



STS Saskatoon Chapter

FEBRUARY 2024

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.

FEBRUARY Fact

This February is a memorable one - it is a leap year! Without the extra day in the leap year, the calendar would be off by 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds more each year. After 100 years, the seasons would be off by 25 days!



Hopefully you will enjoy this extra day in 2024!

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 **WINTER issue of The Voice** is available to read. [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 WINTER 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 contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 when notifying people of the change.

STS Provincial Executive All Call

If you are interested in putting your name forward to join the STS Provincial Executive, please call the **STS Office at 306-373-3879 (8:30am - 12pm)** before March 1, 2024. The STS Office can provide you with more information when you inquire.

INFORMATION and 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.

STS Saskatoon Chapter Event in February -

Reflexology

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm

Where: Eamer Auditorium (STS Building)

What: **Shauna Basaraba (RCRT)**, a registered reflexologist, will be the presenter. She will discuss the benefits of using 'Reflexology' to promote good health, relaxation and enjoyment.



STS Saskatoon Chapter Event in March

“Once a teacher - Always a teacher: STF for life”

When: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Time: 1:30 pm

Where: Eamer Auditorium (STF Building)

What: Representatives from the STF Senior Staff and Executive will be presenting updates on STF issues with an emphasis on partnerships, cooperation, relationships, and mutual support with the STS. Chapter Members are encouraged to bring your questions and shared ideas to the presentation.



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.

Keep Calm

. . .and Keep Having Sew Much Fun!

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 wandaldrew@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.



February 28 – Tote Bag Time – Choose Your Own Adventure!

Linda Seeman-Korte and Kim Newlove will lead participants in the making of a Tote Bag. Participants will choose if they want to use fused cotton, waxed canvas, cork . . .any and all of these materials will

work wonderfully for this handy bag! Participants will also decide if they want a basic bag, a bag with pockets, a bag with zippers, a bag with an internal lining, etc. . .hence, it will be a “choose your own adventure” bag! The instructors will have a rivet press on hand for those who want to add those finishing touches to their bag (rivets provided). The finished tote bags will measure approximately 18”x18” plus shoulder handles/straps . . .the perfect size for those trips to the store or sewing days! Fee - \$25 payable at the door

March 11 – Personal Project Day - \$5 - payable at the door

March 25 – Cathedral Window Garlands

Get your birthday or spring fabrics out (or your Christmas stash if you're super organized for Christmas 2024!) and come to learn how to make Cathedral Window Garlands with Trudi Scaper. Those of you with quilting skills will recognize some of the techniques. Those who don't quilt will love the experience! Fee - \$25 payable at the door



April 4 (and possibly the 5th, if there's enough interest!)
Beading Class

We found a beading instructor!! Register early if you want to learn the techniques for beading while creating a beaded medallion. Beading can be used for so many things – including embellishments on fabric/fibre art projects! Fee - \$25 plus small fee for beading kit – payable at the door.

That's it for now! Keep your needles sharp and don't use your good scissors to cut paper!!

Your Sew Much Fun Planning Team,

Linda Ashley
Mary Lou Ast
Ann Atchison
Wanda Drew
Kim Newlove
Phyllis Wilson

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

The STS Walking Group faithfully walks every Monday. Be sure to bundle up, 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

is in full swing 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

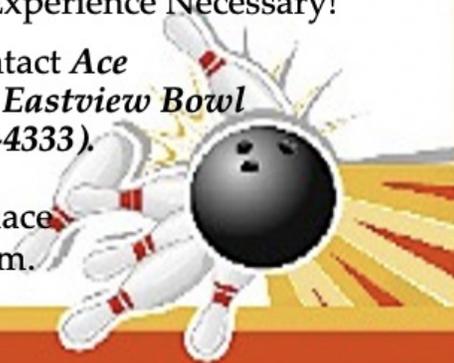
Resumes: Jan 2 — Apr 16, 2024

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.



2024 STS Spring Social

featuring

NO HURRY



Tuesday, April 16, 2024

7:00 — 9:30 p.m.

Saskatoon Legion - 606 Spadina Cr W

No cover charge, cash bar

**STS MEMBERS, THEIR FRIENDS &
FAMILY WELCOME!!**





**GORDIE HOWE
SPORTS
COMPLEX
TOUR**



**Indoor Training Centre
Nordic Ski Facilities
Gordie Howe Sports Centre
Outdoor Batting/Pitching Cages
Track & Field Complex
Saskatoon Minor Football Field
(SMF Field) and more...**

**Monday, May 6, 2024
2:00 p.m.**

**Register with Janet Christ @ (306) 934-6722
or email: jlchrist@sasktel.net**



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) 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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