# Merry Christmas!

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### Welcome

to the

STS Christmas Banquet

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015

@ the

Elmwood Golf Restaurant

Cost: \$25.00

Fellowship: 5:00 ~ 6:00 pm

Beef Supper: 6:00 pm

Chapter Award:

Entertainment: Ken & Linda Benson

Confirm attendance with Joyce Hoffman 306-773-2453 or jdhoffman @sasktel.net by or before December 3rd, 2015

## Happy New 'Year!

#### President's Report December 2015

ow, with this first snowfall, it truly looks and feels like our mild fall has come to a close and winter is once again close at hand. I am sure, like me, many of you have your summer furniture secured and stored for next season, your leaves have been removed from your lawns and bagged and your gardens have been emptied of their bounty. We do a lot of preparation for the winter.

We have had a busy autumn with to "Heck with the Bell" breakfast on **September 8**<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see all of you there, as well as many of our new superannuates. We hope you will continue to join us at the many other STS planned events.

On **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, at our Pizza with the Prez gathering/meeting, we had our Provincial STS President, Doug Haroldson visit our chapter. Doug's address was very informative when he spoke about what was happening at the Provincial level and what was upcoming to look forward to.

On **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, we were happy to welcome our guest, Hugh Henry, to speak about his pilgrimage along the Northwest Mounted Police Historic Trail last summer. It was interesting to hear him speak about his walk through the prairies of over 330 miles.

Now, we are looking forward to December. Our Christmas Social will be held on **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Elmwood Golf Club Restaurant. We are looking forward to all of you joining us. As last year, we will have an hour of fellowship, followed by a delicious banquet of roast beef and all the trimmings, Chapter Awards and entertainment by Ken and Linda Benson, who will share music associated with Christmas. I will need an accurate count of people attending, since we must pay for all plates ordered whether consumed or not. To be included in this event, please contact me, Joyce Hoffman at 306-773-2453 or email me at jdthoffman@sasktel.net before **December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** There is more information included in this "In Touch" and will also be posted on our website.

We take the months of January, February and March off and will return in April. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will host our Spring Fling. Please mark this date on your calendars. As details are finalized, they will be

posted on the website at: scchapter.ca, as well as, in the next "In Touch".

Just a few reminders for our superannuates:

- 1. Since the development of the new government board, called Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board, all teachers, including substitute teachers, who plan to teach in Saskatchewan must be a registered teacher. To be on this registry, you must register at sptrb.ca/web. You will need your teaching certificate number.
- 2. If you have moved to Swift Current from a different chapter of STS in Saskatchewan and would like to be a member of our Swift Current Chapter of STS, you must contact the Provincial STS to move your chapter designation. You can contact the STS Provincial Office at <a href="mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca">sts@sts.sk.ca</a> or by phoning between 8:30 and noon at 306-373-3879. If you have changed your mailing address, please contact the STS Office as well, so they can keep their records current.

If you would like to get notification of when the "In Touch" is on line, please go to our website and register. This helps the chapter save on paper and postage charges. While at the website, check out the other information found there. There are many photos of various events, as well as a calendar of upcoming events.

On behalf of myself and the other Executive members, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you will take time from your busy schedules to enjoy your many friends and families.

Have a safe holiday, Joyce Hoffman, President Swift Current Chapter of STS

Our website is: www.scchapter.ca

Last official count we have 331 retired teachers on our roster

STS Christmas Banquet is December 10, 2015

Details of the Spring Fling will be in the Spring "In Touch" and posted on line.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT SWIFT CURRENT CHAPTER July 20, 2015 – November 10, 2015

Checking Account Balance (July 20th	1672.94	
RECEIPTS		
STS – Final grant for Prov. Golf	100.00	
Heck with the Bell Revenue	480.00	
50/50 Heck with the Bell	64.50	
Pizza with the Prez Revenue	75.00	
50/50 Pizza with the Prez	15.50	
Interest (July, Aug. Sept. Oct.)	23	
<b>Total Deposits</b>	735.23	2408.17
EXPENDITURES		
STS Golf 2015	100.00	
KK Golf – Breakfast Buffet	792.64	
Joyce Hoffman Door Prizes	27.95	
Jim Spencer – Website Plus Package	239.88	
Joyce Hoffman – Door Prizes & Gift co	1. 90.24	
L.A. Romankewicz (photocopying,		
And Stamps Fall "In Touch")	218.00	
Modern Family Restaurant Pizza	160.39	
Modern Restaurant Gratuities	15.50	
R. Flynn Stamps/envelopes Winter InTouc	h 186.76	
R. Flynn – Printer Ink	44.62	
City of SC- rental for pickleball sess.	30.00	
Maureen Shelstad - audit	100.00	
Total Expenditures	2005.98	402.19
High Interest Savings Acct. July 20		5360.59
RECEIPTS		
STS Membership Rebate	2648.00	
Interest (July, Aug. Sept. Oct)	12.19	
<b>Total Deposits</b>		8020.78
EXPENDITURES	0.00	8020.78

#### **Treasurer Rosalie Flynn**

#### Come and Play Pickleball

Pickleball has the combined features of badminton, tennis and table tennis but has its own unique features, too! Anyone can play this game. The Swift Current Chapter is hosting six 90 minute sessions to learn and play Pickleball at no cost to you. Paddles and balls will be provided for each session.

**LOCATION:** Col. Clifton Centre (AKA Rec.Centre)

on 6th Ave N.E. TIME: 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**DATES**: March 8, 15, 29 and April 4, 15 and 19<sup>th</sup>

#### STS Presidents' Meeting October 28, 2015

The meeting started with presidents' discussions.

Challenges-maintaining membership and attendance

Help and representation from STS executive-

resource list for meeting programs
Just in case
EMS Training
Membership cards for hotel rates

Hosting Provincial Activities.

In the afternoon there were *Bear Pit sessions* with 6 topics.

1. Disposition of resolutions-

Health Plan resolutions- Pneumonia requires drugs not in the non-formulary basis, which would make the cost extremely high. The situation will be monitored.

Sept 24, 2015, the executive passed a motion to increase the maximum for paramedical services to \$500.00 per year effective Jan.1, 2016.

STS members are entitled to the same hotel rates as the STF, therefore, membership cards are available to prove membership. Also gym membership discounts are being explored.

A letter was sent to Rural Municipalities SARM, supporting their efforts to lobby the ban of plastic grocery bags.

STS fees for 2015-16 are \$30.00/person. Chapter rebates are: 100 members-\$8.00 each

- 2. Liaison- An executive member is assigned to each chapter to ensure two way communication. Joyce Hoffman is our representative.
- 3. Recreation- is for enjoyment and competition. Financial support is available for hosting provincial activities.
- 4. A Retirement Lifestyles session will be presented in Swift Current in March.
- 5. Outreach editor is Robert Wuschenny You can read it online at sts.sk.ca

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Gail Wesolows

Wanny Piuthdayll	Cindy
Happy Birthday!!	Dec 01
Shirley Stevenson	
Shirley Dyck	Dec 04
Clint Schryver	Dec 06
Dwayne Dekowny	Dec 08
Bruce Waldie	Dec 08
Ruth Bulbeck	Dec 09
Etienette Binette	Dec 11
Myrna Hayes	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
Norine Torwalt-Down	
Norme Torwan-Down	•
D D 11	Dec.21
Dawn Rogowski	Dec 23
Leon Eckert	Dec 24
Arlene Mason	Dec 24
David Franz	Dec 26
Doris Lynnes	Dec 27
Ron Hamre	Dec 28
Donna Rezansoff	Dec 29
Zang Mah	Jan 01
Marlyn Buhr	Jan 08
Jeanette Eckert	Jan 09
Corney Unger	Jan 09
Edgar Siemens	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 Wasylowisch	Jan 23
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	Feb 05
Harold Thiessen	Feb 07
Lynn Niessen	Feb 08
Colin King	Feb 08
Marj Taylor	Feb 13
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Cindy Glenn-Schultz	Feb 16
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
Audrey Yee	Mar 16
Hal Liick	Mar 18
Michael Roberts	Mar 18
Theresa Brost	Mar 19
Betty Campbell	Mar 19
Carol Ann Ebel	Mar 25
Doreen Roh	Mar 26
John Wasylowisch	Mar 26
Georgie Schryver	Mar 28
Bonnie Perree	Mar 31
Lottie Siemens	Mar 31

#### IN MEMORIAM

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of: Charles A. Emerson Joan Smith Gord Cavanagh **Dorothy Saunderson** Vincent Rempel Vera Malchow Hap Edwards, Penny Edward's Dad, Mrs. Birtwhistle Gail Wesolowski's Mom, Yvonne O'Hara, Brian O'Hara's Wife.

#### CONGRATULATIONS, **JEAN ALLEN,** RECIPIENT OF THE

#### "CELEBRATING SENIORS' VOLUNTEER AWARD"

for years of dedication and commitment to Doc's Town!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the members of our Chapter and their family members who are coping with health challenges. We wish you well and a speedy recovery so you can enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas.

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.

Consider the postage stamp: Its usefulness lies in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

#### 575 June Outing 2015

Good friends are like quilts.

They age with you and never lose their warmth.

An Excel Bus load of superannuates, spouses and friends travelled to the Barn Play house on June 17th, 2015.

Enroute they stopped at the Berry Farm for a stretch, a wonderful berry treat and a stroll through the beautiful grounds and Craft Shop.

After a delicious supper chosen at the concession booths at the Barn site, the group enjoyed the performance of "Quilters: a show pieced together with love and stitched with pride" as Sarah's daughters shared the family history that each block of their mother's legacy quilt represented

Then it was time to be homeward bound, replete with the good food, fine performance and the pleasure of excellent company.

You can never change the past nor control the future, but you can change the mood of the day by touching someone's heart with your smile."