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President's Message



Lyle Markowski, President

It has been quite a memorable winter. No snow until the new year, alternating mild and cold spells, one good old-fashioned blizzard, and that's just the weather. It's the time of year where our winter activities and travels are wrapping up, and our thoughts turn to spring and summer chores and pastimes.

I would like to welcome back all our "snowbirds" and hope they all had great getaways. For those of us who remained at home, I hope you had an enjoyable winter.

It has also been an interesting winter in education. Whether you are with the teachers, the school boards, the parents, the students, or the government, I think we can all agree there is a myriad of problems that need to be

addressed in relation to "classroom complexity and composition". If you like, you may contact members of these organizations to voice your concern or support.

Our Chapter continues to grow in numbers, and we now have over 2800 members. Some of our Chapter members relocated in their retirement, and we now have members in every province of Canada.

We continue to offer various activities and events for our members. You will find many of these referenced in this edition of *THE Voice* and in our monthly emails. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

I would also encourage you to consider joining our Executive. We always welcome new people to share their ideas and expertise.

Best wishes for a great spring and summer season.

✦ Lyle Markowski, President STS-Saskatoon Chapter



Congratulations to our 2024 Saskatoon Chapter Scholarship Winner - Jordan Friesen

Jordan Friesen a fourth-year student in the secondary Bachelor of Education program with a major in math and minor in English is the 2024 STS Saskatoon Chapter Scholarship recipient.

Jordan writes "I just completed my internship in a hybrid-context in both Naicam, SK and Bangkok, Thailand. Both locations provided a rich learning experience that solidified my decision to pursue education. I realized my passion for teaching, learning, and coaching during this time. My hope when I entered the College of Education was to make a difference in the lives of young people, just as my teachers had made a

difference in my life. This hope was actualized in my internship, and I believe that it will continue to be the theme of my career.

Thank you so much for your financial investment into my education. It truly means a lot to be blessed with such a large amount of money as a student. It helped cover some of the costs associated with my internship while recognizing my contributions to my community. Thank you."

Public Relations/Advocacy/Resolutions

Superannuates sometimes wonder about our life insurance coverage after we leave the classrooms. We have written some information that may answer some of these questions.

All Saskatchewan teachers are automatically covered under the mandatory Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan. The life insurance coverage provided is equal to twice the maximum Class VI salary rounded to the next one thousand dollars. An equal amount of coverage for accidental death and dismemberment is also provided. The provincial government pays one-half of the premiums and the teachers pay the other half through deductions from their pay. Benefits are negotiated as part of the Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Superannuated teachers up to the age of 65 are covered by the same Group Life Insurance Plan with the same coverage as active teachers with the superannuates being responsible for paying the full premium from their superannuates' allowances.

Superannuated teachers between the age of 65 to 85 receiving an allowance from the Teachers' Superannuation Commission or the Saskatchewan Teachers Retirement Plan are able to receive a reduced amount of insurance, provided the insurance coverage has been continuous. The superannuated teacher is responsible for all premiums for continued coverage.

Superannuated teachers shall be deemed to have elected to continue coverage until age 65 and coverage for decreased amounts until age 85. The full premium will be deducted from a superannuate's allowance unless written notification is received by the Teachers' Superannuation Commission by August 31 in the year the insurance is to be discontinued.

The insured individual must designate a beneficiary for the insurance benefit. To designate a beneficiary, you must complete a "Group Life Insurance enrolment/Update" form. The form is available from the employing school board, the Teachers' Superannuation Commission, the Teachers' Superannuation

Commission website under forms, or the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation office.

You may name single or multiple beneficiaries but not both. The insured individual may change their designated beneficiary at any time.

When you turn 65 and your birthday is between January 1st and August 31st your insurance coverage will change September 1st of that year to \$20,500. If your birthday is between September 1st and December 31st your insurance coverage will not change to \$20,500 until the following September. This is because the insurance year runs from September 1st to August 31st, and what age you are at September 1st determines your insurance coverage. You will receive a letter in August of the year you turn 65 informing you of the change in your insurance coverage. Included with your letter will be a form for you to cancel your coverage at that time should you wish to do so.

The Insurance Premium for 2023-2024 for a superannuate is \$26.70 monthly with coverage up to age 65 of \$205,000. Coverage for a superannuate age 65 to 85 inclusive paying the same monthly premium is \$20,500 for both term insurance and accidental death and dismemberment.

The Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan is administered by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission in Regina.

The Group Life Insurance Plan for teachers and superannuates is sometimes confused with the optional Portaplan Insurance plan. Participation in Portaplan is optional and all premiums are paid by the policyholder.

If you have any questions regarding the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan, please contact the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission office by email: mail@stsc.gov.sk.ca or by calling 306-787-6440 (in Regina) or 1-877-364-8202.

Randy Danyliw (randydanyliw@shaw.ca)

Margaret Martin (bill.marg@sasktel.net)



RESOLUTIONS for AGM 2024 from Saskatoon Chapter

1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS consider adding Occupational Therapy costs to the list of Paramedical Services under the Extended Health Care Benefits of the STS Group Benefit Plan provided the service is provided by a Registered Occupational Therapist and the treatment is not covered by Saskatchewan Health.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** STS work with SSM to urge the Province of Saskatchewan to create a Ministry solely devoted to the concerns of Seniors.

Background:

At present the Honourable Tim McLeod is the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health. Since the number of seniors and their unique needs are increasing in our province there needs to be someone whose only job is to relate to these issues and respond.

3. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS consider increasing coverage in the STS Group Benefits Plan Minor Dental Care Benefits \$1,000 per person per calendar year limitation to \$1,500 per person.

4. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS consider increasing coverage in the STS Group Benefits Plan Major Dental Care Benefits \$1,500 per person per calendar year limitation to \$2,000 per person.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS consider requesting the Government of Saskatchewan to extend coverage to include respiratory syncytial (RSV) vaccine for persons 60 and over.

Telephone Committee

"What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make"

- Jane Goodall

The Telephone Committee members have welcomed 66 new members to our Chapter as of March 1, 2024. We make a difference in the lives of our senior STS members by keeping them up to date on our activities and giving them the personal contact they need.

If you would benefit from a monthly phone call, please contact Co-Chairs: Lois Pyne - 306-978-8248 or
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.

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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Card Committee

A greeting card expresses all the human emotions: joy, thanks, sympathy, humour, love and admiration.

Please let us know of any member would benefit from receiving a card from the STS Saskatoon Chapter.



From your Card Committee Co-Chairs:

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Activities & Events

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

"Sew Much Fun!"

The Place for Sewing and Fun!

Truly...It's Sew Much Fun!

Here's our fun schedule for the next few months. Please remember to register for classes and sewing days with Wanda Drew at wandaldrew@gmail.com. Payment is due when you arrive for the day.

Our days at the STF building on Arlington begin at 9:00 and wrap up about 4:00 (just like school!) in the Eamer Auditorium.

April 26 - Personal Project Day

Today's agenda is up to you! Bring your crafting projects out to the Eamer Auditorium and get creative with other like-minded folk. Be sure to register with Wanda if you're planning to attend.

Fee - \$5 payable at the door

May 7 - On-Point Quilt

Brenda Sawchuk is going to show us all how to create an on-point quilt with just a few magical cuts. You will need 35 7"x7" squares (either scrappy or complimentary) to make a quilt top that measures about 40"x40" when completed. Time to dig into your stash for this project!! As always, space will be open for personal project work at a fee of \$5.

Fee - \$25 payable at the door



May 22 - Personal Project Day

Today's agenda is up to you! Bring your crafting projects out to the Eamer Auditorium and get creative with other like-minded folk. Be sure to register with Wanda if you're planning to attend.

Fee - \$5 payable at the door

June - Personal Project Day

We don't quite have a date set yet for this day, but the agenda will be up to you! Bring your crafting projects out to the Eamer Auditorium and get creative with other like-minded folk. Be sure to register with Wanda if you're planning to attend.

Fee - \$5 payable at the door

June - Show Much Fun

We don't have a date secured just yet, but you can count on us ending our year with another Show Much Fun. Start thinking now about what you've been working on this year and would like to show and share with our group during this afternoon. We had sew much fun last year seeing and hearing about our members' creative adventures, and we're really looking forward to doing it again this June.

Thanks for being a member of Sew Much Fun. Every time we get together, we all learn a little something, share a meal, get creative, and feel a sense of friendship and accomplishment. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming Sew Much Fun days!

Your Sew Much Fun Planning Team,

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





Spring Tea

May 2, 2024 12 noon

Treats by Solar Gardens
in Lawson Heights Mall

\$27.00

For tickets
includes tax & tip please contact

Kaye: Email wolfbk@sasktel.net or 306-514-8383

Loretta: Email metzgerl@shaw.ca or 306-291-8435



IMPORTANT

Did you get rid of your Landline?

Be sure to give the STS Office your cell phone number!

Email: sts@sts.sk.ca



We're still walking...

Monday Mornings — 9:00 a.m.

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

Walk when you are available!



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

Monday
June 17, 2024
9:30 am

Golf Texas scramble

GREENBRYRE
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



\$34.75 Walking
\$51.75 w/cart

To register email:
Janet: jlchrist@sasktel.net
or call: 306-934-6722



STS / SENIOR 55+

Bowling League

Starts again in September...

Hunter's Eastview Bowl

2929 Louise St E

REMEMBER to check your Monthly Emails and our Facebook page for up-to-date information about ticket availability, meetings, event times and room locations for Chapter events and Activities.

Friends and family are 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!

Chapter Event
STEPS TO SAFETY™

PREVENT FIRE & FALLS AT HOME

May 15, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Eamer Auditorium

This Saskatoon Fire Department presentation will discuss the **PLANT** program which promotes balance, strength and mobility exercises to prevent fire and falls at home.



Balance, Strength and Mobility Exercises to Help Prevent Falls

Modified Exercises



2024 STS Provincial Curling Bonspiel



coming to Saskatoon this November...

STS Saskatoon Chapter will be hosting the STS Provincial Bonspiel November 4-6, 2024. Our Bonspiel Committee is hard at work looking for sponsorship, planning the draw, banquet, door prizes/raffle items and all things Bonspiel.

If you know of a business that might like to partner with us please contact Janet Christ (306) 934-6722 or email: jlchrist@sasktel.net.

Spring Luncheon
\$20
Saskatoon Chapter
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Social: 11 a.m. | Meal: 12 p.m.
Western Development Museum
(2610 Lorne Ave)

Tickets for Spring Luncheon available from:
Irma - 306-934-0881 or email jkitt@sasktel.net
Judy - 306-955-0026 or email pidskalnyj@gmail.ca

Buying Tickets for an Event...

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

*Why not
Join Us!*

NEVER MISS AN EVENT...

Join the STS Saskatoon Chapter as an ASSOCIATE MEMBER...

Teachers who have left the teaching profession but not met the requirements for superannuation/retirement eligibility are invited to become an Associate Member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan. We also welcome superannuates from other STS Chapters to become associate members. As associate members you will receive 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.

Your 2023-2024 STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive



Back Row: Loretta Metzger, Rod Holowaty, Randy Danyliw, Diane Selby, Tom German, Margaret Martin
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Front Row: Phyllis Wilson, Irma Kittelson, Kaye Wolfater, Eileen Deneiko, Lyle Markowski, Stella Shulhan, Bonnie Semenoff, Linda Ashley, Janet Christ. Missing: Barbara Alberton, Judy Pidskalny, Lois Pyne, Leslie Sichello

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 November & January (2nd Wednesday). Chapter Events are usually held in Eamer Auditorium.

April 2024

April 16 - Spring Social - No Hurry
- 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Spadina Legion

May 2024

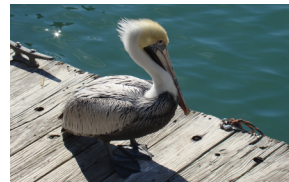
May 1 – Executive Meeting
Finalize Budget
May 1 – Pre AGM Mtg
May 2 – STS Spring Tea — Treats
May 6 – Tour of Gordie Howe Sports Complex
May 7-9 - STS Provincial AGM
May 15 - Noon - AGM Delegates Debriefing
- 1:30 pm Elections / Chapter Event

June 2024

June 5 - Executive Meeting
Year-end Reports due
June 12 - Spring Luncheon- WDM
June 17 - Spring Texas Scramble
Greenbryre Golf & Country Club

September 2024

Sep 4 - Executive Meeting
Sep 18 - Brunch with the Bunch - WDM



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Spring Issue – March 31, 2025

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and pictures too.
<https://sts-saskatoon.ca>

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