

STS Saskatoon Chapter

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The Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan is an organization of retired teachers who are dedicated to promoting the welfare of all superannuated teachers, and to maintaining the ties which bind them to fellow professionals. The STS Saskatoon Chapter has over 2800 members and is the largest chapter in the organization.



WELCOME

to all the new retirees who have joined the STS Saskatoon Chapter!

Retirement is truly a big milestone in one's life! Take time to relax, reflect on this

new chapter, and embrace the shift from obligations to new opportunities and options. Stay tuned for upcoming events in the fall. We would like to invite each of you to consider getting actively involved by attending any planned activities of interest, coming out to luncheons, or joining the executive. All aboard!!!

JUNE MESSAGES

Another STS Saskatoon
Chapter year is wrapping up
as we take some time to
enjoy the summer months
ahead. Enjoy the longer days,
the beautiful summer
sunsets, the great outdoors,
and time to connect with family and friends.



Please peruse the email and focus on the information that is pertinent for you.

Please take time to visit:

The **STS Website** at http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca CLICK HERE It is a quick way to check out planned activities, acquire forms, become more familiar with membership benefits, and read **The Voice**.

The **SPRING issue of The Voice** is available to read CLICK HERE

Be sure to check out the **STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook** page - another fine way to stay current and in-touch with activities and announcements. CLICK HERE

Don't forget that **OUTREACH SPRING Edition** <u>CLICK HERE</u> is the provincial publication of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan and is available online in PDF form. It is an excellent resource for current updates and provincially planned recreation activities. You can look up previous issues of OUTREACH <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u>

ALL CALL for Future STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive

It's not too late to join the Executive...

If you would like an opportunity to learn more about what the STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive does for its members or be involved with the planning of events, this may be just the right fit for you. There are many subcommittees within the Executive and two people are assigned as co-chairs (a great way to cover for your partner in case he/she is unavailable often due to traveling). We meet at 9:30am the first Wednesday of the month from September to June.

For more information, please contact the Chapter President, Lyle Markowski at 306-371-2761 or any member of the present Executive whose contact information is found on the last page of The Voice.

Keep us informed:

If your address, email address or phone number changes, please be sure to contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 or email <u>sts@sts.sk.ca</u> when notifying people of the change.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION and PLANNING



Visitation Outreach

An ounce of giving equals a pound of caring!

If you know of anyone who is a member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers and is

hospitalized or considered a shut-in, please contact **Carol Shanner** at <u>cshanner63@shaw.ca</u> or 306-514-8415 or Shirley Henderson at <u>rshenderson@sasktel.net</u> or 306-374-5388 and contact will be arranged.

We have a wonderful team of retired teachers who are willing to make contact with a phone call or a personal visit.

Thanks to Everyone who will be attending the Spring Luncheon - See You on June 12!





For Future Reference:

Buying a Ticket for an Event - Here are your options!

Payment by cash, cheque or e-transfer using <u>saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com</u> are accepted.

Please do not send e-transfers directly to Judy's or Irma's cell number or email.

In the Message box, please include your name(s) and the name of the event you are purchasing tickets for.



Payment by Cheque?

If paying by cheque, make it payable to

Superannuated Teachers of SK Saskatoon Chapter

and mail it to Irma or

Judy (please contact one of them for their mailing address).

STS Saskatoon Chapter is no longer accepted by our bank.

It's a Wrap...See You in the Fall for more Sew Much Fun!!!

Time to Take a Break from our Sew Much Fun Gatherings!

It has been an awesome year of creating, sharing and sewing. . . and now it's time for summer holidays! Stay tuned for new plans and projects for the fall.

Thanks to Eamer Auditorium for being our host facility.

June 19 - Personal Project Day and Show Much Fun

This will be a typical sewing/crafting day that will end with a bang! At 2:00, we will pause for a fun, year-end sharing and socializing time. Please consider bringing along absolutely anything that you've made over the last year or so. As "makers", we get so much joy and inspiration from seeing the creative works of others. If you don't have anything to share at this time, please feel welcome to

join us and feel energized by others' creations! **Be sure to register** with Wanda at wandaldrew@gmail.com if you're planning to attend.

We will begin at 9:00am at the STF building on Arlington in the Eamer Auditorium and wrap up around 4:00.

No fee for any portion of the day on June 19th.

If the stars align in just the right way, there might be refreshments and a few treats!

Your Sew Much Fun Planning Team, Linda Ashley

Mary Lou Ast

Ann Atchison

Wanda Drew

Kim Newlove

Phyllis Wilson

STS Walking Group - Keeps Walking During the Summer Months

The STS Walking Group faithfully walks every Monday. Whether you are a regular or a first timer, enjoy coming out for a morning walk. Pick your pace and modify the length of your walk if needed.



Date: Every Monday morning at 9:00 am

Where: Each week the group will meet at a pre-arranged location.

What: Loretta Metzger will make contact with pertinent

information. Join in when available! If you are interested in walking

with the motivated group, please **contact Loretta Metzger at metzgerl@shaw.ca** for further information.

The STS Saskatoon Chapter Facebook page also includes weekly updates for the walking group.



STRIKE! 5-Pin Bowling is done for the season.

Stay tuned for a new Bowling season update in the fall.

For more information and to sign up for Chapter activities, please contact: Janet Christ, email: jlchrist@sasktel.net or call 306-934-6722.



Transportation to Chapter Events a Problem?

We have a Possible Solution

The Saskatoon Chapter would like to re-introduce a trial program to provide transportation to Daytime Chapter events.

We realize that some of our members may not drive anymore or currently have a medical condition that prohibits them from driving for a period of time. We would like to offer a taxi voucher for a return trip to a daytime Chapter Event for these members. A member is limited to one event/year and vouchers will be dispersed on a first come basis. If you are interested in receiving a voucher, please request a copy of the application form by sending an email to STS.Saskatoon@gmail.com. You may return your application to STS.Saskatoon@gmail.com or mail to J. Pidskalny, 111 Costigan Road, Saskatoon, SK S7J 3P5.

Please ensure that the form is submitted at least two weeks in advance to ensure enough time to receive the taxi voucher by mail. If you do not have email or require more information, please call Eileen @ 306-477-0989 or Judy @ 306-955-0026.

2024 Provincial Election Worker's Update

The Provincial Election requires workers at many different levels. If you are interested in working in a Returning Office or during the election week, please prepare a cover letter and resume and fill out the online application CLICK HERE. Returning Office staff jobs are now posted. Election week workers will be posted in the near future.

Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA)

The Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA) continues to offer a number of interesting educational opportunities. It is an excellent organization that supports seniors and offers a wide variety of activities. For more information, check out scoa.ca. CLICK
HERE There is also a **Coming of Age Publication** that you may wish to peruse. [CLICK HERE]

Prairie Hospice Society - Volunteer With Us

Volunteers needed.

The need in the community continues to grow, our current volunteers are providing many hours. Learn more by visiting the website: www.prairiehospice.org [CLICK HERE], or contact: www.prairiehospice.org or phone 306-249-5554.

Prairie Hospice Society is a charitable, non-profit community organization working to ensure access to compassionate,

community-based, end-of-life support in Saskatoon. Our goal is to enhance quality of life at the end of life, wherever people call home. We provide one-on-one companionship and non-medical support for clients and their families, raise awareness and educate the community about end-of-life care, and advocate for quality end-of-life care.

Additional STS Member Information This information is included each month as we continuously have new members added to our contact list.

Never Miss an Event! Join the Saskatoon STS Chapter by becoming an Associate Member

If you are or know a teacher who has left the teaching profession but has not met the requirements for superannuation/retirement eligibility, you are invited to become an Associate Member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan. Also, we welcome any superannuates from other STS chapters to consider becoming an associate member with the Saskatoon Chapter. An associate membership will ensure that you get up-to-date information about our many events while still maintaining contact with your 'home' chapter. For more information CLICK HERE or contact Past President Eileen Deneiko at eileen.deneiko@sasktel.net.

Important Group Benefit Reminder

A reminder to all STS members who have recently retired or are leaving another Group Benefit Plan of the sixty-day window to join the STS Group Benefits Plan—the Extended Health Plan including travel and/or the Dental Plan—without having to provide medical evidence of good health. It is possible to join later but you will be asked to provide medical

evidence. This same sixty-day window also applies to the spouse of a deceased superannuate or of a deceased active teacher who is then able to become a member of STS and apply to join the STS Group Benefit Plan without having to provide medical evidence of good health.

The Voice

The Voice is a newsletter that is published three times in the STS 2023-2024 year.

To submit articles for consideration of inclusion or suggestions for topics of interest to our general membership, please contact the editor, Darlene Danyliw: stsvoiceeditor@gmail.com or 306-249-4494.

To change reading *The Voice*** to online only, or if there is a label error in your name or address, please contact Irma Kittelson at ijkitt@sasktel.net. If your address has changed or will be changing, please inform Irma as soon as possible. Read THE VOICE ONLINE CLICK HERE

The **STS Provincial Newsletter**, <u>OUTREACH</u>, is also available to read online; contact the provincial office <u>sts@sts.sk.ca</u> to make a change to reading their newsletter online as well.

Don't forget to follow us on FACEBOOK - STS SASKATOON CHAPTER

For photos, find us on <u>Facebook</u> or our chapter website - http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca CLICK HERE

The right side of every page of our website has a contact link for contacting the Executive - messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Executive member.

On behalf of the STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive, Bonnie Semenoff and Irma Kittelson are the Email Co-Chairs. If you wish to contact us with a question or clarification, our contact email address is info@stssaskatoon.ca.

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