

STS Saskatoon Chapter

NOVEMBER 2025

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 2900 members and is the largest Chapter in the organization.

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and encompassing the land of the Cree, Dakota, Nakota, Saulteaux and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Reconciliation and Treaty 6 are honoured and respected.



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As the days get shorter, it is a perfect time to take in some of our events and activities.

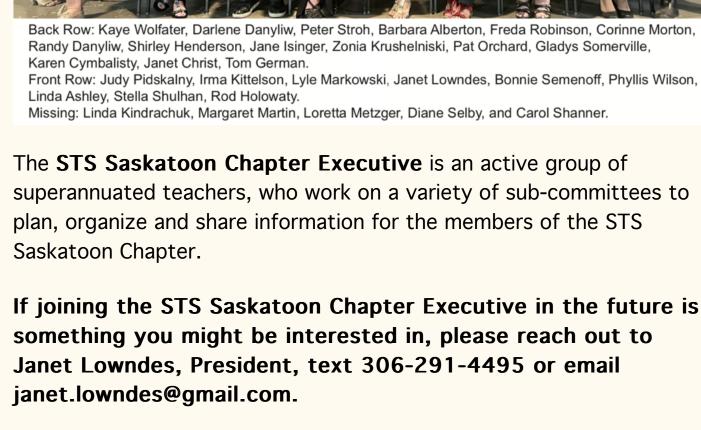
The STS Website at http://www.sts-saskatoon.ca CLICK HERE is a quick way to check out planned activities, acquire forms, become more

familiar with membership benefits, and read The Voice. The FALL 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 FALL Edition CLICK HERE** 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 CLICK HERE

Your STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive 2025-2026



IMPORTANT: KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT!

If you change your address, email address or phone number, please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 or email sts@sts.sk.ca.

Events & Activities

Join our motivated walking group.

Monday Mornings — 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Loretta Metzger at metzgerl@shaw.ca **Sew Much Fun season is here!** November 13 -**Christmas Angels**

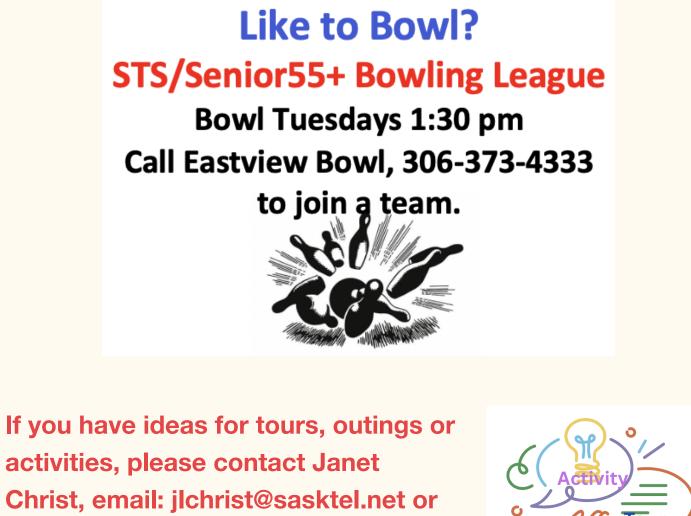
kindly offered to show us how to make cute little angels and gnomes for Christmas decorations or gift bag features. All the materials needed for these crafts will be provided at the class for a small fee (it won't be much!). Note: There will be room set aside for personal project work, too (\$5.00) **November 21 – Personal Projects and Sewing Day** Fee: \$5.00 Time is a ticking! You better come on out and use this day to finish up

20FD DAI pick up at the door.



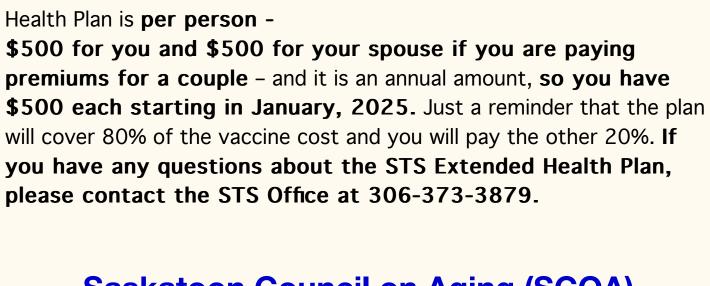
Where: 844 51st St #7, Saskatoon, SK S7K 5C7

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 1:30 pm **STF Building - Eamer Auditorium** J. Jeffrey O'Brien, MAS Saskatoon City Archivist will be our guest speaker. He will



If you would like a STS Diary (mini purse-sized calendar), Bookmark or Directory please contact Janet Lowndes, by email, janet.lowndes@gmail.com or text 306-291-4495.

Any expense incurred in 2025 must be claimed through the HSA by the end of 2025 - this expense cannot be submitted after that, even though All STS Group Benefit Plan members (Primary Plan Holders) that enrolled in the Plan prior to January 1, 2025 have a Health Spending Account-\$200 if you have "Single" coverage, \$400 if you have "Couple" coverage, and \$460 if you have "Family" coverage. This amount must be



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-onone 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. **CLICK HERE** for more information about Prairie Hospice. Please contact Mary-Anne Parker for further information.

Mary-Anne Parker,

306.249.5554

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Quality Coordinator,

Prairie Hospice Society Inc.

Prairie Hospice Society is a charitable, non-profit community

Us? Email us at wa.saskatoon@gmail.com.

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

information CLICK HERE. **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

The Voice is a newsletter that is currently published three times in the 2025-2026 year. Please note that *The Voice* will produce two editions

The STS Provincial Newsletter, OUTREACH, is also available to read online; contact the provincial office sts@sts.sk.ca to make a change to

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

contact list.

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Remembrance, Reflection, and Gratitude.

Please look through this email to find information that is pertinent for you. Please take time to visit:

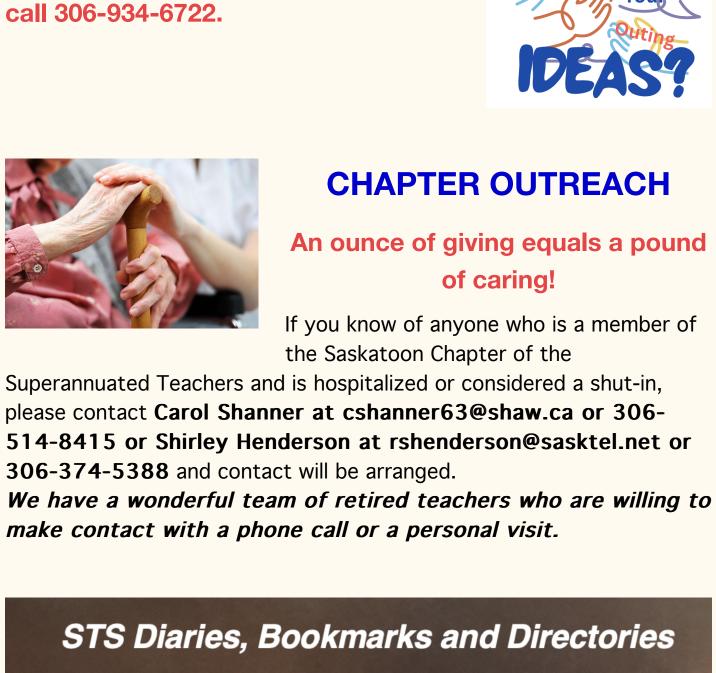
STS SASKATOON CHAPTER WALKING GROUP We're always walking somewhere ... _

and Gnomes, Oh My! With Loretta Metzger Fee \$25.00 Loretta Metzger has



SASKATOON CHAPTER EVENT

highlight historical events from various eras that took place in Saskatoon. To top off the Chapter Event, "Build Your Own Sundae"



utilized before December 31, 2026. These allocations may be used by anyone covered by the Plan Holder and used for any health expenses allowed by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) which are not included in, or completely covered by, the STS Extended Health and Dental Plan. What if I don't use my HSA in 2025? Health Spending Account funds remaining after the first year (2025) will be carried into the next calendar year to be utilized between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026. Should you not have medical expenses, it is possible to use the HSA for reimbursement of premiums paid. If you wish to go that route, please contact the STS office (306-373-3879 or sts@sts.sk.ca). The office will

If you have any questions about your HSA coverage or the STS Group Benefit Plans (Extended Health and/or Dental), please contact the STS

Office by email sts@sts.sk.ca or by telephone 306-373-3879.

Spending Account and the Extended Health Plan. Please

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT (HSA)

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please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879. **Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA)** The Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA) offers a number of interesting opportunities and activities supporting seniors. 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]

www.prairiehospice.org **Transportation to Chapter Events a Problem?**

302-506 25th St. E., Saskatoon, SK. S7K 4A7

Information This information is included each month as we continuously add new members to our

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

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

appropriate Executive member.

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(or get started on!) your Christmas projects! Remember to register for all classes and sewing days by emailing Wanda Drew at wandaldrew@gmail.com._ Your Sew Much Fun Planning Team, Linda Ashley, Mary Lou Ast, Ann Atchison, Wanda Drew, Kim Newlove, Phyllis Wilson Santa's checking the **Christmas Banquet list. Please** arrange to pick up** your tickets. If you were one of the lucky 300 who got a ticket, please be aware. Most of the tickets were sold by e-transfer, for To avoid a long line up ... YOU WOULD BE VERY WISE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP YOUR TICKETS **BEFORE DECEMBER 10.** Saskatoon Chapter NOV 19 - City Archivist @ Chapter mtg Wednesday, December 10, 2025 Eamer Auditorium - STF Bldg 10:30 a.m. Craft Sale & Social 1:30-3 p.m. 12:15 p.m. Buffet Meal Western Development Museum Name on reverse for door prizes Scent free, please! from Irma Kittelson at home 1825 McKercher Drive phone first please 306-221-4513. 306-934-0881 Join the Superannuated Teachers group for a fun afternoon hosted by Judy Ostrander & Leslie from Globus Family of Brands. The Get inspired with: 💢 Globus Tours – guided vacations filled with culture & history 🛱 Globus Escapes – off-season adventures at incredible value 💢 Avalon Waterways – river cruising in luxury & comfort When: Wednesday, November 13th, 2025 Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM **CLICK HERE** to see the STS Saskatoon Travel Club Facebook page.





questions about either plan.

the HSA does go until December 31, 2026.

premium statement is mailed out in January.

STS Members -

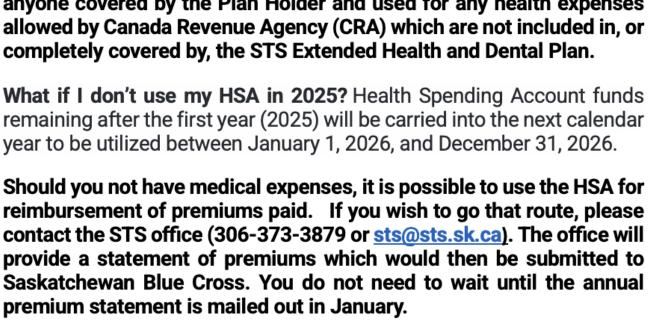
Know how to use the

Extended Health Plan

The **\$500 vaccine benefit** that

was authorized as of July 1, 2024

for members of the STS Extended



Women's Xuxiliary to the Western Development Museum, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan The Women's Auxiliary to the Western Development Museum (WDM) — Saskatoon is a volunteer group that partners with the WDM to celebrate, practice, and preserve

the many crafts and skills used by those in Saskatchewan's

past. Through demonstrations to the public and weekly

group crafting sessions, we strive to share what we know

with those around us. We work with donated fabric, yarns

and craft supplies to produce hand-made items which we

then sell in our Parlour on Boomtown Street. Why not Join

Prairie Hospice Society - Volunteer With Us

organization working to ensure access ** to compassionate, community-

EMPLOYMENT and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

to ensure enough time to receive the taxi voucher by mail. If you do not

have email or require more information, please call Judy @ 306-955-

We have a Possible Solution

Additional STS

Member

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 upto-date information about our many events while still maintaining contact with your 'home' chapter. For more

member of STS and apply to join the STS Group Benefit Plan without having to provide medical evidence of good health. **THE Voice**

in 2026-2027. To submit articles for consideration or if you have

reading their newsletter online as well. Don't forget to follow us on FACEBOOK - STS SASKATOON **CHAPTER** For photos, find us on Facebook 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