

President's Message



Lyle Markowski, President

The beginning of a school year has always brought feelings of anticipation and wonder of what the new year would have in store. It is much the same for our STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive as we approach the 2023-2024 year.

We have made plans to engage and represent our almost 2800 members in a variety of ways. As you know, the plans we make are always subject to change depending on the circumstances of the day, just as our lesson plans had to be adapted to fit the needs of the moment.

Before we discuss the proposals for this year, I would like to reflect on the year just past, 2022-2023. As we came out of the COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions, we began to re-establish some basic activities and events. We restarted our luncheons (Fall Welcome, Christmas, and Year end), our special occasions (musical entertainment with live bands), Chapter events (speakers of interest to retired teachers), carried on with our activities (golf, Walking Group, Sew Much Fun) and attended an in-person Provincial STS AGM.

Our Fall luncheon, Brunch with the Bunch, welcomes new retirees to our Chapter and informs them of the aims and goals of our organization. September 2022, saw three years of new retirees as we could not hold this event in 2020, or in 2021.

The Christmas banquet was sold out, and the June luncheon had close to 170 attendees. We considered all three events to be successful.

Our Special Occasions were moved to the Spadina Legion as number restrictions were in place at the STF building. Our October event was

attended by close to one hundred attendees, and our April event, during a late spring blizzard, was also close to one hundred. The Chapter events drew an average of 40 participants to topics such as fraud awareness, Saskatchewan Council on Aging, gardening, and ageism. The Monday morning Walking group continues to set out every week to explore different areas of our city as well as our suburban neighbors. The Fall and Spring golf tournaments had about 40 participants each. The Spring Tea had 40 attendees while the Sew Much Fun group (having over 180 members in their database), meets in small groups to work on various projects throughout the year.

The planning and organizing of the events is done by members of the Executive. Each Executive member is part of a team responsible for the success of these events. I am very appreciative of each and every one of the Executive, and the work they do for our organization.

The Executive of our Chapter is your link to the Provincial STS. As such, we forward any ideas, concerns, improvements to health and benefits plans, and suggest options that might assist in helping our organization serve its members better. For the first time in three years, we had a face-to-face Provincial STS AGM in May. The AGM is where the Provincial STS sets its budget, priorities and direction for the year. Saskatoon Chapter was short of Delegates this year. I would ask you to consider volunteering to be a Delegate for the STS May 2024 AGM.

Just as every year brings change to staff rooms, it is the same with members of our Executive. We say thank you, happy retirement, and hope to see you again at events to two long-serving Executive members, Cecile Martell and Corinne Sturby. You will be missed.

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For 2023-2024, we have new additions to our Executive, and welcome Rod Holowaty, Corinne Morton and Janet Christ.

Communication is important. As well as a monthly email or telephone call, we have three issues of THE Voice. Please visit our website at www.sts-saskatoon.ca or our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Superannuated-Teachers-of-Saskatchewan-Saskatoon-Chapter for current information.

We encourage you to attend our functions and stay in communication with us. We look for new ideas for activities, Chapter events, entertainment and ways in which we can build and maintain our presence in the community.

✦ Lyle Markowski, President STS-Saskatoon Chapter

Telephone Committee

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

William James

Our telephoning committee members do make a difference in the lives of 32 STS members who do not have email to learn about our activities each month.

At our Spring Luncheon, Certificates of Recognition honored eight of our committee members. Since we have not had a luncheon since before COVID, this was three years of changes to our committee.

Leaving the Committee were the following: In 2022, Brian Parsons, as a captain for 28 years of service and Norma Wilson, as a telephoner for 24 years of service; in 2023, Eileen Lambert, telephoner for 19 years of service. Committee members recognized for *Years of Service*, in 2020 as telephoners for 15 years of service, Rose Marie Mackenzie and Freda Robinson. In 2023, as telephoners: Grace Skrudland for 25 years and Fran Gordon for 15 years. For 10 years of service as co-chair of our Committee, Leslie Sichello. We thank these people for many years of commitment and service to our Chapter.

Since September 2022, we have welcomed 57 new retirees, transfers and surviving spouses to our Chapter. If you would like to be added to our telephoning lists please contact co-chairs:

Lois Pyne - 306-978-8248

Leslie Sichello - 306-477-2839

Visitation

"There are few things more precious than the gift of a warm smile and an encouraging word."

(Celebrating Teachers, Pam's Den Inc.)

Our Committee members spend time visiting and keeping in touch with fellow retirees. Usually, they visit with shut-ins in care homes or hospitals.

Over the last three years visits may have been through telephone calls, notes, cards, emails, or messaging. Our sincere thanks to these thoughtful, caring and giving members!

If you know an STS member who is shut-in and would benefit from a visit, please contact one of our co-chairs so arrangements can be made.

Shirley Henderson
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rshenderson@sasktel.net

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Card Committee



Did You Know that

According to O' What A Feeling Textile and Paper Goods Co., "there is a rise in card-sending because in today's digital world where so many work behind screens all day, consumers are suffering from 'screen burnout' and crave tactile, personalized experiences provided by sending greeting cards."

Since May, 2022, 188 members have been uplifted by receiving a card from the STS Saskatoon Chapter. We wish to thank everyone who has assisted us in providing the necessary information when there was a need for friendship and support.

Contact us if you would like to have a special, hand-made, hand-written greeting card sent to a member expressing care and concern, sympathy, good wishes, congratulations, or thanks. The recipient will appreciate the personal touch!

From your Card Committee Co-Chairs:

Pat Orchard
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Thank you to our STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive from 2022-2023



Front Row: Jane Isinger, Diane Selby, Bonnie Semenoff, Lyle Markowski, Eileen Deneiko, Irma Kittelson, Cecile Martell
Back Row: Gladys Somerville, Pat Orchard, Judy Pidskalny, Darlene Danyliw, Freda Robinson, Loretta Metzger, Linda Ashley, Kaye Wolfater, Corinne Morton, Stella Shulhan, Lois Pyne, Tom German, Zonia Krushelniski, Randy Danyliw, Shirley Henderson, Carol Shanner, Margaret Martin.
Missing: Donna McTavish, Peter Stroh, Leslie Sichelto, Corinne Sturby, Phyllis Wilson, Barb Alberton

Public Relations/Advocacy/Resolutions

A warm welcome from the STS Saskatoon Chapter is extended to all of our new and returning members. I hope that each of you is enjoying a happy and healthy summer. As we look forward to another season of activities sponsored by our local Saskatoon Chapter, especially the 50th Anniversary celebration for our Chapter and the Provincial STS, or those activities in our province supported by the Provincial STS, we hope that you will consider participating in one or many of them.

A reminder to all STS members of the Extended Health Plan who will be turning 65 in this next year to apply for coverage under the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan. Please submit a copy of the letter stating that you are eligible for coverage under the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan to the STS Office. Your premiums for the Extended Health Plan will be reduced at that time. The STS Group Benefit Plan is totally funded by the members of the Plan, so a considered approach to your use of the Plan is necessary to keep premiums as low as possible.

A reminder, STS members have 60 days after retirement or leaving a spouse's group plan to join the STS Group Benefit Plan without providing medical evidence of good health. If you have any questions about your STS membership or the STS Group Benefits Plan (Extended Health or Dental Plan) or the Out of Province Travel Benefit that is

a part of the STS Extended Health Plan please call the STS Office at (306) 373-3879 or send an e-mail to sts@sts.sk.ca.

As we begin 2023-2024 we think ahead regarding resolutions that members may want to submit to the Saskatoon Chapter and if passed to the STS Provincial Executive for consideration at the 2024 AGM. Please submit any ideas for resolutions to either Randy Danyliw or Margaret Martin. We will assist with the wording if needed.



Margaret Martin (bill.marg@sasktel.net)
Randy Danyliw (randydanyliw@shaw.ca)



STS Christmas Carollers... Are you ready to sing? Our choir will once again be led by Jennifer, accompanied by Bonnie. Start warming up those vocal cords and get ready to do some singing and harmonizing at the Christmas Banquet on Wednesday, December 13 (Be sure to buy a ticket for the Banquet)!!!

Text or call Lis at (306) 717-9548 to join.

Note: Rehearsal dates will be in the the STS Emails and STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook page.

Activities & Events

Activities: Darlene Danyliw @ darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca; Rod Holowaty@ r.holowaty@sasktel.net;
Janet Christ @ jlchrist@sasktel.net

STS Saskatoon Chapter



Fall Golf - Texas Scramble

September 5, 2023

9:30 am

\$33.00 walking

\$49.00 riding



GREENBRYRE
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Register with Darlene at 306-251-0303 or
email: darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca



Wednesday, September 20, 2023

10:00 am

Tickets (\$15) must be purchased in advance...

(Welcome new STS Members-you will be reimbursed \$10)

For tickets contact:

Irma - ij Kitt@sasktel.net or 306-934-0881

Judy - pidskalnj@gmail.com or 306-955-0026

Payment can be made by e-transfer to
saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com. **Please include your
name(s) and event in the message box.

Tickets paid by e-transfer will be held at the door.



Put your walking shoes on!

Monday Mornings — 9:00 am

Join our motivated walking group. Contact
Loretta Metzger at metzgerl@shaw.ca.

Walk when you are available!



1973-2023

Luncheon & Social

Celebrate 50 Years
of the Provincial STS
& Saskatoon Chapter

Thursday, October 5, 2023

11:00 am

**Tickets (\$20) must be purchased in advance...

They will be available at September's Brunch
with the Bunch (cash preferred) or from:

Lyle - lylemark@sasktel.net or 306-371-2761

Loretta - metzger@shaw.ca or 306-291-8435

Tickets can be paid by e-transfer—

saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com

**In the Message box, please include:

Your Name(s) and Chapter Event.

Tickets paid by e-transfer will be held at the door.

STS Fall Social



Tuesday, October 17, 2023

7:00-10:00 pm

Saskatoon Legion - 606 Spadina Cr W
No cover charge, cash bar

STS MEMBERS, THEIR FRIENDS &
FAMILY WELCOME!!

**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...

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

**Ace will place
you on a team.



Chapter Event - Travel

November 15, 2023

1:30 pm

Eamer Auditorium

Shammi Rathwell - Travel Advisor CTC from Ixtapa
Travel will be our guest presenter. She will discuss
travel opportunities and excursions as well as answer
questions about travel in general.



STS Distillery Tour



Tuesday, November 21, 2023

1:30 pm

Register with Darlene at 306-251-0303
or email: darlene.danyliw@shaw.ca

We will grab a cocktail and learn about
all things Lucky Bastard!

"Sew Much Fun!"

The Place for Sewing and Fun!

Sew Much Fun started as an STS, Saskatoon Chapter, initiative in the spring of 2018. We had about \$300 dollars left from the provincial Stitch 'N Quilt event hosted in 2017, and those meagre dollars served as seed money to start a regular sewing/crafting group for our Chapter. During the first 3 years, we held sewing classes and personal project days almost monthly from September to June. Tote bags, wall hangings, rope bowls, decorations, quilting projects . . . such a variety of classes, terrific teachers, and a whole lot of fun had by all! For about a year, we also hosted Zoom sewing days, thanks to Ann Atchison and her willingness to gather us "virtually" for full days of chatting, laughing . . . and, yes, even a bit of sewing. In 2022-2023 we were able to return to events at Eamer Auditorium and carry on with the in-person fun.

There is already a growing list of ideas for next year's classes. Thank you so much to all of you who have tossed some creative ideas our way. That's the best way to keep our classes diverse, creative and fun.

For now, we are looking at projects such as: Strip Placemats taught by Trudi Scaper on September 7th; Fusion/Nuno Felted Scarves taught by Cathy Merkle from A Single Strand Fibre Arts Studio in Outlook; Free Form Curved Quilting; Beading, Ribbon Skirts; Bag/Purse construction . . . just to name a few!

Check your STS emails, the STS website <http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca/activities-meetings/activities/> and facebook pages for more details for more details and dates.

Keep your needles sharp, your sewing scissors away from paper and "press" – don't iron (if you know, you know!)

Your Planning Team,

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





STS Christmas Banquet & Craft Sale

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

At the Western Development Museum

Craft Sale & Social-10:30 a.m.

Buffet Meal-12:15 p.m.

Tickets \$20 ... will be available after October 5th.

Contact: Irma Kittelson - ijkitt@sasktel.net

Judy Pidskalny - pidskalnyj@gmail.com

Payment by Etransfer to the Chapter saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com

**Cash, cheques always accepted.



STS MEMBERS

The 12th Annual STS Craft Sale

is part of the STS Christmas Banquet on

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

from 10:30-Noon at the WDM.

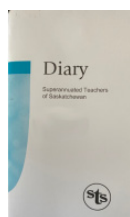
Cost is \$10 for skirting the table and a door prize (valued \$15-\$20)
to be awarded to a banquet guest.



If you are interested in having a table:

Email Irma Kittelson ijkitt@sasktel.net

**Because of space considerations, we are limited to nine (9) tables.



2023-2024 STS Diaries Available

STS members wishing to obtain an STS Diary (mini purse-sized calendar) to record special dates and personal activities, please contact Lyle Markowski Phone: 306-371-2761 or email: lylemark@sasktel.net

2023-2024 STS Chapter Meeting & Event Dates

Note: Dates/Venues are tentative!

Executive Meetings take place at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of January and April (2nd Wednesday). Chapter Events will be held in Eamer Auditorium.

September 2023

September 5 - STS Texas Scramble Golf
September 6 – Executive Meeting
September 20 – Brunch with the Bunch (WDM)

October 2023

October 4 – Executive Meeting
October 5 - STS 50th Anniversary Celebration
October 17 (Tuesday) - Fall Social

November 2023

November 1 – 9:30 am-3:00 pm Executive &
Resolutions Meeting (Lunch included)
November 6-8 – STS Provincial Curling
Yorkton, SK
November 15 – Chapter Event
November 21 - Lucky Bastard Distillery Tour

December 2023

December 6 – Executive Meeting
December 13 – Christmas Banquet/Craft Sale
Western Development Museum
10:30 a.m. – Craft Sale
12:15 p.m. – Banquet

January 2024

January 10 - Executive Meeting

February 2024

February 7 – Executive Meeting
February 21 - Chapter Event

March 2024

March 6 – Executive Meeting
March 20 - Chapter Event

April 2024

April 10 – Executive Meeting
Draft Budget
Executive Nominations
April 16 (Tuesday) - Spring Social

May 2024

May 1 – Executive Meeting
Finalize Budget
May 1 – Pre AGM Mtg
May 7-9 - STS Provincial AGM
May 15 - Noon - AGM Delegates Debriefing Mtg
- 1:30 p.m. Elections/Chapter Event
June 2024
June 5 - Executive Meeting
Year-end Reports due
June 12 - Spring Luncheon

Chapter Executive meetings *usually* take place in Eamer Auditorium, STF Building. ****Rentals at Eamer Auditorium are booked on a tentative basis; please refer to our monthly emails and our Facebook page for the most current room locations for Chapter events.**

Friends and family welcome at all Chapter Events. There is **no** admission charge.

Tickets for Banquets can be purchased from either:
Irma: 306-934-0881 or ijkitt@sasktel.net
Judy: 306-955-0026 or pidskalnyj@gmail.com

All STS Events and Meetings are Scent Free!



The Editor's Desk

Your Editor: Darlene Danyliw

We welcome your submissions...

Deadlines for submissions to *The Voice*:

Winter Issue – November 30, 2023

Spring Issue – March 31, 2024

Fall Issue - June 30, 2024

Please send to: stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com

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