



In Touch with the Swift Current

Chapter of Superannuated Teachers

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Spring must be close. The seed catalogues have arrived, the snow is melting and the temperatures have gone up. It is now time to plan your planting for another year, as well as, spring clean-up from the winter months. Another growing season will soon begin.

Our Spring Fling is also close, as we welcome back our snowbirds and enjoy our arm chair travel by **Jean Cyca**, as she shares her adventure to the cultural city of Oaxaca, Mexico, in the interior of Southern Mexico, to learn Spanish. It is always enjoyable to hear and see photos of various trips without leaving the city of Swift Current.

The Spring Fling will be held at Wong's Kitchen Banquet Room on April 13th, 2017. This year the meal will be a Chinese Smorgasbord made by the chefs of the restaurant. The price will be \$20 per person. To access the Banquet Room, please park at the back and come in the doors to the south. More information will be found in this In Touch and on our website scchapter.ca. We will need an accurate count of individuals attending. Please phone me at: 306-773-2453 (if no one is home, leave a message) or email me at jdthoffman@sasktel.net. I require the count by **Friday, April 7th, 2017**.

In May, you have seven delegates attending **the annual AGM of the STS** in Saskatoon, from May 9 to May 11, 2017. Your seven volunteering delegates this year, from the Swift Current STS Chapter are Nancy Baumann Wall, Clara Loeppky, Rosalie Flynn, Jeanette Eckert, Leon Eckert, Idella Harder and Shirley Dyck. They will do a great job of representing you at the AGM and will be bringing back information to share with you at our May meeting. I will also be attending as a member of the Provincial STS but am not included in the number of delegates from Swift Current.

Each year **the McDowell Foundation** holds a raffle at the AGM, as a fund raiser. Since not all superannuates are able to attend, I have been lucky enough to bring some tickets to Swift Current to sell to you. The tickets are \$2.00 each and include the following prizes—a painting by Sanford Fisher, a print by Yvette Moore with a decorative plate and an Allen Sapp print with a book called Legacy of Worship. These tickets will be made available at the Spring Fling. You do not have to be present at the AGM to win. This is a great way to donate to a worthy cause.

We must again thank Rosalie Flynn for the organizing and providing instruction of **Pickle ball** that the Swift Current STS Chapter has sponsored. The participants had a great time. Depending on when you receive this newsletter, you may be able to access a session. Check out the Pickle ball schedule on our website. A big thank you goes to Rosalie for doing this.

On May 18th, 2017, we will hold our **last meeting of the year**. We will meet at the Modern Family Restaurant Banquet room. At this meeting, there will be reports from your AGM delegates, as well as, election for new executive positions. If you would like to serve on the executive, please contact Shirley Dyck, nominating chairperson and put your name forward. She will try to bring a complete slate of officers to the May meeting. Since we will order off the menu, no count of participants is required. The meeting starts at 12 noon. I hope to see you there.

The last event planned will be a **year end adventure**. Clara Loeppky, your recreational director is presently looking at options. Please keep checking the Swift Current website at scchapter.ca (go through google) to find out what is planned and the details. She will have an update at our May meeting.

Please mark the above mentioned events and dates on your calendar. If you need more information about any of the above mentioned, check your website where information is posted as it unfolds.

I welcome back all our snowbirds and will let you know that you definitely missed out on our snow, winds and blizzard like conditions. We did have a regular winter but also had some wonderful warm temperatures. For all of you that endured our winter, I am glad we had a lot of warm temperatures and not a lot of ice. To all of you, the Spring season is almost here and promises warm weather. I hope to see you all at the planned Swift Current STS Chapter events.



Joyce Hoffman
President,
STS Chapter,
Swift Current, SK

**of the Swift Current Chapter
November 10th, 2016 – March 13, 2017
Treasurer: Rosalie Flynn**

Checking Acct Balance November 9, 2016 **2886.68**

RECEIPTS

Christmas Social & Supper	1135.00	
November 50/50	10.00	
Final Grant Money for Stitch & Quilt	250.00	
Interest (Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb)	<u>.42</u>	
Total Deposits	1395.42	4282.10

EXPENDITURES

J. Hoffman –		
Nov. Mtg. Door prizes & gift card	56.40	
R. Flynn –		
Printer Ink Cartridges	50.46	
Casey's Restaurant –		
Stitch n' Quilt Committee Dinner	94.35	
J. Hoffman – Christmas Door Prizes	49.77	
Elmwood Golf Course –		
Christmas Buffet Dinner	1051.01	
R. Flynn –		
Gift Cards for Xmas Entertainment	165.00	
Trophy Towne – Chapter Award	85.28	
L. Romankewicz		
Photocopying Winter "In Touch"	36.27	
City of Swift Current-		
Rental Fees for Pickleball	<u>252.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1840.54	2441.56

HIGH INTEREST SAVING ACCOUNT **5780.00**

RECEIPTS

Interest (Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb)	10.20	
TOTAL DEPOSIT	10.20	
EXPENDITURES	0.00	5790.20

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Come and Join in Pickleball. It's Free!

The Swift Current Chapter is hosting **four more** free **Pickleball sessions** for Chapter members and their spouses. ***There is still room for beginner and experienced players.***

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. You need to wear Indoor running shoes

Lessons: Will be provided for beginners

When: **Thursdays :** Mar 9, 16, 23 and Apr 6

SEE YOU THERE!



WELCOME

Superannuates, Spouses, and Friends

to the 8th Annual

SPRING FLING

Thursday April 13th, 2017

at Wong's Kitchen Banquet Room

(Please enter through back door on the south)

Happy Hour: 5:30 pm; Chinese Smorg: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00 each

Opportunity to purchase McDowell Foundation tickets

Come and enjoy Jean Cyca's adventure to the cultural city of Oaxaca, Mexico to learn Spanish.

Confirm attendance with Joyce Hoffman at

306-773-2453 or jdthoffman @sasktel.net

BY APRIL 7, 2017

Never underestimate the healing power of a long, deep breath. Not only does it create inner calm, it gives you space to acknowledge and appreciate that this breath is not your last one."

Happy Birthday!

Jim Spencer	01 Apr
Linda Hanlon	02 Apr
Dave Hannah	02 Apr
Gloria Jensen	02 Apr
Greg Smith	06 Apr
Arlene Peltier	07 Apr
Ray Bunnell	08 Apr
Dorothy Anning	09 Apr
Nancy Lake	11 Apr
Karen Reimer	12 Apr
Karen Osborn	13 Apr
Faye Shaw	14 Apr
Loretta Romankewicz	20 Apr
Jim Roberts	25 Apr
Bill Shumay	25 Apr
Sharon Veer	30 Apr
Donna Stinson	01 May
Ron Meyers	05 May
Karen Voisin	07 May
Louise Walker	07 May
Kathleen Jacob	08 May
Robert Litowski	10 May
Marie Spate	10 May
Grace Darling	12 May
Phil Hall	12 May
Carol Siebert	13 May
Josephine Charlebois	14 May
Gloria Rissling	14 May
Kristine Snow	14 May
Jean Bue	15 May
Al Giesbrecht	15 May
Shirley Murchie	20 May
Dennis Fox	23 May
Maureen Robinson	23 May
Don Sommerfeld	25 May
Keith Ahrens	27 May
Arnold Frederickson	28 May
Joanne Heeg-Williams	28 May
Marilyn Wirsche	29 May
Vicki Woods	05 Feb
(Sorry, Vicky, for missing your birthday!)	

Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself!

*Our sincere sympathy to Marilyn Szakacs on the passing of her husband, **Don Szakacs**, to Margaret Sillerud on the passing of her husband, **Jim Sillerud**, to the family of **Maude Campbell** on her passing, to Denis LeBlanc on the passing of his father, **Georges Le Blanc**, to Mike and Doreen Roberts on the loss of their daughter, **Sara**, and to all others that have lost someone near and dear to them. God bless and comfort you at this sad time.*

Hearty Get Well wishes to all of our superannuates who are suffering with health issues at home or in the hospital. God bless you and grant you a full recovery.

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

I have a question for the volunteers who worked at the Ford World Women's curling in Swift Current's I-Plex last year. What thoughts/memories come to mind as you watch the curling in Beijing, China this year?

A smile is happiness you'll find right under your nose."

Some of you have seen this little gem:

A high school teacher was arrested today at Toronto Pearson Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule, and a calculator.

At a press conference, Premier Kathleen Wynne said she believes the man is a member of the notorious extremist Al-Gebra movement. She did not identify the man, who has been charged by the RCMP with carrying weapons of math instruction.

'Al-Gebra is a problem for us', the Premier said. 'They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret code-names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns," but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek Philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are three sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, Prime Minister Trudeau said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes."

Fellow Liberal colleagues told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by any Prime Minister.

A Recap of the year for the 2017 AGM :

The Scotties and the Brier are over for another year. Talk about fantastic curlers, exuberant fans, wonderful venues and splendid entertainment. We have a week to recuperate then we're off to China (via TV) and the Women's World Championship. Then it's the Men's World Championship in Edmonton, Alberta and then

Something else to look forward to is the Annual General Meeting of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan, May 9th to 11th, 2017, at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon, SK. Our Swift Current team of delegates consists of Shirley Dyck, Leon and Jeanette Eckert, Rosalie Flynn, Idella Harder, Clara Loeppky, and Nancy Baumann-Wall. We're so happy that they will represent us and bring back information to us. Thanks to them and to Joyce Hoffman, our president, who is a hard-working member of the provincial executive.

The Swift Current Chapter of STS has 333 members. We are sorry to have lost some fine members but, happily, we have welcomed ten plus of the new retirees. We're a busy chapter under the stalwart leadership of our President, Joyce Hoffman, and her executive: Treasurer, Rosalie Flynn, Secretary, Nancy Baumann-Wall, Recreation Leader, Clara Loeppky, Vice President, Gail Wesolowski, Nominations Chair person, Shirley Dyck and Newsletter Editor, Loretta Romankewicz.

Our Chapter is a few months older than our provincial organization as we were formed in 1972. Forty five years later we are still meeting, still providing fun and educational events for our supers, their spouses and friends to enjoy, and communicating with them through e-mails, through our newsletter "In Touch" published 4 times a year, and via our website, scchapter.ca.

Here is a summary of our activities beginning with:

April 13, 2016 – Spring Fling at Wong's Kitchen; Carol Moen entertained with a delightful travelogue and commentary of a visit to South Africa and Tanzania.

April 22, 2016 – A bus load of superannuates, spouses, and friends enjoyed an outing to Medicine Hat, a tour of Medalta Pottery, shopping and supper followed by the presentation of "The Drowsy Chaperone" at the Medicine Hat Musical Theatre.

May 19, 2016- Luncheon meeting at the Modern with AGM reports and elections

June 14, 2016 – The "To Heck with the Bell" golf tournament to replace the one that was pre-booked by another group in June, 2015; Chinook Golf Course: 17 golfers and 24 in attendance at supper;

September 1, 2016 – "To Heck with the Bell" Golf Tournament and Breakfast; 9 golfers and 42 'breakfasters' enjoyed the morning.

October 13, 2016 - Pizza with the Prez – members enjoyed a visit and a provincial update from our President, Maxine Stinka.

October 18 – 20, 2016 The Provincial "Stitch and Quilt" was enjoyed by 28 old and new friends at the Days' Inn in Swift Current.

October 27, 2016 – Leon Eckert pinch-hit for Joyce Hoffman at the Chapter Presidents' Meeting in Saskatoon.

November 10, 2016 – Members enjoyed a Pilgrimage Trek through Iceland with Hugh Henry.

December 8, 2016 - Annual Christmas Banquet at the Elmwood Golf and Country Club with special entertainment by the Current Voices.

April 13, 2017 – Spring Fling at Wong's Kitchen. We'll be entertained with a Travelogue by Jean Cyca as she shares her adventure to Oaxaca, Mexico to learn Spanish.

May 9-11, 2017 – Provincial AGM

May 18, 2017 – AGM reports and elections

June, 2017 – Year-end Outing T.B.A.

Pickle ball has become a favourite sport of our members. Play-times and equipment are set up at the Colonel Clifton Centre and this info is e-mailed to the Chapter for those interested in participating.

Now, was that a busy year or what? Kudos to our executive for a job well done and to the members who participated.

Loretta A. Romankewicz, Editor

The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it.

