



STS Saskatoon Chapter

DECEMBER 2023

The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan is an organization of retired teachers who are dedicated to promoting the welfare of all superannuated teachers, and to maintaining the ties which bind them to fellow professionals. The STS Saskatoon Chapter has over 2800 members and is the largest chapter in the organization.

DECEMBER Delights

This time of year always seems to be extra busy with the preparations for the festive season. It is a time to give and forgive, a time to open the doors of communication, and a time to reach out to family and friends.



May the reason for the season warm your heart with caring and love.

Be sure to check out the special activities that have been planned for the winter months ahead and mark your calendar to save the date. Stay tuned for more future plans.

A very special welcome is extended to the new retirees! Enjoy this new chapter in your life.

Please peruse the email and focus on the information that is pertinent for you.

Please take time to visit:

The **STS Website** at <http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca> [CLICK HERE](#)

It is a quick way to check out planned activities, acquire forms, become more familiar with membership benefits, and read **The Voice online**. The **FALL issue of The Voice** is available to read. [CLICK HERE](#)

Stay Tuned: The next issue of *The Voice* will be posted in January.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the **STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook** page - another fine way to stay current and in-touch with activities and announcements.

Don't forget that **OUTREACH FALL Edition** [CLICK HERE](#) is the provincial publication of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan and is available online in PDF form. It is an excellent resource for current updates and provincially planned recreation activities. You can look up previous issues of ****OUTREACH** [CLICK HERE](#)

Keep us informed:

If your email address changes, please be sure to include the STS when notifying people of the change.

PLANS for the WINTER

Visitation Outreach

An ounce of giving equals a pound of caring!

During the winter months ahead, if you know of anyone who is a member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers and is hospitalized or considered a shut-in, please contact **Carol Shanner** at cshanner63@shaw.ca or 306-514-8415 or **Shirley Henderson** at rshenderson@sasktel.net or 306-374-5388 and contact will be arranged.

We have a wonderful team of retired teachers who are willing to make contact with a phone call or a personal visit.

Transportation to Chapter Events a Problem?



We have a Possible Solution

The Saskatoon Chapter would like to re-introduce a trial program to provide transportation to Daytime Chapter events.

We realize that some of our members may not drive anymore or currently have a medical condition that prohibits them from driving for a

period of time. We would like to offer a taxi voucher for a return trip to a daytime Chapter Event for these members. A member is limited to one event/year and vouchers will be dispersed on a first come basis. **If you are interested in receiving a voucher, please request a copy of the application form by sending an email to STS.Saskatoon@gmail.com . You may return your application to STS.Saskatoon@gmail.com or mail to J. Pidskalny, 111 Costigan Road, Saskatoon, SK S7J 3P5.**

Please ensure that the form is submitted at least two weeks in advance to ensure enough time to receive the taxi voucher by mail. If you do not have email or require more information, please call Eileen @ 306-477-0989 or Judy @ 306-955-0026.

Buying a Ticket for an Event -

Here are your options!

Payment by cash, cheque or e-transfer using saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com are accepted. Please do not send e-transfers directly to Judy's or Irma's cell number or email. In the Message box, please include your name(s) and the name of the event you are purchasing tickets for.

Payment by Cheque?

If paying by cheque, make it payable to

Superannuated



Teachers of SK Saskatoon Chapter

and mail it to Irma or Judy
(please contact one of
them for their mailing
address).

**STS Saskatoon Chapter
is no longer accepted by
our bank.**

SEW MUCH FUN is in Full Swing for Another Season!



Welcome to the
planned sewing
activities. It is time to
get our creative juices
flowing and ramp up
for projects to work on
during the winter.

To get you started
with your plans, here
is what the Sew Much

Fun group has in the works for the next while. Please note:

- 1. Register through Wanda at wandadrew@gmail.com**
- 2. Payment due when you arrive for the day.**
- 3. All days are held in Eamer Auditorium in the STF building on Arlington.**
- 4. Bring your own beverage.**
- 5. Some people pack a lunch. Some go out as a group. Some dash home to let their dog out!**
- 6. Days start at 9:00 unless stated otherwise below and we sew until about 3:30.**
- 7. Please let Wanda know if something “last minute” will cause you to need to let go of your spot in a class.**

Also, please note that all dates for classes include limited spaces for all sewers and crafters to come for the day to work on their own projects (\$5). Please register with Wanda ahead of each date.

January – If we can secure an instructor, we are planning on having a beading class in January (date to be determined). Just think of all the projects you could do or quilting embellishments you could accomplish if you knew how to bead. We will also have a personal project day in January.

February – YEARS ago, we had a class in Tote Bag Making. At that time, we made them out of waxed canvas. Recently, we've been asked to have another Tote Bag class . . .so our plan is to do that in February (date to be determined). We will also have a personal project day in February.

March – June – Under Construction

Woosh!! That pretty much sees us through the winter and the calendar is already flipped to November! We hope there's something in this email that tickles your fancy enough to register for a class or two or three. It's Sew Much Fun when creative people gather in one room to learn from one another, connect over a project or two, and simply spend good time with good people.

And please keep an eye out for other emails from us. Things change . . .new dates pop up . . .you know how it goes! We'll keep you up to date through emails and the STS newsletters and emails.

Cheers for now from your planning team,

Ann Atchison

Linda Ashley

Mary Lou Ast

Wanda Drew

Kim Newlove

Phyllis Wilson

STS Walking Group - Take a step in the right direction!

The STS Walking Group faithfully walks every Monday. Come on out and enjoy a variety of walking paths and scenery around Saskatoon!

Date: Every Monday morning at 9:00 am

Where: Each week the group will meet at a pre-arranged location.

What: Loretta Metzger will make contact with pertinent information.

Join in when available! If you are interested in walking with the motivated group, please contact Loretta Metzger at metzgerl@shaw.ca for further information.

The STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook page also includes weekly updates for the walking group.



STRIKE! 5-Pin Bowling has started BUT new members are always welcome to join throughout the year! See the Contact Information below!

***STS Teachers'
5 Pin Bowling League***

**Hunter's Eastview Bowl
2929 Louise St E**

Who: Retired Teachers, Spouses/
Significant Others

When: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Begins: Sep 5 — Dec 19, 2023

Resumes: Jan 2 — Apr 16, 2024

Why: Socialize, Exercise and
Have a Great Time...

No Experience Necessary!

To join: Contact *Ace*
Hunter's Eastview Bowl
(306-373-4333).

**Ace will place
you on a team.



For more information and to sign up for Chapter activities,
please contact: Darlene Danyliw: dedanyliw@gmail.com or
306-249-4494.

Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA)

The Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA) continues to offer a number of interesting educational opportunities. It is an excellent organization that supports seniors and offers a wide variety of activities. For more information, check out scoa.ca. [CLICK HERE](#) There is also a **Coming of Age Publication** that you may wish to peruse. [[CLICK HERE](#)]

Prairie Hospice Society - Volunteer With Us

Volunteers needed.

The need in the community continues to grow, our current volunteers are providing many hours. Learn more by visiting the website: www.prairiehospice.org [CLICK HERE](#) , or contact: @admin.assist@prairiehospice.org or phone 306-249-5554.

Prairie Hospice Society is a charitable, non-profit community organization working to ensure access to compassionate, community-based, end-of-life support in Saskatoon. Our goal is to enhance quality of life at the end of life, wherever people call home. We provide one-on-one companionship and non-medical support for clients and their families, raise awareness and educate the community about end-of-life care, and advocate for quality end-of-life care.

Additional STS Member Information

This information is included each month as we continuously have new members added to our contact list.

Never Miss an Event! Join the Saskatoon STS Chapter by becoming an Associate Member

If you are or know a teacher who has left the teaching profession but has not met the requirements for superannuation/retirement eligibility, **you are invited to become an Associate Member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan.** Also, we welcome any superannuates from other STS chapters to consider becoming an associate member with the Saskatoon Chapter. An associate membership will ensure that you get up-to-date information about our many events. **For more information click on the link <https://sts-saskatoon.ca/associate-membership> or contact Past President Eileen Deneiko at eileen.deneiko@sasktel.net .**

Important Group Benefit Reminder

A reminder to all STS members who have recently retired or are leaving another Group Benefit Plan of the sixty-day window to join the STS Group Benefits Plan—the Extended Health Plan including travel and/or the Dental Plan--without having to provide medical evidence of good health. It is possible to join later but you will be asked to provide medical evidence. This same sixty-day window also applies to the spouse of a deceased superannuate or of a deceased active teacher who is then able to become

a member of STS and apply to join the STS Group Benefit Plan without having to provide medical evidence of good health.

The Voice

The Voice is a newsletter that is published three times in the STS 2023-2024 year.

To submit articles or suggestions for topics of interest to our general membership, **please contact the editor, Darlene Danyliw: stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com or 306-249-4494.**

To change reading **The Voice** to online only, or if there is a label error in your name or address, please contact Irma Kittelson at ijkitt@sasktel.net.** If your address has changed or will be changing, please inform Irma as soon as possible. Read ([THE VOICE ONLINE HERE](#))

The **STS Provincial Newsletter, [OUTREACH](#)**, is also available to read online; contact the provincial office sts@sts.sk.ca to make a change to reading their newsletter online as well.

Don't forget to follow us on FACEBOOK - STS SASKATOON CHAPTER

For photos, find us on [Facebook](#) or our chapter website - <http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca> [CLICK HERE](#)

The right side of every page of our website has a contact link for contacting the Executive - messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Executive member.

On behalf of the STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive, Bonnie Semenoff and Irma Kittelson are the Email Co-Chairs. If you wish to contact us with a question or clarification, our contact email address is info@stssaskatoon.ca.

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