

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*"In Touch" with the Swift Current Chapter
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What a wonderful autumn we are having. After a snowy beginning, reminding us of what is to come, the sun has emerged and the temperature has risen to unbelievable temperatures. This is one season we must enjoy while it is here, since we know that winter is right around the corner. I am hoping winter stays away for a while yet.

We have had a busy October. On October 13, we held our annual Pizza with the President. We were honored to have our S.T.S. Provincial President, Maxine Stinka, visit our chapter. Maxine brought us up to date on the Provincial affairs. It was so nice to see our members out to welcome her to our chapter and meeting.

The following week, the Swift Current Chapter hosted the Provincial Stitch and Quilt Retreat. There were 28 enthusiastic participants from all over the province in Swift Current enjoying the hospitality. Swift Current Chapter extends a huge thank you to the organizers for making this an event that many people enjoyed and will remember throughout the province. Thank you.

Since I am on the Provincial Executive and help lead a group at the Presidents' Meeting on October 27th, I must thank Leon Eckert for attending the meetings to represent our chapter. We were told that there are, as of October 27th, 2016, 11,118 superannuated teachers in Saskatchewan.

We have 333 superannuated teacher members in the Swift Current Chapter.

In November, we were treated to a trek across Iceland with Hugh Henry, as our guest speaker. I was surprised by the landscape of the country. It was another place many want to put on their bucket list to visit. All present thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. We would like to thank Hugh for sharing his trek with us. I wonder where he will be off to next year.

The Christmas Social will be held December 8th, 2016, at Elmwood Golf Club Restaurant. Cocktails will be 5:30 to 6:00, with dinner being served at 6:00. Following dinner, there will be announcements and then we will be entertained by Current Voices, a group of talented women. Please mark this date on your calendar and let me know by December 1st that you will attend, by either phoning 306-773-2453 or emailing me at jdthoffman@sasktel.net. I look forward to seeing you there.

There will be no meetings during January, February and March. Our next meeting will be at the Spring Fling on April 13th, 2017. There will be more information as we get nearer to the date, as to location and supper prices.

On behalf of myself and the other Executive members, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy friendships and family during the holiday season and have a safe holiday.

Joyce Hoffman, President
Swift Current S.T.S. Chapter



To Heck with the Bell Breakfast and Golf Tournament

On September 1, 2016, at the beautiful Chinook Golf Course, the STS SC Chapter Superannuates met for a delicious Breakfast Brunch. There were 42 Teachers and spouses that got up early to attend the breakfast. It was a great time to catch up and have a good visit. We welcomed two new superannuates Marc Benjamin and Edith Downey to our chapter. Breakfast started at 8:30am with the To Heck with the Bell Golf Tournament following at 10:00am.

Rosalie Flynn was given a "Gift of Appreciation", for her dedication and time spent teaching and organizing the Pickle ball sessions for last year. She has also consented to do it again this coming year. She will give instruction to those beginners who would like to learn the game and reinforce the rules for those who just want to play. Thank you Rosalie!!



The STS SC Chapter Golf Tournament started at 10:00 am. There were nine golfers which made three teams of three. The morning was warm and cloudy, just perfect for golfing.

Top male golfer-Fred Heese (He had a bogey of a day)

Top female golfer-Lee-Ann Ebel

Closest to the Pin-Colin Richert, and next closest to the pin-Heather Denning

Longest Putt-was not to be.....

We would like to say a big "Thank-you" to our generous Sponsors:

Innovation Credit Union, Stark & Marsh, and WW Smith Insurance Ltd.

We would like to thank all the golfers who came out to make the day fun!!

Clara Loeppky



The SC Chapter is hosting free Pickleball for Chapter members and

Spouses.

Location: Colonel Clifton Centre (AKA Rec. Center) on 6th Ave N.E.

Time: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Equipment: Paddles and Balls will be provided

Lessons: Will be provided for beginners

When: Thursday afternoons on: January 19 & 26, February 9 & 23, March 9, 16, & 23, April 6th.

Chapter President Meeting report of October 27, 2016

Leon Eckert represented the Swift Current Chapter in place of President Joyce Hoffman. Thirty-four Presidents from around the province and one member

from British Columbia attended this meeting. After the welcome, announcements and STS updates, President Maxine Stinka introduced the Provincial Executive. The Chapter Presidents introduced themselves. Fred Herron asked for questions to be posted on sheet and he would answer all questions throughout the day. Chapter Presidents were divided into groups. Each group was to brainstorm, record and report orally. The questions for discussion were -- 1. What is the role of the STS President? 2. What expectations do you have of the Provincial STS?

After lunch, a bear-pit session was presented. Reports were given on budget and finance, resolutions, recreation activities, benefit plan update, retirement lifestyle planning, Outreach and evaluation of the Annual General Meeting. The workshop was soon at an end and everyone said farewell. Thanks, Joyce, for asking me to "step into your shoes" for the day. There was much to learn.

Leon Eckert

11th Annual Stitch 'N Quilt Retreat 2016

Twenty eight quilters from around the province came together for three days of quilting instruction, sharing of ideas and sharing their expertise with new quilters at the 11th Annual STS Stitch 'N Quilt Retreat, hosted by the Swift Current Chapter. The venue was the Days Inn motel here in Swift Current, and the food was provided by Smiley's Kitchen and Catering Service. The date was October 18-20, 2016.

Quilters registered on Tuesday morning with half day classes scheduled for the afternoon. Everyone received a welcome bag with information about Swift Current, quilting patterns and a few goodies. Sheila Pool put together a quilter's survival kit and had quilted a Kleenex pouch for everyone. Tuesday after classes a banquet was held, with a Trunk Show provided by Heather Grover from Moose Jaw.

Wednesday held full day classes with a visit to the Sown Quilt Shop after. Brenda Taylor provided everyone with a 20% discount coupon.

Thursday held full day classes as well.

The quilters brought their own sewing machines and cutting boards. The Committee provided the irons and ironing boards. The venue was exceptional with a large room for large class instruction as well and 2 smaller rooms for smaller class instruction. Space as also provided for those who opted to work on their own projects. Rooms were available till 10:00 pm, for the quilters who wanted to work late on their projects.

The committee was made up of Joyce Hoffman, Clara Loeppky, Rosalie Flynn and Sheila Pool.

It was with reluctant hearts we said good-bye to all our friends. We wished them safe travels until we meet them again.

The next Provincial Stitch 'N Quilt Retreat will be held in North Battleford on October 17-19, 2017.

Clara Loeppky



Welcome to the STS Christmas Social Evening

Whom? Superannuates, Spouses & Friends

Where? Elmwood Golf & Country Club

When? Thursday, December 8th, 2016

Price? \$25.00 each

Food? Beef and all the trimmings

Entertainment: Current Voices

Cocktails: 5:30 pm

Banquet: 6:00 pm

Come and enjoy a pleasant evening !

Sorry! The following birthdays were
missed in the Fall "In Touch":

Ardele Gorman -	Sept 5
Maxine Olmsted -	Sept 14
Mary Wedhorn -	Sept 24
Jackie Cameron -	Sept 30
Cheryl Cocks -	Oct. 4
Patti Gatzke -	Oct 9
Pat Dyck-Bunkosky -	Oct 25
Wendy Turner -	Nov 23

"In this world, some people will always throw stones in your path. It depends on you what you make from those stones... A wall or a bridge!"

Sometimes that smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tiptoe if you must, but take a step."

You can't make everyone happy. You are not a pizza.

No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire."

The Financial Statement of the SC Chapter
July 29th - Nov. 9th, 2016
Rosalie Flynn, Treasurer

Balance of Checking Account July 28	1203.24
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RECEIPTS

Heck with the Bell Brunch Revenue	400.00
Golfers' Registration fees	45.00
Heck with the Bell 50/50	39.05
Pizza with the Prez	85.00
Pizza with the Prez 50/50	18.00
Transfer from High Interest Acct.	4000.00
STS Mbshp. H. McGovern 2 years	60.00
Interest (July, Aug, Sept Oct)	<u>.56</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS	4647.61

5850.85

EXPENDITURES

Chinook Restaurant Buffet	525.00
Chinook Pro Shop prizes	50.00
J. Hoffman Door prizes & Gift Card	76.40
STS - pins for retirement packages	200.00
J. Spencer website- 1 yr. subscription	239.88
Stamps & envelopes	185.37
Photo copying Fall In Touch	32.00
Modern Restaurant Pizza Buffet	145.93
J. Hoffman Door prizes & Gift Card	56.40
Staples Laptop & Projector Pkg.	1387.05
Staples: Computer accessories	44.14
STS - H. McGovern's Membership fee	<u>22.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2964.17

2886.68

HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT	6704.47
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RECEIPTS

STS Membership Rebate for 2016-17	3056.00
Interest (July, Aug, Sept. Oct.)	19.53
TOTAL DEPOSITS	3075.53

9780.00

EXPENDITURES

Transfer to chequing account	4000.00
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5780.00

Congratulations to Vivian Sedgwick on the celebration of a special birthday and to all others who have celebrated a special landmark or event in their lives.

Chase your passion, not your pension.

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
Etienne Binette	Dec 11
Myrna Hayes	Dec 11
Joan Williamson	Dec 13
Marion Engel	Dec 15
Jacob Block	Dec 18
Bill Nykolaishen	Dec 20
Pat Brososky	Dec 21
Marlene Paproski	Dec 21
Norine Torwalt-Downey	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
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
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
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

(If your birthday is not here, please tell Loretta 773-5244)

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to the following:
the family and friends of Joan Spencer;
to Ada Checkley and family on the passing of her
daughter, Bonnie;
the family and friends of Liz Unger;
the family and friends of Susie Gutwin.
God bless and comfort you!

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Hearty Get Well wishes to Zang Mah and all others
who have had surgery or are dealing with health
issues at home or in the hospital. We wish you a
speedy recovery and a wonderful winter.

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We welcome 9 of our most recent retirees to the SC
Chapter. We hope you will join us at our meetings
and special events. We welcome your input and
participation.

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One reason people resist change is because they focus on
what they have to give up instead of what they have to
gain."

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**The roster of the SC Chapter as of October, 2016,
shows that we have 327 that pay their fees to the
Chapter, 3 pay to the Provincial STS and 2 have
Honorary Life memberships.**

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"The Boots"

A little boy, in Grade One, asked his teacher to help
him put on his boots.

With much pushing and pulling, they got them on *the first time* and the little boy said, *"These aren't my boots."*

Rather than scream, "Why didn't you tell me?" like she wanted to, she bit her tongue.

The patient teacher struggled to get his boots off and when she was successful, he said, *"They're my brother's boots but my mom made me wear 'em."*

The teacher didn't know whether to laugh or cry but she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots back on his feet again.

Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Where are your mittens? The little boy replied," *I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."*

The teacher is eligible for parole in three years.

MY HUSBAND, AL AND I WISH YOU THE
MERRIEST CHRISTMAS EVER AND A
HAPPY, AND HEALTHY 2+017.

