look forward to seeing all of our Chapter delegates at our AGM in May. Meanwhile, have a Happy Easter and remember, spring will come eventually!

40th Annual General Meeting of the STS

Tuesday, May 14 – Thursday, May 16, 2013

Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon

Elaine Broughton & Jerry Mamer

Our 40th Anniversary AGM will be an exciting event. Again this year we will have a McDowell Foundation Raffle, with wonderful prizes. Thank-you for donations from the Regina, Swift Current and Weyburn Chapters.

Thank-you to Colleen Bailey, Office Manager and Heather Hase, Assistant Office Manager, who have sent preliminary information to Chapter Presidents. Delegates will get their information once their names have been submitted to the office. This must be done before April 1. Delegates are reminded to make their reservations at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon, by **April 10**.

Congratulations

The following members were selected for Honorary Life Membership for 2013 and will be presented with their certificates at the AGM:

Gwendolyn Ivy Laughlin, The Battlefords and District Chapter

Amber MacLeod, Regina Chapter

Philip Mueller, Wakaw Chapter

Agenda

Tuesday, May 14

5:30-7:15 p.m.

Registration – Galaxy Ballroom

7:15 p.m.

Welcome – President Robert Wuschenny
Address by Candidates for STS Executive
Entertainment – “No Hurry”
Informal Social to follow

Wednesday, May 15

7:15-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00-11:45 a.m.

Plenary Session followed by small group sessions to discuss resolutions and proposed budget for 2013-14

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Presentation of Membership Growth Awards and Announcement of Chapter Awards

1:00-3:55 p.m.

Five Interest Sessions

5:00 p.m.

Social Time

6:00 p.m.

Banquet

Presentation of the Honorary Life Memberships
Entertainment – Roberta Nichol

Thursday, May 16

7:15-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:45 a.m.

Greetings from STF President Colin Keess
Annual Meeting

Nominations

Margaret Martin

As per the *Policy Handbook*, Page 5, Number 1: Nominations are called to elect the following Executive (President, Vice-President, Five Councillors, Seven Members-at-Large, and an ACER-CART Representative).

Nominations will be received until four o'clock in the evening of the day prior to the elections for the STS Executive being held.

Executive Nominations for 2013–14

(Received to Date):

President/Councillor:

- Robert Wuschenny

Vice-President/Councillor:

- Doug Haroldson

Councillors: (5 to be elected)

- Calvin Bachmeier
- Delmer Friesen
- Joyce Hoffman
- Mike Kaminski
- Gerald Mamer
- John Panio
- Maxine Stinka

Members at Large:

(7 to be elected)

- Elaine Broughton
- Judy Buzowetsky
- Shirley Henderson
- Roger Marchand
- Kate McCorrison
- Sunil Pandila

ACER-CART Representative:

- George Georget

New STS email address: sts@sts.sk.ca

Check out our website at www.sts.sk.ca

Budget, Finance and Audit – Doug Haroldson

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Proposed Budget: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

INCOME	2010-2011 ACTUAL	2011-2012 BUDGET	2011-2012 ACTUAL	2012-2013 BUDGET	2012-2013 7 Mo Actual	2013-2014 PROPOSED
Membership Fees	280,428.00	290,000.00	291,537.00	300,000.00	176,193.50	310,000.00
Admin Commission (Benefits Plan)	201,642.00	200,000.00	229,984.00	232,000.00	152,858.56	270,000.00
Interest Income	1,861.00	2,000.00	3,813.00	2,000.00	1,951.96	4,000.00
Sundry	322.00		1,603.00		120.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$484,253.00	\$492,000.00	\$526,937.00	\$534,000.00	\$331,124.02	\$584,000.00
EXPENSES						
Annual General Meeting	75,761.00	85,000.00	78,217.00	90,000.00		90,000.00
Amortization	719.00	1,000.00	1,965.00	1,000.00	3,025.57	2,000.00
Chapter Rebates	65,936.00	68,000.00	68,496.00	78,000.00	70,200.00	74,000.00
Executive and Committee Meetings	26,514.00	34,000.00	27,551.00	36,000.00	21,878.77	36,000.00
STS Affiliations	6,481.00	7,000.00	6,665.00	7,000.00	6,668.30	8,500.00
Executive Chapter Travel	9,848.00	10,000.00	12,597.00	12,000.00	4,376.65	14,000.00
Chapter Presidents' Meeting	9,426.00	12,000.00	11,578.00	12,000.00	10,652.54	14,000.00
Communications, Membership Growth, PR	44,327.00	40,000.00	46,382.00	48,000.00	21,930.08	56,000.00
Retirement Life Styles Planning Committee	460.00	2,000.00	670.00	2,000.00	750.38	4,000.00
Support Services Planning Committee	1,199.00	2,000.00	737.00	2,000.00	785.26	2,000.00
Recreation	2,482.00	5,000.00	2,916.00	5,000.00	1,774.07	4,000.00
Office Staff	118,952.00	135,000.00	137,650.00	140,000.00	76,881.73	160,000.00
Office Operation	60,710.00	65,000.00	71,415.00	75,000.00	34,550.71	90,000.00
Computer and Programming	2,050.00	20,000.00	4,446.00	20,000.00	8,691.53	24,000.00
McDowell Foundation	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Scholarships	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bank Service Charge	133.00	1,000.00	132.00	1,000.00	95.00	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$428,998.00	\$492,000.00	\$475,417.00	\$534,000.00	\$266,260.59	\$584,000.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)						

NOTES:

Note 1: The proposed budget for 2013-2014 is based on an annual fee of \$30.00.

Note 2: A financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 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 2012-2013 will also be made available to all AGM delegates at the 2014 AGM.

Note 3: The Operations Reserve Fund had a balance of \$ 296,319.00 as at June 30, 2012. Should a deficit be incurred for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, it would be covered by monies from the Operations Reserve Fund.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. 10,200 Members
2. Rebate to Chapters of \$8.00 per member.

STS Resolutions 2013

Mike Kaminski

Resolutions received to date:

A. Resolutions Directed to the STS

A 1.

Bylaw 2 – Officers and Committees

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 2 – Officers and Committees be amended by adding the following: Advocacy Committee.

– STS Executive

A 2.

Guideline 1 – Duties of Executive Committees

BE IT RESOLVED that Guideline 1 – Duties of Executive Committees be amended by adding the following terms of reference for the Standing Committee on Advocacy:

1. To consider matters related to provincial bargaining that affect STS members and make recommendations to the STS Executive for appropriate action.
2. To consider matters referred to ACER-CART and SSM for action or follow-up action and make recommendations to the STS Executive for appropriate action.
3. To consider major issues affecting seniors including government benefit plans, taxation, health care and drug costs and make recommendations to the STS Executive for appropriate action.
4. To consider resolutions referred to the STS Executive related to advocacy and to make recommendations to the STS Executive for appropriate action.

5. To consider any other matters related to STS advocacy deemed appropriate by the Ad Hoc Committee or the STS Executive and make recommendations to the STS Executive for appropriate action.

6. To consider aspects of the STF Advocacy program and make recommendations to the STS Executive for appropriate action.

– STS Executive

A 3.

STS Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers

BE IT RESOLVED that STS Bylaw 6.2.7.4 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers be amended to read as follows: “In cooperation with the STS President and the STS Executive, foster good relationships and open communications with other organizations. In particular, time and effort should be directed towards achieving strong relationships with the STF, the STS Benefits Carrier, the TSC, the STRP, the TCU Financial Group and the ACER-CART. Representations to governments shall only be made with the approval of the STF.”

– STS Executive

A 4.

STS Bylaw 9 – Amendments to Bylaws and Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that STS Bylaw 9 – Amendments to Bylaws and Policies be amended by adding the following:

9.6 Amendments to the STS Bylaws must be submitted to the STF for approval prior to their coming into effect.

– STS Executive

A 5.

STS Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers

BE IT RESOLVED that STS Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers be amended by adding the following:

6.1.10 Dissolve or re-establish the STS by a meeting of the STS Executive.

– STS Executive

A 6.

Bylaw 2 – Officers and Committees

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 2 – Officers and Committees be amended by deleting the following: Archives Committee

– STS Executive

A 7.

Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers Section 6.2.1.1 be amended to read:

The President of STS in conjunction with the Executive Secretary shall be the official spokespersons for our organization.

– STS Executive

A 8.

Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers Section 6.2.7.1 be amended to read:

The Executive Secretary in conjunction with the President of STS shall be the official spokespersons for our organization.

– STS Executive

A 9.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS annual fee for 2013 – 2014 be \$30.00 per person.

– STS Executive

A 10.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2013 – 2014 be \$8.00 per person.

– STS Executive

A 11.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS investigate the necessity of changes to the Teachers' Superannuation Plan to increase the current minimum allowance which was negotiated in 1993 at \$192.00 per year of contributory service.

– Saskatoon Chapter

A 12.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STF approve the following policy:

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan believes that all Saskatchewan seniors who qualify for the Saskatchewan Senior's Drug Plan should not be charged a prescription fee.

– Saskatoon Chapter

A 13.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS negotiate with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to provide the coverage for other Chronic Disease Management Programs including Pulmonary, Diabetes and Stroke as a category with the same yearly \$300 limit as the Cardio Rehab Program.

– Saskatoon Chapter

A 14.

BE IT RESOLVED that time is allotted, as necessary, at each STS Annual General Meeting in the plenary session to discuss a limited number of topics, which the AGM committee selects from topics supplied, by any of the STS Chapters. This discussion should precede resolutions debate to

encourage the formation of resolutions from the floor.

– Saskatoon Chapter

Background

Sometimes there are topics that so greatly affect all or some of us that we need to hear the concerns and considerations of the collective. Discussion varies in the small group sessions and on occasion only a portion of our collective has all the information required to make an informed decision concerning a specific resolution.

A 15.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan supports a student evaluation program based on the following beliefs:

- (1) The focus of student evaluation is to strengthen teaching and learning.
- (2) Teachers have the professional responsibility, knowledge, skills and judgment to evaluate students' learning.
- (3) The teaching profession must be proactively involved in decisions about student evaluation policies at all levels of the education system and advocate for policies that:
 - (a) Are based on sound educational research as identified by the teaching profession.
 - (b) Clearly indicate and align the purposes, principles and procedures of student evaluation.
 - (c) Encourage and support teachers in taking diverse approaches to evaluation.
- (4) The approaches taken to evaluate students' learning must be based on sound education research as identified by the teaching profession.

(5) Reporting methods must support the teaching profession's beliefs about student evaluation.

(6) Reporting methods must focus on students' learning and indicate to both the student and parents the individual's progress in reaching educational goals and curriculum outcomes as well as provide suggestions to further strengthen learning."

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, September 20, 2012 Brief to the Minister of Education – "This is the Classroom"

– STS Executive

B. Resolutions Directed to the STF

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 per cent of the benefit coverage for active teachers.

– STS Executive

B 2.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS request the STF to add a representative from the STS Executive to the STF Collective Bargaining Team.

– South Central Chapter

B 3.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS request the STF to investigate the possibility and ramifications of extending group life insurance beyond 85 years of age.

– Saskatoon Chapter

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C. Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART

C 1.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge ACER-CART to lobby the Government of Canada to allow up to ten zero-contributory years when determining CPP benefits.

– Nipawin Chapter

C 2.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge ACER-CART to lobby the Federal Government to allow Canadians to make voluntary contributions, in addition to mandatory contributions, and to engage in full consultation with Canadians prior to making any changes to CPP.

– STS Executive

C 3.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge ACER-CART to study its member organizations' beliefs about the Canadian Senate and to develop a policy statement and an action plan with regards to the policy statement.

– George Georget

D. Resolutions Directed to the Government

D 1.

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a Healthy homes renovation tax credit for seniors.

– Margaret Lipp, Regina Chapter

Group Benefits Report

Margaret Martin

The Group Benefits Committee examined the Claims Experience Reports for the Extended Health and Dental Plan for the period ending January, 2013. It was noted that there were a large number of claims to the Extended Health Plan during the month of January, 2013 that resulted in a deficit of \$64,259.76. However, for the period from July 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013 the plan has a net profit of \$178,990.06. The Dental Plan showed a profit of \$10,790.69 during the month of January, 2013 and a net profit of \$209,133.97 during the period from July 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013.

Bob Wilhelms from Saskatchewan Blue Cross noted that there have been questions regarding the service provided by Can Assist, the service provider for the travel insurance part of the Extended Health Plan. If a member has an emergency while out of province or out of country, it is important to call the number on the back of your Saskatchewan Blue

Cross card. This number will be answered on a 24 hour 7 day a week basis. You will reach someone in Montreal where this member assistance is located. Please note to Can Assist that you are a member of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) Extended Health plan with Saskatchewan Blue Cross and require emergency medical care. They should be able to provide to our members information regarding this emergency care. If you have any questions about the STS Extended Health or STS Dental Plan, please call our STS Office at 306-373-3879.

There have also been questions about the top-up insurance that some of our members have chosen to purchase from Saskatchewan Blue Cross to accommodate a holiday longer than 65 days. It is important that members understand the conditions under which these top-up days may be purchased by noting that the pre-existing condition rules are different when purchasing these extra days.

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

Mike Kaminski

The SSM Celebrating Seniors - 4th Annual Volunteer Awards will be held at Regina on October 6, 2013 at the Delta Regina Hotel.

Nominations for the SSM Board are due by June 15, 2013 at noon. More information can be accessed at the SSM website. Forms can be emailed to ssm@skseniorsmechanism.ca or faxed to 306-359-6922.

Since the last report we have not had another SSM Board meeting – the next board meeting is set for March 13.

The SSM – SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) committee has been very active. A few planning meetings have been held (January 24 and February 14) in preparation for the SMART workshops that were scheduled for Regina, Swift Current, Prince Albert and Yorkton.

The first workshop in Regina was held on February 28 with approximately fifty participants. The next SMART workshop will be in Yorkton on April 10 and the final one in Prince Albert on May 2.

Ad Hoc Committee

Jerry Mamer

The STS Executive established an Ad Hoc Committee on Advocacy. We have held our initial meetings and adopted a set of goals and objectives. Two of our members attended a STF workshop on advocacy to improve our understandings and to better co-ordinate what we may do with our stated goals and initiatives. Two Bylaw amendments will be presented at the AGM to better outline who official spokespersons will be for our organization. We have made a start at improving our approach and capabilities in the area of advocacy. As well we have sent letters to MPs regarding the establishment of a National Pharmacare program.

ACER-CART

George Georget

ACER-CART along with its member organizations, like STS, is preparing for its AGM on May 30 to June 1. At this time the organization will consider resolutions forwarded by its member organizations and it will report on lobbying endeavours including the urging of the Federal Government to establish a National Pharmacare Program. The AGM will also consider information of the disillusionment of the Canadian National Seniors Organization and how the national voice of retired teachers might proceed with collaboration at the national level with other organizations of retired Canadians.

Retirement Lifestyles Planning

Shirley Henderson

The Committee hosted a workshop on March 9, 2013 in Saskatoon for 17 active teachers and two spouses. It was quite successful and well received.

We as a group need to emphasize to the active teachers the difference between the Pre-Retirement Workshop put on by the STF and Retirement Lifestyles Planning by the STS. The STF workshop deals primarily with the financial aspect of retirement.

The presentations by the STS deal with a holistic approach to retirement looking at all aspects of retirement.



Presenters – left to right: front row: Shirley Henderson, Darlene Kidd, Elaine Broughton
back row: Bert Gordon, Shirley Dyck, Doug Haroldson

McDowell Foundation

Elaine Broughton

The January 24 meeting of the Board of the McDowell Foundation included the Annual General meeting with the STF Executive members. The Board received five applicants to fill two Board positions. Belinda Daniels and Carlo Hansen were chosen and will be attending the next Board meeting on March 18.

The search for a marketing company continued by sending requests for

proposals to communication agencies, from which three companies responded. The Board held a conference call to determine which to be interviewed. The Board will meet with the successful candidate on March 19.

The McDowell Foundation is hoping to achieve an appealing and updated image to capture the interest and engage Saskatchewan teachers and community members in the Foundation's activities.

Spotlight on Superannuates

Tisdale Chapter of the STS Celebrates 30 years



Deanna Gruending



Cutting the cake - left to right - Leila Rooke, Lillian Abrahamson, Eileen Godson, and Larry Salamon.

Words can only hint at the joyful camaraderie in the hall of Tisdale's Anglican Church on the cold afternoon of February 18 when the Tisdale Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan honoured their founding members. Of the original 18 who met February 16, 1983, three remain in Tisdale and two others sent greetings. The original 18 included well-recognized names like Lillian Abrahamson, Genevieve Arnold, Christine Bowerman, Margaret Brownridge, Marion Fargey, Kay Findlayson, Louise Fisher, Sylvie Forli, Mary Hellofs, Gordon Knuff, Rose Malinowski, Lena McConnell, Edna McPhee, Mae Moritz, Margaret Pocket, Leila Rooke, Larry Salamon, and Alan Squire. These people were known throughout the province for their contributions to the STF, their

contribution to arts and the community, and for their dedication to the students they taught throughout the province.

A thirtieth anniversary is a significant milestone in any organization, but considering that most of these teachers taught 30 years or more before retiring, one realizes the tremendous educational change that has taken place in the more-than sixty years within their experience. The celebration began with the ringing of the bell, and, as a hush quelled the jubilation, guests were welcomed. Margaret Martin and Fred Herron brought greetings from the provincial STS, and Darlene McCullough, secretary-treasurer and archivist for the Chapter, gave a history of the activities and accomplishments of the chapter.

To mark 30 years of membership in the chapter, each of the founding members was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Maureen Donald and a certificate designed by Bob Donnan. As guests cast their



thoughts back to their former teaching, Bob Donnan read the poem, "The Prairie Schoolhouse" by M.L. Stinson. The highlight of the afternoon was a sharing of some of the memories of former schools, students and teaching highlights by each of the charter members present – Lillian Abrahamson, Leila Rooke and Larry Salamon. Marion Fargey, who now lives in Saskatoon, sent greetings via Deanna Gruending along with three hilarious stories of primary teaching, and Lena McConnell sent greetings from her home in Rose Valley through Maureen Donald.

Since this was an anniversary celebration, Margaret Martin, Past President of the Provincial STS Executive, presented Chapter mementos to Maureen Donald for 20 years participation in the chapter, and Marlene Orban and Audrey Adelman for their 10 years. Eileen Godson created a beautiful cake for the occasion, which the founding members ceremoniously cut before it was whisked off to the kitchen to be dished up with strawberries and ice cream.

Guests visited, viewed the archives, exchanged stories, thumbed through old textbooks, and admired the bells that decorated each table, a special touch contributed by Ellen Lloyd. Visiting continued over cake and coffee, and visitors had an opportunity to admire Bob Donnan's "program" which reviewed the teaching careers of each founding member, and his "table tent" with a picture of the first Tisdale Public School, dated 1905. The forty-five former teachers, including Neil Broughton who now lives in Saskatoon as well as his sister, Elaine Broughton of the Provincial Executive, and Fred and Joan Herron as well as Margaret Martin of the Provincial Executive, who took that cold road from Saskatoon, were so very welcome, and their presence added so much to the celebration.

This 30th anniversary was evidence of how superannuated teachers, from rural schools around Tisdale, continue to care about education and about the welfare of fellow retired teachers. The program could

not have happened without the planning and contributions of the Executive of the Tisdale Chapter of the STS, with special thanks to Darlene McCullough, Bob Donnan and Maureen Donald.



Cake decorated by Eileen Godson



left to right - Margaret Martin (STS Past President), Deanna Gruending (Chapter President), Marlene Orban, Audrey Adelman and Maureen Donald (recipients of the membership awards)



Upcoming Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

Bowling

Date: May 1-2, 2013
 Host: Regina Chapter
 Place: Glencairn Bolodrome
 Contact: Terry Gabriel 306-789-2592
 Email: terrygabriel@sasktel.net

Golf

Date: June 10-11, 2013
 Host: Northwest Chapter
 Location: Goodsoil
 Northern Meadows
 Golf Course
 Contact: Ron Moormann
 306-238-2143
 r.moorman@sasktel.net

Host 2014: Humboldt Chapter

Bridge

Host needed for 2013

Curling

Date: **Nov 4,5,6, 2013** (Note corrected dates)

Host: 2013 Carrot River Valley Chapter (Melfort & District)

Contact: Garry Forsyth 306-752-2605

Email: ggmf@sasktel.net

Host 2014: Prince Albert Chapter.

Fishing

Host needed for 2013.

Kaiser

Host 2013: Kindersley Chapter
 Details to follow

Stitch 'N Quilt

Host needed for 2013

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 2013 Curling Registration Form

Melfort November 4, 5, & 6

Chair: Garry Forsyth – 306-752-2605

Open to STS members and spouses

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Skip: _____

Third: _____

Second: _____

Lead: _____

NOTE: All teams will play Monday, November 4

Team Fee:	\$ 200.00
Extra banquet tickets: _____ X \$16 = \$ _____	
TOTAL ENCLOSED	= \$ _____

Make cheques payable to STS Curling 2013 and send to:

Garry Forsyth
 Box 2381, Melfort, SK S0E 1A0

Enquiries – email Garry at ggmf@sasktel.net



Anniversary

Regina's Campbell Collegiate will be celebrating 25 years on July 5 and 6, 2013 and wish to extend a warm welcome to all teachers and staff that shared in our time at Campbell between 1983-1988. Please contact us at campbellgrad88@gmail.com for event details or to pass a message along to class members.

Congratulations

Dwayne Johnson who is a member of the Sturgis Chapter recently celebrated his 95th birthday.



Mike Kaminski being presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal by MP Gary Breitkreuz, on February 9, 2013 in Yorkton.

Inspiring Moments

Seven Wonders

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World."

Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list.

The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many.

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help.

The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to see
2. to hear
3. to touch
4. to taste
5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. to love."

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple, ordinary and take for granted are truly wondrous!

A gentle reminder that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

"Each day comes bearing its own gifts. Untie the ribbons."

Author Unknown

From The Editor's Desk

My mind at present is as frozen as the weather outside. How we long for some show of spring as those of us on the prairies have had enough of snow, wind and cold. It is time for the warmer weather to be here. And not the flooding many are dreading.

This is the 40th Anniversary of the STS. Plans are in place to celebrate this event at the AGM.

At this point in time I don't have any pearls of wisdom to share. Please take time to read the resolutions printed here that will be debated at the AGM in May.

Congratulations to the three recipients for the Honorary Life Membership award and with whom we will be celebrating their achievements at the AGM.

"Today is a gift. Unwrap and enjoy!"

Keep warm.

Shirley

Reminder: Seniors' Drug Plan

If you are the primary plan holder of the STS Group Benefits Plan, and are eligible for the 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.

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STS Office Notice

1. If there will be a change in your delegates' list for the AGM please notify the STS Office immediately but no later than **May 1, 2013**.
2. Chapter Reports need to be forwarded to the Office by **April 14, 2013**.
3. If your Chapter has awarded any Chapter merit awards, please let the Office know the names of the recipients by **April 14, 2013**.
4. The list of Chapter Officers for 2013-14 should be sent to the Office by **June 30, 2013**.
5. The STS Office will be closed on **May 14 to 16** to enable staff to attend the AGM.

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