# STS Saskatoon Chapter

# NOVEMBER 2026

***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 3000 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.*




**Remembrance, Reflection and Gratitude mark November. The days may be getting shorter but that doesn't slow down our retirees. Always something to do…walking, sewing, touring, and socializing.**



**Thinking about the Christmas Banquet??**
**December 9th at the WDM**

**The Christmas banquet sold out in record time in September.**
**However, our waiting list is very short.**
**If you didn't get tickets**
**And would still like to attend,**
**Please add your name to the waiting list by contacting Irma Kittelson**
**ijkitt@sasktel.net**
**Often people's plans change and tickets do become available.**

**Click now to email Irma Kittelson - ijkitt@sasktel.net__**

# November Events




**Our Saskatoon Chapter Walking Club keeps walking; there are always new paths to take. Join us when available.**




**Lots going on! We hope you'll register with Wanda at wandaldrew@gmail.com for one of these upcoming dates:**

**November 12 & 13 - Reverse Applique**

We have some "late breaking" news! Judy Butler is available to teach us the Reverse Applique technique that will result in a lovely



Christmas hanging or table topper. Thank you Judy, for offering to teach this seasonal project!

Fee: $25 (payable at the door)

**November 12 & 13 - Personal Project Days AND NICU Quilts**

Those not taking the reverse Applique class can get to work on one of two other things on these two days…

- work on your personal projects (Fee $5) or
- gather up with other interested sewers to make flannel NICU quilts. The hope is that interested sewers will bring flannels to share and swap with others to make colourful quilts for families experiencing time in the NICU at Jim Patterson's Children's Hospital.

*(No fee for those donating their time to make these quilts.)*

**November 27 - Disappearing 9-Patch with Dorothy Thomson**

Dorothy will take us through a day learning about and playing with variations of the quilter's disappearing 9-Patch. Once you've conquered this technique, friends will think you've added some magician's tricks to your quilting. You won't want to miss this skills class with Dorothy!

Fee $25 (payable at the door)

**December 9 - Sew Much Fun Craft Table**

This will be our second year hosting a craft table at the STS Christmas Luncheon (December 9). We are looking for people who are interested in selling items at our table. If you are one of those interested people (and we hope you are!!), please email Ann Atchison at atchisona@sasktel.net. You do not need to attend the luncheon to offer up your wares for this craft table.

**To add your name to our Sew Much Fun email group list, please email Kim Newlove at newlove.kim@shaw.ca.**

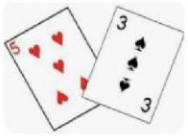
# Come play Kaiser with the STS Saskatoon Chapter

It's a **FUN** event, you play individually not as a team.
*We're just playing cards, having lunch and socializing...*



*You don't have to be a card shark.*





**DATE:** November 17, 2026
**LOCATION:**
Saskatoon Bridge Club
3041 Louise Street
**COST:** $25

*Deadline to register is November 9, 2026*
*Please see Registration Form*

**You can bring a friend.

**Click and download the form below; then print; email completed form to: pidskalnyj@gmail.com.**

**For more information, you can call Judy at (306) 220-9347.**

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# Kaiser Tournament Registration Form

**Saskatoon – November 17, 2026**
**Saskatoon Bridge Club**
**3041 Louise Street**

***Registration Deadline: November 9, 2026***



Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Check all that apply to you:
☐ STS member ☐ Guest Gender: F M

Dietary restrictions? - please specify
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Does the committee have your permission to share your name and photo of the event?
☐ Yes ☐ No

****Your registration will be active when we receive your payment.****

☐ I will e-transfer registration fee of $25.00 to saskatoonsts2022@gmail.com
Please include your name(s), cell phone #, and email address in the Message Box.

☐ I will mail a cheque for $25.00 made out to:
**STS Saskatoon**
Memo: Kaiser Tournament
Mail to:
c/o Judy Pidskalny
111 Costigan Road
Saskatoon SK S7J 3P5

****Please complete this page and email to Judy Pidskalny: **pidskalnyj@gmail.com** ****

TIMES:
9:30 AM - Registration
10:00 AM – 3:30 PM Card playing and distribution of prizes
3:30 PM Departure to your home locations

We will provide you with a fun Kaiser competition, abundant food including snacks, lunch, and beverages —coffee, tea, juice, and water.

If possible, everyone plays everyone else; there are three categories of prize distribution: STS Members Ladies, STS Members Men and Non-members money prizes for first, second and third in each category.

We look forward to seeing you at our event!

# November Chapter Event

**November 18, 2026**

**McDowell Room, TCU Finaancial**

**2311–2317 Arlington Ave**

**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.

**Note Change of Address




# Water Colour Class

taught by

**Wendy Siemens**

*Painting Saskatchewan*

**Friday, November 20, 2026**

**10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Eamer Auditorium. STF Building**

**Cost: $10 per person**

*(Includes all supplies you will need)*

Max # of participants 25

***Register with Janet @ jlchrist@sasktel.net or call Janet @ 306-934-6722***

SUPERANNUATED TEACHERS OF SASKATCHEWAN

**SASKATOON CHAPTER**

DIRECTORY

2027

## *2027 Saskatoon Chapter Directory*

***Deadline for Directory requests: Jan 31, 2027***

The **STS Saskatoon Chapter Directory** will only be available if you have submitted a request. **Click Here** to request a Directory.

Note: To NOT have your information published in the Directory, complete the Directory Removal Request portion of the form.

# December Events

## Saskatoon Chapter Christmas Cookie & Baking Exchange

December 10
10:30 am
STF Building

*We hope to have*
*Two (2) groups of 10 Bakers = 20*
*each bring 30 baked items*
*...this will give 3 items from each baker*
*10 different cookies or squares*

*Please bring a copy of your recipe.*

**To register for the STS Baking Exchange, email Janet Christ jlchrist@sasktel.net or call at 306-934-6722. Let Janet know what you're bringing.**

**Limit 20 participants.**

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**Buying tickets …**
**or Registering for an activity…**

## eTransfer

Pay for tickets using e-transfer; send 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.***

***STS Saskatoon Executive***

The **STS Saskatoon Chapter Executive** is an active group of superannuated teachers, who work on a variety of sub-committees to plan, organize and share information for the members of the 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, Glady 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

## Getting to know our Executive…



**Irma Kittelson**



**Judy Pidskalny**

**Irma and Judy, our STS Saskatoon Chapter treasurers.**

# STS Explore Local

**Another travel opportunity**...***STS Explore Local*** is a "private" Facebook Group open to members of Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan. We find activities and then members get together for short trips throughout Saskatchewan. Members should be prepared to help plan trips, provide ideas and actively engage in all aspects to the best of their ability. It is set up so any member can get an idea for a trip and post it on this Facebook page. People can then get together and organize a trip. Last summer many went to the Bruno Cherry Festival; another time a group attended the play, Stag 'n Doe in Rosthern. Over this festive season, Christmas markets have been featured. Note to be a member, you must be given "permission" to be part of the group. **Open your Facebook page**..then search for **STS Explore Local**.

# CHAPTER OUTREACH

**Visits and phone calls can be a source of support, comfort, and a way to stay connected with others…**



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** cshanner63@shaw.ca **or 306-514-8415.**

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

## KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT!

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

# Volunteer Activities

SASKATCHEWAN AVIATION MUSEUM

## Calling Retired Teacher Volunteers

Retired teachers can bring valuable skills to the Saskatchewan Aviation Museum; you can bring Saskatchewan's aviation history to life. Your experience in teaching, guiding, storytelling, and encouraging young learners can make museum visits more engaging for students, families, and visitors of all ages.

For just a few hours each month you can help the museum educate the community and preserve Saskatchewan's aviation heritage. No aviation background is necessary; you will be provided with training and materials.

**For more information about volunteering, contact Jim Jelinski at 306-381-3128 or jjelinski@saskaviation.ca.**




## The clock is ticking down…don't miss out!

## We have TWO (2) Health Plan Opportunities

**Please review the information below on the Health Spending Account (HSA) and the Extended Health Plan. Please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879 if you have any questions about either plan.**

### *Your HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT— A Priority to Use!*

Your Health Spending Account runs until December 31.

## HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT (HSA)

**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 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 didn'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 provide a statement of premiums which would then be submitted to Saskatchewan Blue Cross. You do not need to wait until the annual premium statement is mailed out in January.**

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.

## 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 Health Plan is **per person - $500 for you and $500 for your spouse if you are paying premiums for a couple** – and it is an annual amount, **so you have $500 each.** Just a reminder that the plan will cover 80% of the vaccine cost and you will pay the other 20%. **If you have any questions about the STS Extended Health Plan, please contact the STS Office at 306-373-3879.**

**STAY IN THE KNOW! Find a wealth of information - something for everyone! Please peruse through the various links and opportunities for information that is pertinent for you.**

**Please take time to visit:**
The **STS Saskatoon Chapter 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 and shows many upcoming events.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




## This information is included as we continuously add new members to our contact list.

### Join the Saskatoon STS Chapter by becoming an Associate Member.

Any teacher who has left the teaching profession but has not met the requirements for superannuation/retirement eligibility, **is invited to become an Associate Member of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan**. Also, we welcome 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.

### Important Group Benefit Reminder

**To all STS members who have *recently retired or are leaving another Group Benefit Plan* - there is a 60-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 60-day window *applies to a spouse of a deceased superannuate or of a deceased active teacher,* who must apply to become a member of STS and join the STS Group Benefit Plan without having to provide medical evidence of good health.**

## JUST IN CASE you have missed taking time to check out lots of great information…you are just a CLICK away!

**The Voice** is a newsletter that is **currently published two times in the 2026-2027 year**.

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.**

**Read THE VOICE ONLINE** CLICK HERE

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

**Don't forget to follow us on FACEBOOK - STS SASKATOON CHAPTER**
You can see photos of past events 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 appropriate Executive member.

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**.