

President's Message



Lyle Markowski, President

As this is the final issue of *THE Voice* for 2024-25, it is hard to believe the year has flown by so quickly. I am sure we are all completing our winter activities, holiday, and routines, and awaiting the days of summer. Whether you

holiday, go to the cabin, golf, bike, garden, or simply soak up the sun, I wish you the best for the coming season.

This year, membership has fluctuated between 2800 and 2900 fully paid members, and four Associate members. Associate members may be teachers who have left the teaching profession but have not met the requirements for superannuation/retirement eligibility or superannuates that belong to other Chapters but have moved to our area. Associate members may attend events and activities, receive Chapter communication and serve on Committees. They do not have voting rights, and cannot be delegates for our Chapter at the Provincial AGM.

This year we have held three program events, with one more before year end. These are afternoon sessions where we have guest speakers on a topic of interest to our members. There have been tours, such as Gordie Howe Centre, Industrial Machine and Manufacturing, and Star Egg, with others yet to be held. A selection of activities, such as golf tournaments, focaccia making, a walking group, and a sewing group, have been hosted and attended by those interested. More activities and events are being planned.

We host two evening socials each year. Admission is totally free and costs are borne by our Chapter. We also host a spring tea. Our Chapter holds three banquets each year, a Welcome Brunch in September, a Christmas banquet in December, and a year-end June Luncheon. You will find information on all these in this issue and in our monthly emails.

We share this and other pertinent information through this publication, our monthly emails, and our website. If you need further information on any of these, please contact a member of the Executive.

This year we are reviewing our Constitution and Policy Document. A Notice of Motion was made at our most recent Chapter event. We will be voting on the Bylaw revisions at our May 21st Chapter meeting.

Our provincial STS AGM is scheduled for May 13 to 15, and we will be discussing resolutions and electing the Provincial STS Executive for the 2025-26 year. Our Chapter elections will be held at our May Chapter event. If you would like to become part of our local Executive, please contact me before then. We appreciate having new Executive members.

Thank you for supporting the activities and events over the course of the past year. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events, socials, and banquets. Information on all these can be found elsewhere in this publication.

✦ Lyle Markowski, President STS-Saskatoon Chapter

STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive Elections

May 21, 2025

Eamer Auditorium

1:00 pm

At the May STS Saskatoon Chapter Meeting, the 2025-2026 Executive will be elected and the updated Chapter Constitution and Policies will be presented to the Membership.

Message from our President Elect - Janet Lowndes



Hello to my fellow Saskatoon Chapter members of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan. I joined the Executive in 2023, shortly after retiring. I was a high school teacher in rural Saskatchewan, an adult education instructor for SIIT, and an Academic Chair of Adult Education at Sask Polytechnic. After retiring, I took the opportunity to design preparation courses for the new Canadian Adult Educational Credential. I am community-minded and love being involved – that is why I am happy to be with this Chapter!

Visitation

"A very important part of the joy of giving"
— William Buck

Many thanks to our volunteers who on a regular basis bring their warm smiles and words to our superannuates who are unable to come to our Chapter meetings or special events. They have made phone calls, sent emails, and made visits to their homes and care homes.

Our willing and dedicated volunteers are:
Bill Bender, Shirley Henderson, Gerry Hoehn, Joyce Kimber Parent, Elaine Panchuk, Carol Shanner, Stella Shulhan, and Gladys Somerville

This 2024-2025 year special recognition is given to Gerry Hoehn for 15 years of service and to Elaine Panchuk for 25 years of service! Congratulations!!

If you know of someone who is a member of our Saskatoon Chapter who would like a visitor, please contact:

Shirley Henderson
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rshenderson@sasktel.net

Carol Shanner
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From the Card Committee

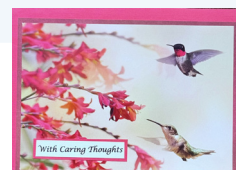


If you have ever receive a card from the Saskatoon Chapter, you may be wondering why the envelope is adorned with various stamps of different sizes, bright colours, and values. With great appreciation, we have access to vintage stamps that were purchased at half price. The stamps are not only interesting, but they reduce the cost of postage. Thanks to Mel M.!

If you know of anyone needing a card to uplift their spirits, don't hesitate to contact us.

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2025 Saskatoon Chapter Directory is Here!

Pick-ups Times & Location

Members who have requested a directory and reside in Saskatoon are asked to pick up their copy.

Date	Time	Event	Location
April 15	6:30-9:00 pm	Spring Social	Spadina Legion 606 Spadina Cr
May 7	9 am - Noon	Executive Meeting	Eamer Auditorium
June 4	11 am-1:30 pm	Spring Luncheon	Western Development Museum

Public Relations/Advocacy/Resolutions

At our February STS Saskatoon Chapter meeting members voted to approve two resolutions to be submitted to the STS Provincial Resolutions Committee for inclusion at the 2025 STS AGM on May 13 to 15, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS for AGM 2025 from Saskatoon Chapter

1. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the STS consider amending the Extended Health Plan, Vision-Care Benefits, to add coverage for an annual eye exam for all patients over 65 years of age.
2. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the STS consider amending the Extended Health Plan, Co-insurance 80%, Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants (\$2,000 every six calendar years) to (\$2,000 every four calendar years).

The Provincial STS AGM will be held at Dakota Dunes. Approximately two hundred Delegates from 40 Chapters will meet and discuss resolutions that advocate for the interests and welfare of all STS members. This is also an opportunity for Delegates to be updated on various items related to our organization.

If you are interested in learning more about the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan by serving as a Delegate at the STS AGM, please contact Linda Ashley at 306-955-2498 or by email at l.ashley@sasktel.net.

We would also like to remind all members of the STS Benefits Plans of the Health Spending Account (to be used from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026) and for members of the Extended Health Plan of the Vaccination \$500.00 annual amount. If you have questions about either of these benefits or other questions about the STS Benefit Plans (Extended Health and/or Dental) please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3789 or by email at sts@sts.sk.ca.

We are always accepting new resolutions. Please contact either Randy Danyliw or Margaret Martin. We can assist with wording as well.

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



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!

IMPORTANT

**Have you moved, changed
your phone number?**

Send your updated information to
the STS Provincial Office!
Email: sts@sts.sk.ca

Activities & Events

Activities: Janet Christ @ jlchrist@sasktel.net; Rod Holowaty@ r.holowaty@sasktel.net



We're always walking somewhere...

Monday Mornings — 9:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday
June 17, 2025
9:30 am

Spring

Golf Texas
scramble

GREENBRYRE
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

\$37.50 Walking
\$64.50 w/cart

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

SASKATOON STS TRAVEL CLUB MEETING



April 16
1:30 - 3:30

Eamer Auditorium



Need some travel ideas for the next year?
come check these out.

Travel Canada ideas:

Yukon Aurora Borealis

*STS Drumheller Bus Trip - July 11-13, 2025
includes Passion Play, Rosebud Dinner
Theatre, Royal Tyrrell Museum.
Hike Newfoundland, Rockies, PEI.



Long stays for the Fall 2025

Cruise - Greenland, Norway, Iceland

2026 Scandinavia

The changing travel scene.



Bring your own coffee.



You can also check out the STS Saskatoon
Travel Facebook Page...

Saskatoon STS Travel Club

STS Saskatoon Chapter Summer 2025 Bus Tour

Drumheller, Alberta

July 11-13, 2025

Itinerary:

Friday, July 11 - leave Saskatoon, check into the hotel in Drumheller, drive to Rosebud for Dinner Theatre. DREAM - Canadian musical about an orphan who finds purpose. Ticket Cost ~ \$99.

Saturday, July 12 - free time in Drumheller; early dinner, drive to the Drumheller Passion Play - large scale retelling of the story of Jesus Christ. Ticket cost: ~ \$69

Sunday, July 13 - breakfast, leave for Saskatoon



Deposit **includes** transportation, Rosebud Dinner Theatre ticket & Passion Play Ticket.

Pricing **does not include** accommodation, food, and beverages. Exception is the Dinner Theatre buffet.

Accommodation: Surestay Plus by Best Western Drumheller (2 Queens \$224.10 plus tax / night STS block rate). Breakfast included.

Register with Loretta: metzgerl@shaw.ca

**Deposit required: \$150 per person, balance due once trip is finalized. **

"Sew Much Fun!"

The Place for Sewing and Fun!

We are all SO ready for Spring. No more snow!

Well, now that we have that out of our system, let's think about SEW Much Fun and what it has to offer over the next couple of months.

April 29

A second chance in April to bring your own project and spend the day accomplishing a massive amount of work...or accomplish next to nothing! Either way, you'll be in good company with some fun crafters!

Fee: \$ 5 payable at the door

April 30 - Cushion Cover with Hidden Back Zipper



Brenda Sawchuk has been kind enough to offer us another one of her fun classes! Register through Wanda to come on out and make a decorative cushion cover for an 18"x18" pillow... perfect for your living room, bedroom, deck — anywhere you'd like to add a little colour and comfort!

Fee: \$ 25 payable at the door



Note: There will also be space reserved on this day for personal project work.

Fee: \$ 5 payable at the door

May 5 - Personal Project Day

Bring along your own project while spending the day surrounded by laughter, friends and creativity! We all love to see what you've been making, so feel free to bring along something to show the rest of us!

Fee: \$ 5 payable at the door



May 26 - Curvy Table Runner (Rescheduled from date in March)

Joan Payne from Hepburn (formerly seen regularly at 440



Quilts) will lead this day and help us all head home with a table runner featuring curvy lines. The ease of creating these curves will surprise you! What a great chance to creat a spring table runner for your home or for a friend! The photos attached are compliments of Joan and Teresa Styles.

Note: If you were registered for the March postponed class, Wanda will email you to see if you are still able to attend this class.

Fee: \$ 25 payable at the door

May 27 - Personal Project Day

End off the month by trying to finish up a project you've been working on! Join us for the day and work on your own wee masterpiece!

Fee: \$ 5 payable at the door

Remember these few nuggets of information:

- ✓ Register for all classes and personal project days by emailing Wanda Drew at wandaldrew@gmail.com.
- ✓ Our days happen in Eamer Auditorium at the STF Building on Arlington.
- ✓ We start our days at 9:00 and wrap up by 4:00.
- ✓ Some people pack their own lunch for the day and others gather up to go out for lunch.
- ✓ On days where a class is being offered, we always reserve space for personal sewers.

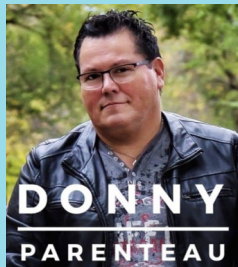
And that's it for now! Hope to see you at a Sew Much Fun day down the road. 😊

Your Planning Team,

Wanda Drew
Ann Atchison
Linda Ashley

Phyllis Wilson
Mary Lou Ast
Kim Newlove

STS Spring Social



DONNY
PARENTEAU

Tuesday
April 15, 2025
7:00-10:00 pm

Spadina Legion
606 Spadina Cr W

No cover charge, cash bar
STS MEMBERS, FRIENDS & FAMILY
WELCOME!!



STS Saskatoon Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 21
1:30 - 3:00 pm
Eamer Auditorium

Our entertainment is by the musical group **The Plaiditudes**, a five-piece band of happy boomers who enjoy making music and bringing joy to people of all ages.

Hear music from the 50's, 60's and 70's including pop, gospel, folk, blues, country and fiddle tunes.



Saskatoon Chapter

Spring Tea

Wednesday, May 28

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Eamer Auditorium

Dainties, Tea & Coffee

provided by

Tea Sisters Saskatoon

Gluten free option by request
when purchasing ticket

\$27

Ticket deadline: May 14, 2025

Tickets available from
Kaye: wolfbk@sasktel.net
or 306-514-8383
Loretta: metzgerl@shaw.ca
or 306-291-8435

Watch for Activities coming...



Learn to Play Pickleball



Honeywood Heritage Nursery Tour

Volunteering for Poppy Drive



Tour of Great Western Brewery, the Old & the New

Decorating Cookies



Saskatoon Museum of Military Artifacts
Nutana Legion

Have an idea for activities, tours, crafts, cooking, sporting/recreational opportunities, contact Janet: jlchrist@sasktel.net

Your 2024-2025 STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive



Back Row: Loretta Metzger, Rod Holowaty, Randy Danyliw, Diane Selby, Tom German, Margaret Martin
Middle Row: Darlene Danyliw, Jane Isinger, Corinne Morton, Carol Shanner, Zonia Krushelniski, Shirley Henderson, Freda Robinson, Gladys Somerville, Pat Orchard, Janet Lowndes, Donna McTavish, Peter Stroh
Front Row: Phyllis Wilson, Irma Kittelson, Kaye Wolfater, Eileen Deneiko (*deceased November 10, 2024), Lyle Markowski, Stella Shulhan, Bonnie Semenoff, Linda Ashley, Janet Christ.
Missing: Barbara Alberton, Judy Pidskalny, Lois Pyne

2025 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 2025

Apr 15 - Spring Social

May 2025

May 7 – Executive Meeting / Finalize Budget

May 7 – Pre AGM Mtg

May 13-15 - STS Provincial AGM

May 21 - Noon - AGM Delegates Debriefing Mtg

- 1:30 p.m. Voting on Bylaw Revisions &
Chapter Elections

- Entertainment - Plaiditudes

May 17 – STS Spring Tea

June 2025

June 4 - Executive Meeting

Year-end Reports due

June 11 - Spring Luncheon

June 17 - Spring Texas Scramble



a reminder:

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.**

The Editor's Desk

Your Editor: Darlene Danyliw

Deadlines for submissions to *The Voice*:

Fall Issue - June 30, 2025

Winter Issue – November 30, 2025

Spring Issue – March 31, 2026

Please send to: stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com

**The STS Website has all the details...
and pictures too.**
<https://sts-saskatoon.ca>

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