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A Message from

our President:

The hours of daylight appear to be getting shorter and the leaves are changing color and dropping. These are definite signs that autumn is here with winter on its heels. Summer was lacking in hot days, so maybe we will be in for a mild winter to make up for the lack of heat this summer.

It was really good to see several of our chapter members out to our activities in October and November to welcome our guests to our chapter. In October, the Provincial President, Doug Haroldson, came to our Pizza with the Prez. Doug informed us about the happenings at the STS Office in Saskatoon and the upcoming events. His message was informative and his humor was great and I would say the pizza was awesome. I hope you enjoyed Doug's address and the food as much as I did.

Then in November, we welcomed Maureen Blomert and Marg Leitch, CAA Representatives, to our chapter to give an address on senior travel to various destinations, as well as, safety for seniors

while travelling. They did a great job in informing us about travel to various destinations and spoke about how safe travel can be for the senior traveller. The door prizes, provided by CAA, were also a hit. After their presentation, I felt we should all be going somewhere to avoid our cold winter. If you have the urge to travel, they would be more than willing to help you in your planning.

In October, Clara Loeppky, attended the Presidents' Day in Saskatoon. She went to represent our chapter. I was very thankful that she was willing to step in and do such a wonderful job representing all of you. Thank you Clara!!

With December fast approaching, so is our annual Christmas gathering. As always, it is early in December, on Thursday, December 11th. Please circle the date, plan to attend and contact Loretta. We will need an accurate count so that we are not paying for any unused plates. We have planned great entertainment for you, as well as, a delicious roast beef supper. This is the perfect time to be able to wish your fellow superannuates and friends a Merry Christmas. You will find more information

about this event in this edition of the "In Touch".

We will then be taking a three month break, with no meetings or gatherings in January, February and March. We will welcome Spring with our Spring Fling on April 9th. Mark it on your calendar now. More information will be released as we get nearer to the date.

As you are reading this newsletter, Nancy Baumann Wall, Shirley Dyck, Clara Loeppky and I should be on a holiday to the U.S.A. We will be visiting such places as Memphis, Nashville and New Orleans. We will also be taking a cruise to Mahogany Bay, Belize and Cozumel. As the temperature continues to drop here in Saskatchewan, we will be thinking of you as we take several days to relax and enjoy the sun. We will see you all at our Christmas Banquet, and hope to have many stories to tell.

On behalf of myself and the executive, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you all at the Christmas celebration at the Elmwood Restaurant.

Joyce Hoffman, President, Swift Current Chapter



## STS Chapter Presidents' Meeting October 29, 2014

Chapter Presidents' Meeting was held on The Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at the Eamer Auditorium in the STF Building in Saskatoon. Provincial President Doug Haroldson warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting. There are now 10, 089 members in Saskatchewan. He went on to give the announcements, STS Updates and the introduction of each Chapter President.

Kate McCorriston started with a "Get to Know You", STS bingo. Each member was to engage sixteen other members to sign their sheet in the different spaces.

Maxine Stinka and Robert Wuschenny led a discussion with the Chapter Presidents called the Bear Pit Session. In these sessions the Chapter Presidents discussed the Disposition of Resolutions, current practice of the Liaison with the chapters, the difficulty of electing officers in the chapters, Retirement Lifestyles Planning and STF Pre-Retirement Seminars and the Outreach.

All resolutions should be submitted for the 2015 AGM by March 1, 2015. All resolutions should be accompanied with background information where possible thus giving more clarification to the resolution.

The STS Retirement Planning is a joint venture between the STS and the STF. The sessions have been planned for 2015 and will be held in North Battleford March 7th, Yorkton March 21st, and Moose Jaw March 28th. In the year 2016 the sessions will be held in Prince Albert, Swift Current and Weyburn. (dates to follow)

The Outreach Committee is encouraging all Superannuates to forward their email addresses to the STS Office. As postage and the cost of mailing the Outreach is increasing, email addresses would help lower the costs. The Outreach Committee is also continuing "Spotlight on Superannuates". They encourage all chapters to submit names, photos, and a small write up of the Superannuates doing good things in their communities.

There was a Blue Cross presentation by Mary Szunyik (senior claims specialist) and Bob Wilms. They are encouraging all superannuates to read over their policies before leaving the country. Additional coverage can be purchased if leaving the country for more than 65 days. If you have any questions please contact Colleen or Heather at the STS Office (306-373-3879), and they will field your questions and calls.

The STS will be moving out of the STF Building on November 27-28th, to the TCU Building directly behind the STF building. The STS will have their own entry at the back of the building on the East side. The STS office will be closed for those two days and will reopen on December 1, 2014.

The McDowell Foundation thanked all the chapters for their donations to their foundation this past year. It is practical teacher led research at the classroom level. They

are restructuring their foundation to be more accessible to rural teachers as well as those teachers teaching in urban areas.

Federal Elections are coming up. George Georget of Acer Cart encourages the Superannuates to talk to their elected officials of their present and future needs. Acer Cart wants the voices of seniors, retired teachers and Canadians to have a collective voice in sharing their needs with the politicians and policy makers across the country.

This report of the STS Presidents' Meeting was submitted by Clara Loeppky (Vice President).

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SC CHAPTER AUGUST 9, 2014 to OCTOBER 30, 2014

# CHECKING ACCT. BALANCE Aug. 9

564.51

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RECEIPTS		A
H. McGovern -STS Membership Fee	30.00	M. W
50/50 Heck with the Bell Social	56.00	H.
Heck with Bell Revenue	530.00	E
G. Richert - STS Membership Fee	30.00	17
Transfer from High Interest Account		M
50/50 - October Meeting	13.50	0
Pizza with Prez Revenue	95.00	
Interest (July, August, and Sept.)	07	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	1754.57	2319.08

EXPENDITURES		
Fall In Touch - LA. Romankewicz	290.45	
Joyce Hoffman Door Prizes Aug.	15.25	ATA
Chinook Restaurant - Gratuity	56.00	()-()
KK Golf Management Inc - Bunch	617.40	0 19
Jim Spencer - Website Plus Package	59.88	A
STS - 2014- 15 Membership Fees	22.00	F
H. McGovern - Reimburse STS fees	30.00	B
J. Hoffman - Door Prizes and Gift (O	oct) 28.85	
Modern Restaurant Gratuity	13.00	
Modern Restaurant - Pizza	192.14	
TOTAL	1324.97	994.11
High Interest Savings Balance - Au	5676.11	
RECEIPTS		
Interest (July, August, September)	12.04	
STS Membership Rebate	2632.00	
Total Deposits	2644.04	8320.15
EXPENDITURE		

### Treasurer - Rosalie Flynn

Transfer to Checking Account

Old age, believe me, is a good and pleasant thing. It is true you are gently shouldered off the stage, but then you are given such a comfortable front stall as spectator." -----Confucius

Happy Birthday!!			
Shirley Stevenson	Dec 01		
Shirley Dyck	Dec 04		
Clint Schryver	Dec 06		
Dwayne Dekowny	Dec 08		
Bruce Waldie	Dec 08		
Ruth Bulbeck	Dec 09		
Ray Hanlon	Dec 09		
Etienette Binette	Dec 11		
Myrna Hayes	Dec 11		
Brian Ward	Dec 11		
Joan Williamson	Dec 13		
Marion Engel	Dec 15		
Jacob Block	Dec 18		
Bill Nykolaishen	Dec 20		
Gunter Weiner	Dec 20		
Pat Brososky	Dec 21		
Marlene Paproski	Dec 21		
Dawn Rogowski	Dec 23		
Leon Eckert	D 24		
Arlene Mason	Dec 24 Dec 24		
David Franz	Dec 24		
Doris Lynnes	Dec 27		
Ron Hamre			
Donna Rezansoff	Dec 28 Dec 29		
Marlyn Buhr Jeanette Eckert	Jan 08		
	Jan 09		
Corney Unger Herb Holderbein	Jan 09 Jan 10		
Edgar Siemens	Jan 10 Jan 10		
Brian Dunn			
	Jan 11		
Peggy Melhoff	Jan 14		
Jean Allen	Jan 16		
Katherine Jahnke	Jan 17		
Susan Gutwin	Jan 19		
Harold Little	Jan 19		
Kathy Wasylowsch	Jan 23 X		
Walter Pearson	Jan 27		
Jim Sillerud	Jan 28		
Agatha Dyck	Jan 30		
Bo Ciona	Feb 01		
Frances Wagner	Feb 01		
Verona MacDonald	Feb 02		
Sharon Pollock	Feb 04		
Rosalie Flynn	Feb 05		
Lawrence Kalmakoff			
Harold Thiessen	Feb 07		
Lynn Niessen	Feb 08		
Colin King	Feb 08		

Dorothy Wilmot	Feb 10
Marj Taylor	Feb 13
Pat Betthel	Feb 17
Vivian Dunn	Feb 17
Ron Hnatiuk	Feb 21
Dianne Fox	Feb 23
Joan Kalmakoff	Mar 03
Emily Rempel	Mar 05
Donalda Migowsky	Mar 07
Vic Klippenstein	Mar 08
Pat Barbier	Mar 10
Idella Harder	Mar 10
Ralph Jacobsen	Mar 10
Sally Knelsen	Mar 11
Peggy Koethler	Mar 16
Paul Rezansoff	Mar 16
Audrey Yee	Mar 16
Hal Liick	Mar 18
Michael Roberts	Mar 18
Betty Campbell	Mar 19
Carol Ann Ebel	Mar 25
Doreen Roh	Mar 26
John Wasylowsch	Mar 26
Georgie Schryver	Mar 28
Bonnie Perree	Mar 31
Lottie Siemens	Mar 31

Recap of "To Heck with the Bell" Fantastic weather greeted the 56 superannuates, spouses and guests that attended the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual "To Heck with the Bell" event on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

We honoured 4 of the new retirees, Ben Klaassen, Diane Knippshild, Maxine Olmsted and Karen Reimer.

In addition to the fine food and fellowship, Geraldine Jacobsen won the 50/50 Draw and Doreen Roberts, Mel Friesen, Zang Mah, Helma Weiner, Leona Peters, Gunter Weiner and Dave Stewardson won the door prizes.

Winners at golf were: 1) Sheila Poole, Don Szakacs and Tim Peake 2) Fred Heese, Dorlas Bratvold, Rosalie Flynn and Jake Knelsen. Dreams do come true. Special thanks to our webmaster, Jim Spencer, and his loyal assistant, Rosalie Flynn, we are now online at www.scchapter.ca If your birthday is not on the calendar, give me a call at773-5244 and I'll add you to my list and send it to Rosalie who will add it to the calendar online.

Congratulations to Stew Tasche, another talented superannuate in the SC Chapter, who researched the history of the Hills, wrote the script and the song lyrics for "The Cypress Hills Would Never Be the Same", an historical musical drama which was well-received by the public on November 12,13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. Well Done, Mr. Tasche!

Special Get Well wishes to those of you who are not feeling very well at home or in the hospital. We hope that things will improve and you'll enjoy a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincere condolences to any of you who may have lost a near and dear one. God bless and comfort you.

Happy Holidays to Joyce Hoffman, Nancy Baumann-Wall, Shirley Dyck and Clara Loeppky.



Difference between school and life: School teaches you lessons and then gives you a test. Life gives you a test and you learn the lessons.

Happy New Year!