

President's Message



Lyle Markowski, President

As the President of the Saskatoon Chapter of the STS, Welcome to 2025. I extend my warmest wishes to all as we begin this new year. Our Chapter has close to 2900 members and is one of the most active in the province. We have

held several activities this fall, including our golf tournament, Star Egg tour, wine tasting, and our Fall Social. Our November Chapter event informed members of the STS Group Benefit Plans of the health and dental benefits available. Our welcome luncheon in September had over 170 participants, and the Christmas luncheon was sold out by the middle of October (300 maximum).

We have ongoing activities such as Sew Much Fun, our sewing group, and a Monday morning walking group. We keep in touch with members through a monthly email, our website, Facebook page and the *Voice*. We are aware that many retired teachers from other Chapters have moved to Saskatoon and area and still opt to retain their original Chapter membership. They may not know they can join our Chapter as an Associate Member while keeping membership in their "home" Chapter but allowing them to receive our emails and attend our functions. If you know someone who fits this category, please let them know we accept Associate Members.

Saskatoon Chapter hosted the 2024 Provincial STS curling bonspiel with 20 teams—the best turnout since pre-Covid. By all accounts, the bonspiel and associated activities, such as the banquet and entertainment, were well received. Thanks to Darlene Danyliw who spearheaded every aspect of the event.

Three more Chapter Events are planned for this spring, fraud awareness, meet University of

Saskatchewan, College of Education Dean Julia Paulson and the Fiddle Orchestra. In April, our social features Donny Parenteau—includes snacks and a cash bar with no cover charge. Other activities are being planned, concluding with a year-end luncheon. To keep informed of all events, activities, socials, and luncheons, please read your emails, or check our website and Facebook pages for dates and times.

Every year, the passage of time brings new members into our Chapter and has members leave either through moves or by passing away. While we miss all colleagues who have passed away, this year I must highlight two significant losses to our Chapter. Fred Herron, our provincial STS Executive Director and Saskatoon Chapter member passed away at the end of October. Eileen Deneiko, my immediate predecessor as President, and current Past President, passed away in November. Eileen did a tremendous amount of work for our Chapter "behind the scenes". These two people will be missed by many.

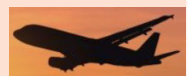
In closing, I encourage you to attend our events, activities, social, luncheons, or groups. We always welcome new people to become part of our Executive, and/or Delegates to the provincial STS AGM. Please contact any member of the present Executive if you would like more information.

✦ Lyle Markowski, President STS-Saskatoon Chapter

STS SASKATOON TRAVEL CLUB

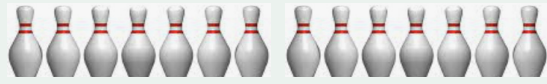
Interested in travelling? Want to see and hear where some of our STS members have gone or where they are going? Check out the STS Saskatoon Travel Facebook Page...

Saskatoon STS Travel Club



Activities & Events

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



STS/SENIORS' 5 Pin Bowling League Hunter's Eastview Bowl

2929 Louise St E

Who: Retired Teachers & Seniors

When: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Resumes: Jan 7 — Apr 15, 2025

No Experience Necessary!

Contact Ace at Hunter's Eastview Bowl
(306-373-4333)... to be put on a team.



Walking Group

We're always walking somewhere...

Monday Mornings — 9:00 a.m.

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

**Upcoming Tour...

IMM—Industrial Machine & Manufacturing
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

1:00 pm

A one hour tour of IMM, a world class custom manufacturer serving the global markets of Mining, Oil & Gas, Power Generation, Industrial, Agriculture, Recycling and OEM's.

Register with Janet Christ — jlchrist@sasktel.net



"Sew Much Fun!"

The Place for Sewing and Fun!

Here's the latest from your Sew Much Fun Folks! We hope you'll be able to join us for one or more of these great days.

Just a reminder for the people new to our group:
-our days happen in the Eamer Auditorium
at the STF Building on Arlington

-our days begin at 9:00

-lunch is flexible . . .bring your own, join others at a restaurant, go home and walk your dog . . . your choice!

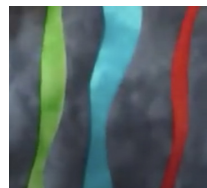
- to register for any/all days please email
Wanda Drew at: wandadrew@gmail.com

-fees are payable at the door

-some people come to a day or two a year, while others are there for pretty much all of our days . . .again . . .we are flexible and the choice is yours!

January Dates

Right now, we are holding the 17th and 24th while we work with an embroidery instructor to see which date works best for her. Then, we will choose a second date for Personal Projects. So . . .you might want to circle those dates on your 2025 calendar until we can confirm the two dates we'll go with!



February - date to be determined
. . .we are planning to have a "freehand curved piecing" class with Dorothy Thomson if the dates work out (fingers crossed!)

That's about it for now! See you soon at a Sew Much Fun day at Eamer Auditorium in the STF Building! :)

Your Planning Team,

Wanda Drew

Ann Atchison

Linda Ashley

Phyllis Wilson

Mary Lou Ast

Kim Newlove



STS Saskatoon Chapter Meeting

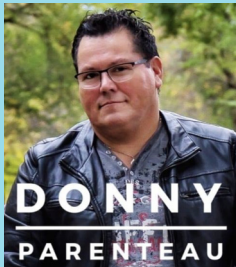
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
1:30 pm
Eamer Auditorium



SASKATOON
POLICE SERVICE
BE THE DIFFERENCE

A member of the Saskatoon Police Service will give a presentation on **FRAUD AWARENESS**

STS Spring Social



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!!

Watch for more activities
coming in the Spring

STS Spring Tea More STS Tours
STS Pickleball

STS Spring Texas Scramble

For the most up-to-date information, look for the Saskatoon Chapter Monthly Emails.

Changing your phone number or email address? Please let the STS Office know...

Call: (306) 373-3879.



Check us out on Facebook!

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan –
Saskatoon Chapter or on our website
www.sts-saskatoon.ca

STS Saskatoon Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
1:30 pm

Eamer Auditorium



College of Education

Join University of Saskatchewan College of Education Dean Julia Paulson to hear an update about college activities, alumni events, and plans for 2027 Centennial Celebrations. Learn more about ways to engage with the College of Education and provide feedback on alumni activities.

Bio: Dr. Julia Paulson was appointed Dean of the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan in 2023. Born and raised in Alberta, she completed her graduate studies in the United Kingdom, eventually joining the University of Bristol's School of Education where she held the role of Professor of Education, Peace and Conflict and was co-director of the Centre for Comparative and International Research in Education.

Dr. Paulson's research explores the relationships between peace, conflict, and education, with a focus on teaching about injustice and violence, memory studies and transitional justice. She is well-known for her comparative work on truth commissions and their impact on educational and curricular change.

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!

Public Relations/Advocacy/Resolutions

As we begin a new year as members of the largest Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan, we are reminded that resolutions are the manner in which we initiate change in our organization. We bring all of the Chapter resolutions to the Chapter Executive for discussion, and if the resolutions are passed by the Executive, we bring them to the February Chapter meeting for discussion and ratification. All resolutions passed by the Chapter Executive and Chapter members are sent to the Provincial Resolutions Committee to be taken to the STS AGM in May, 2025. We are asking members to consider any resolution ideas and to submit them to us (Randy Danyliw at randydanyliw@shaw.ca or Margaret Martin at bill.marg@sasktel.net). We can assist with wording if needed.

We remind members of the STS Group Benefit Plan (Health and Dental) that a new year means that your annual benefit amounts begin anew. The most recent annual benefit of \$500.00 for vaccinations will also provide another \$500.00 per person if you are paying for a couple. This

means that any vaccine that you need to pay for such as shingles or RSV has coverage with this benefit.

We wish each of you a very happy and healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you at one or all of the STS Saskatoon Chapter sponsored events and meetings.

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



COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) for 2025

For those receiving allowances from Teachers Superannuation Commission: The TSP COLA to be granted for January 1, 2025 will be 2.1%. For those who began receiving payments during the 2024 calendar year, the COLA will be prorated.

For Saskatchewan Teachers Retirement Plan (STRP): **Conditional** COLA to be granted January 1, 2025 (**for all post-2015 pensions** in pay on December 31, 2024): 2.6%

Guaranteed COLA to be granted January 1, 2025 (**for all pre-2015 pensions** in pay on December 31, 2024): 2.1%.

Visitation

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." — Leo Buscaglia

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 few years the visitors have come up with different ways to keep in contact with the shut-in person. 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.

Visitation Co-Chairs:

Shirley Henderson
306-374-5388

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From the Card Committee

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home."

Edith Sitwell

Are you thinking of someone who would appreciate some words of comfort, warmth, and friendliness? Please contact us and we can send a home-crafted greeting card on behalf of the STS Saskatoon Chapter.

Please include their name, address, and reason for the special message.

Your Card Committee Co-Chairs:

Pat Orchard
306-373-9905

pattymel@sasktel.net

Gladys Somerville
306-242-6668

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2025 Saskatoon Chapter Directory

Deadline for Directory requests: January 31, 2025

A **Printed** copy of the 2025 Saskatoon Chapter Directory will be available to members *by request* early in 2025—see form below or OR fill out the online Application... <https://sts-saskatoon.ca/directory>

If you are online, click here...

REQUEST DIRECTORY ONLINE

Note: Digital Copies of the Saskatoon Chapter Directory are not available.

Members who have requested a directory and reside in Saskatoon will be asked to pick up their copy; date and location to be determined. Requested directories will also be available for pickup at Chapter and Special Events. *If you do not want your name, address, or phone number listed in the Directory, please email or mail your request to an address shown below.

I would like to receive a copy of the 2025 Saskatoon Chapter Directory.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

*Email _____

Email form to:
Saskatoon.STS.Directory@gmail.com

I *do not* wish to have the following information listed in the 2025 Saskatoon Directory.

Or mail to: Barb Alberton
730 8th Avenue N
Saskatoon, SK S7K 2W9

****Email addresses will not be published and are for contact purposes only.**



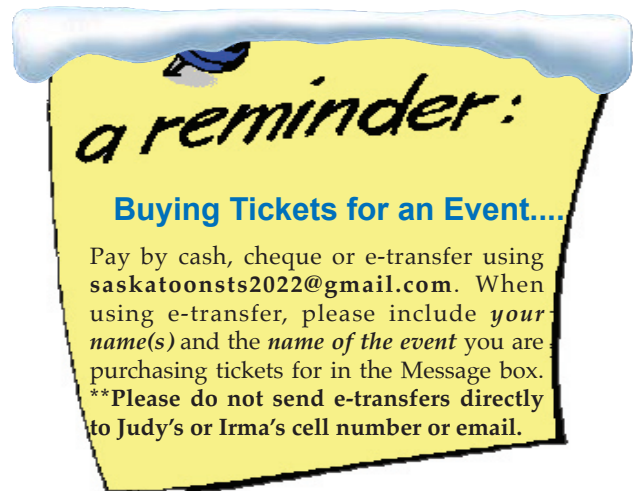
Telephone Committee

"Do you know that a simple phone call can make a person happy?" - Frank Wright

It is our hope that as a telephoning committee of six people, sixteen wonderful senior Chapter members feel happier from the contact made from each call. We do our best to keep them informed of all our events.

If you would like to be called about Chapter events and activities don't hesitate to call me,

Lois Pyne 306-978-8248



Tribute to Eileen Deneiko

This past November we lost our dear friend and STS Past President Eileen. Eileen became our STS Saskatoon Chapter Assistant Secretary in 2015. Later she became Vice President (2016-2018) followed by President (2019 – 2022) and Past President from the Fall of 2022 until her passing.

Always a smile and a helping hand she left us too soon...

Know your HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT

As a result of a number of resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting in May 2023, and given the current positive financial situation of the STS Group Benefits Plan, the Provincial Executive has authorized the implementation of a Health Spending Account (HSA) for members (Primary Plan Holders) of the Extended Health and/or Dental Plan to be utilized between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026.

A Health Spending Account allows individuals the flexibility to apply the allocated funds as they wish for any health expenses allowed by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) incurred between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2026 which are not included in, or completely covered by, the STS Extended Health and Dental Plan. Please see the CRA website under Eligible Medical Expenses.



The allocations to the HSA are as follows:
 \$200 if the Primary Plan Holder has "Single" coverage
 \$400 if the Primary Plan Holder has "Couple" coverage
 \$460 if the Primary Plan Holder has "Family" coverage

These allocations may be used by anyone covered by the Plan Holder. The overall cost to the Plan, should the allocations be fully utilized, will be approximately \$2.9 million.

STS PICTURES 2024 FALL...

Fall Texas Scramble



Kaz Pacholik, Randy Altman, Lucie Altman, Olga Johnson



Star Egg Tour



Wine Tasting



2024 STS Provincial Bonspiel

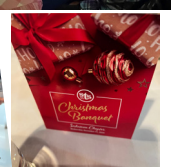
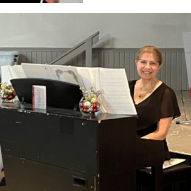


Fran Langevin, Bev Pacholik, Dave Luukkonen, Sheryl Riis

Brunch with the Bunch



2024 Fall Social



For more photos go to: <https://sts-saskatoon.ca/photos>

2024 Christmas Banquet

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.

February 2025

Feb 5 - Executive Meeting
Feb 19 - Chapter Event-Fraud Awareness

March 2025

Mar 5 - Executive Meeting
Mar 19 - Chapter Event - Julia Paulson,
Dean, College of Education

April 2025

Apr 2 - Executive Meeting

May 2025

May 1 - STS Spring Tea

May 2025 (cont.)

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. Elections/Chapter Event

June 2025

June 4 - Executive Meeting
Year-end Reports due
June 11 - Spring Luncheon
June 17 - Spring Texas Scramble



The Editor's Desk
Your Editor: Darlene Danyliw

Deadlines for submissions to *The Voice*:
Winter Issue - November 30, 2024
Spring Issue - March 31, 2025
Fall Issue - June 30, 2025
Please send to: stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com

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

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