

President's Message



Janet Lowndes, President

Hello! Welcome Back to a new year of fun socializing, activities, and opportunities to make our lives and the lives of other superannuates better. I hope your summer was great, and this fall is just as great.

I look forward to serving as your President in the 2026-27 year and to collaborating closely with our Executive Members. It is an honour.

Fall is an extra special time for the Saskatoon Chapter because current members welcome new superannuates who have chosen to become members of the STS Saskatoon Chapter! Come on out to the Fall Brunch with the Bunch on September 16th, when we introduce our new superannuates and share with them information about who is who and what is what in the Saskatoon Chapter of STS.

I want to remind you that we are in the second year of our two-year window to use the Health Spending Account. This allows members the flexibility to apply the allocated funds as they wish for any health expense. Want those extra nice glass frames that are above your vision care limit? Health Spending Account! Have you used up all your massage benefits for the year? Health Spending Account! And if you have no other need for it, call the office and ask for a credit towards your Health and Dental Premiums. Don't forget, you only have until the end of December and then it disappears. Further information is available at <https://www.sts.sk.ca/health-spending-account-hsa>.

Another reminder, the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan will be celebrating its Centennial Anniversary in 2027, and they are looking for alumni's stories. Three hundred (300) words to share a reflection, a memory, or a story from your time as a teacher or as a student at the College. Come on—let's highlight Saskatoon! Submit at <https://education.usask.ca/centennial/alumni-story-submissions.php>.

Our Chapter Executive strives to keep all members informed of Saskatoon Chapter's very full and vibrant events, updates to the health and dental plan, and any other topic applicable to our membership. We publish *THE Voice* twice a year. We mail the Fall edition to all members to ensure every member has contact phone numbers for the new year. We maintain a current website at sts-saskatoon.ca where you can check out upcoming events, past copies of *THE Voice*, photos of past events, and links to other organizations. We also send out monthly email reminders – watch for them to come from info@stssaskatoon.ca. We send them to your email on file with the Provincial STS office.

If you want to understand more about the Provincial STS, check out the Executive Notes, sent from info@stssaskatoon.ca as well. We are so lucky to have a professional organization, even after we retire—let's own it!

My last words before signing off repeat what I want to keep repeating: this is YOUR organization. Check out the Calendar of Events and take the step to try a new event. You will never know what you enjoy until you try. If you do not see an activity you want, consider asking us to support you while you create it. In addition, input from you helps us to serve you better, so please share your suggestions for additions, improvements, and changes.

With that said, have a fun year, and I hope to see you soon!

✦ *Janet Lowndes, President STS Saskatoon Chapter*

Your 2026-2027 STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive



Front Row: Irma Kittleson, Darlene Danyliw, Kaye Wolfater, Lyn Carduner, Bonnie Semenoff, Janet Lowndes, Phyllis Wilson, Shirley Henderson, Rod Holowaty, Jane Isinger, Loretta Metzger. Row 2: Margaret Martin, Freda Robinson, Barb Alberton, Brenda Croft, Linda Kindrachuk, Pat Orchard, Gladys Somerville, Zonia Krushelniski, Karen Cymbalisty, Janet Christ, Judy Pidskalny, Linda Ashley. Back Row: Randy Danyliw, Diane Selby, Tom German, Peter Stroh, Lyle Markowski.
Missing: Carol Shanner

2027 Saskatoon Chapter Directory

Deadline for Directory requests: January 31, 2027

Directory Requests

The *STS Saskatoon Chapter Directory* will only be available to those who have submitted a request.

Do Not Publish Requests

All members are included in the Directory unless the member requests their information not be included. If you do not want your name or contact information included in the 2027 Directory, please complete the “**Do Not Publish**” form.

****Please note that email addresses are not published; they are for internal purposes only.**

Change of Address Requests

The information in the Directory is maintained by the provincial STS. To change any aspect of your contact information, please contact the Provincial STS at 306-373-3879 or sts@sts.sk.ca

Distribution Information

The Directory will be available for pick up by Saskatoon residents in Spring 2027. Those from out of town or who are housebound may request a copy be mailed. More details will be provided in the Winter/Spring Edition of The Voice.

REQUESTS PROCESSES

Online: You may complete all request forms online at <https://sts-saskatoon.ca/directory>.

Hard Copy: If you are not able to complete your request online, you may print the form below and mail to: **Barb Alberton**

730 8th Ave N

Saskatoon, SK S7K 2W9

Directory Request	Do Not Publish Request
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Primary Phone:	Primary Phone:
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Public Relations/Advocacy/Resolutions

Greetings to all of our newly retired teachers, as well as, our experienced retired members! There are many programs and activities that STS both locally and provincially provide to help us remain connected to our colleagues and the teaching profession. Please check out the pages of this newsletter to help you decide the activities and programs that are of interest to you.

It seems like a good opportunity to remind all of the newly retired STS members that you have a 60-day window to apply for membership in the STS Group Benefits Plan—both Extended Health (which includes the Travel Benefit) and/or the Dental Plan. Members and eligible dependants are eligible to enrol without providing evidence of good health. This 60-day window applies after the date that you retire or coverage terminates under a spouse's group plan or coverage terminates under any other group plan. If you apply after this date, you will be required to submit evidence of good health.

As we consider our travel options or winter plans, it is also a good time to remind all STS Extended Health Plan members of the annual \$500 Vaccine Benefit. This benefit is available for any vaccines that you are required to pay for such as Shingles, Hepatitis A and B, pneumonia vaccines, or other vaccines recommended for travel.

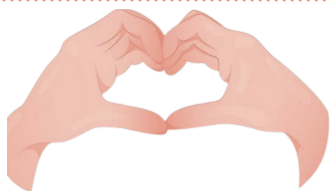
All STS Group Benefit Plan members (Primary Plan holders) that were members prior to January 1, 2025 also have a Health Spending Account—\$200 if you have "Single" coverage, \$400 if you have "Couple" coverage, \$460 if you have

"Family" coverage. This amount must be utilized before December 31, 2026. These allocations may be used by anyone covered by the Plan Holder.

For our STS Group Benefit members who are planning to travel, please check the Out of Province Travel Benefit, which is a part of the Extended Health Plan. You have \$5,000,000 per person (Lifetime Maximum) of emergency medical coverage when travelling outside of your home province. There are many emergency benefits that are covered provided that your trip is no longer than 65 days and your health condition is stable in the 90 days prior to travel. Please review the Travel Benefits and Exclusions and Limitations on the STS website before you leave on vacation (www.sts.sk.ca).

If you have any questions about the STS and/or the Group Benefit Plans, please contact the STS Office at (306) 373-3879 or by email at sts@sts.sk.ca. We also are asking for any resolutions that you feel would provide the Provincial STS guidance to address issues, concerns, or improvements to the STS organization or the STS Benefit Plans. Please send these to us. We can assist with wording if needed. These resolutions will be discussed at the Chapter level, and then if they are passed, we will send these to the Provincial STS to be discussed and voted upon at the STS AGM held in May, 2027. We look forward to seeing you at one or more STS programs and activities during this 2026-2027 year!

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



Chapter Outreach Committee

Visits and phone calls can be a source of support, comfort, and a way to stay connected with others. Telephoning volunteers continue to keep in touch with fellow STS retirees (who have no email) about upcoming Chapter events.

If you know of someone who is a member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers and is hospitalized or considered a shut-in, please contact either Carol or Shirley.

Carol Shanner
306-514-8415
cshanner63@shaw.ca

Shirley Henderson
306-374-5388
rshenderson@sasktel.net

Activities & Events

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

Love to Walk?

Join the

Saskatoon Chapter Walking Club

Walks leave Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

Our monthly start points will be:

September - Forestry Farm area, park behind St. Joseph High School by the children's playground equipment.

October - Brighton, come in on Westfield Rd off College; it becomes Taube Ave. Continue to the intersection with Aniskowtaw Way. Park on the street by the big park.

November - Hampton, from 33rd St. W turn north on Junor Ave. Park in the Shopper's Drug Mart parking lot at the corner of Junor Ave and Hampton Circle.

December - Victoria Park, park between Riversdale Pool and the river.

January - Meewasin parking lot between Ravine Dr. and Pinehouse Dr. off Spadina Cr. E, closer to Pinehouse.



**STS Saskatoon Chapter
Fall Texas Scramble
September 15, 2026
9:00 am**



GREENBRYRE
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

**\$39.75 Walking
\$59.25 w/cart**

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



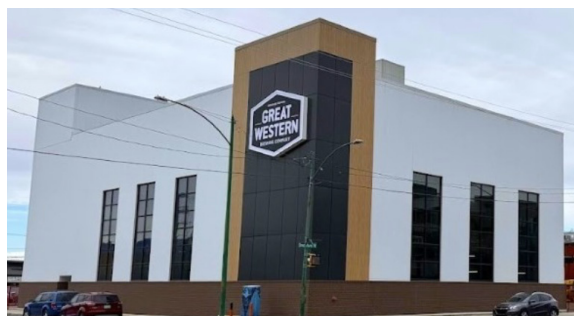
Janet & Rod

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

Check your Monthly Emails for the following Activities...TBA

October:

Tour of the "Newly Renovated"



January:

Baguette Making



at Solar Gardens

November:

Water Colour Class

*"Painting
Saskatchewan"*



November/December:



Christmas Cookie

*& Bake Sale
Exchange*



From the Card Committee

"In a world full of instant messages, a card is a pauseproof that someone took time for you."

- Anonymous

The Card Committee has diligently worked to maintain a diverse selection of cards and to ensure timely distribution. Cards are sent to Chapter members and several special guests throughout the year..

We believe that hand-crafted greeting cards reflect care and thoughtfulness. *"Their significance lies not just in the words or designs but in the emotional connection they create through shared experiences.* Helen Voss *"www.wallstreetgreetings.com"*

If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving a card that marks a special occasion, expresses gratitude, provides support, or sends caring thoughts of sympathy, please contact:

Please contact:

Pat Orchard at 306-373-9905 or
pattymel@sasktel.net

Gladys Somerville at 306-242-6668 or
gsomer@sasktel.net

STS Fall Social

featuring Pat Mitchell

ONE FINE DAY

Women of the Sixties:

A Musical Journey



Wednesday, October 21, 2026

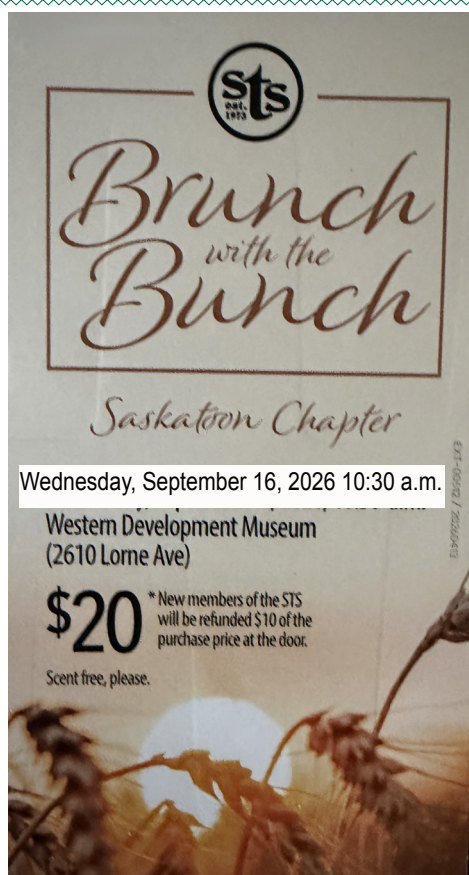
7:00-9:30 pm

Spadina Legion - 606 Spadina Cr W

No cover charge, cash bar

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

Brunch, Banquet, Craft Sale and more...



Brunch with the Bunch Wednesday, September 16

(Sales end September 8)

For more information contact:

Irma - 306-934-0881 or email

ijkitt@sasktel.net

Judy - 306-955-0026 or email

pidskalnyj@gmail.com

Buying tickets using ...

eTransfer

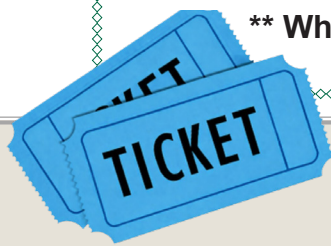
Send eTransfer to:

saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com

Please include **your name(s), email address, and the name of the event** you are registering/purchasing tickets for in the Message Box.

**** Please DO NOT send e-transfers to Judy's or Irma's email or cell number. ****

**** When purchasing tickets by e-transfer—you will receive a confirmation email with a photo of a ticket.**



Important Ticket Information

For all banquets going forward...

Anyone purchasing tickets in person, will receive a printed numbered ticket(s).

If purchasing tickets by e-transfer, you will receive a confirmation email with a photo of a ticket.

Assigned Table #s will be posted on charts near the banquet hall entrance. **There will be no ticket collection at the door, thus no line ups to collect your tickets.** Reception hosts will be available to give seating information.

TICKET SALES 2026-2027

For the Sept. 16th Welcome Brunch (\$20)
Began at the June Luncheon, June 10, 2026.
Sales end Sept. 8 or when sold out.

For the Dec. 9th Christmas Banquet (\$25)
Begin at Noon Sept. 16, 2026 either in person at the Welcome Brunch or by e-transfer. Sales end Dec. 1 or when sold out.

For the June 9th June Luncheon (\$25)
Begin at the Spring Social in April.
Sales end June 2.



Saskatoon Chapter

Christmas Banquet

 Wednesday, December 9, 2026

 Western Development Museum

 10:30 Craft Sale & Social

 12:15 Buffet Meal

\$25

Scent free, please!



Christmas Banquet Tickets available beginning Noon, September 16, 2026 in person at the Welcome Brunch or by e-transfer.

Sales end Dec.1 or when sold out.

**** When purchasing tickets by e-transfer—you will receive a confirmation email with a photo of a ticket.**



**15th Annual
STS Saskatoon Chapter
Craft Sale**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2026
10:30 a.m. - Noon**

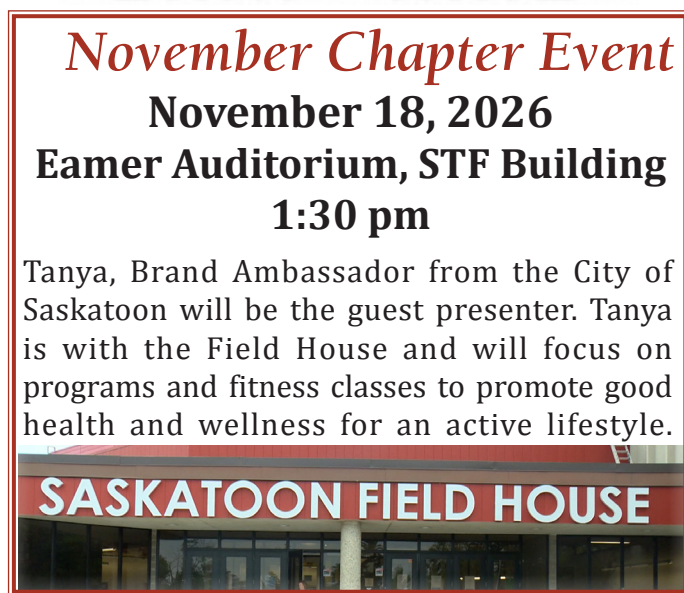
Western Development Museum

Crafters sell your work at the Christmas Banquet!

Contact Phyllis at 306-380-0684 or email: filysan@shaw.ca

If chosen to be a crafter you will be asked to provide a door prize (valued at \$15-\$20) to be awarded to a banquet guest. (Limited number of tables)

Deadline: September 30, 2026



November Chapter Event

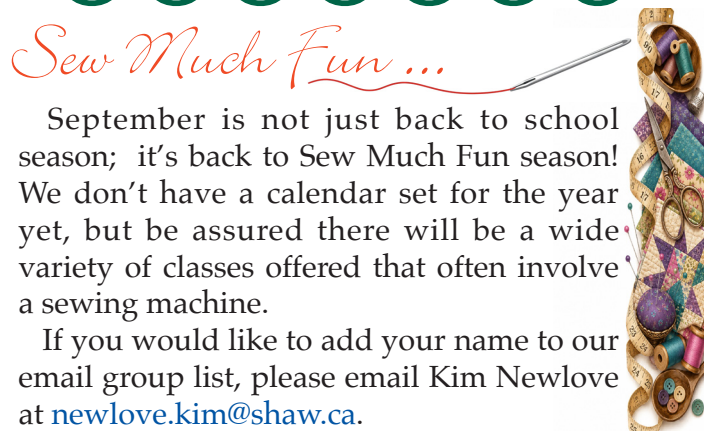
November 18, 2026

Eamer Auditorium, STF Building

1:30 pm

Tanya, Brand Ambassador from the City of Saskatoon will be the guest presenter. Tanya is with the Field House and will focus on programs and fitness classes to promote good health and wellness for an active lifestyle.

SASKATOON FIELD HOUSE



Sew Much Fun ...

September is not just back to school season; it's back to Sew Much Fun season! We don't have a calendar set for the year yet, but be assured there will be a wide variety of classes offered that often involve a sewing machine.

If you would like to add your name to our email group list, please email Kim Newlove at newlove.kim@shaw.ca.

Your **Sew Much Fun** planning group:
Ann Atchison, Linda Ashley, Mary Lou Ast,
Wanda Drew, Kim Newlove and Phyllis Wilson.

Your 2026-2027 STS – Saskatoon Chapter Executive

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