



to the Fall "In Touch" 2017

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Swift Current Chapter of Superannuated Teachers

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President's Report

After a very hot summer, I would like to welcome you all back. I am certain you spent quality time with family and friends and now look forward to getting your produce from your gardens prepared for the upcoming winter. Harvest is approaching and all those grandchildren have returned to school, and now you are able to enjoy your own activities.

This summer, on August 2nd, MahJongg instruction was enjoyed by many of our superannuates and friends. We have many individuals in our chapter that will want to continue playing the game. A special thank you is extended to our fellow superannuates from the Regina STS Chapter that ventured to Swift Current to give us the instruction and encouragement to play this very interesting tile game. I overheard many saying that they will be continuing on with the game and look forward to getting their own game set. It was a great day enjoyed by the participants.

Coming up soon is our annual "To Heck with the Bell" celebration, where we welcome our new superannuates to the Swift Current STS Chapter and enjoy not having to answer to a school bell. On September 5th, at Chinook Golf Course Restaurant, the Swift Current STS Chapter will host a breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by golf at 10:00 am. Breakfast is \$10.00 per person and numbers are needed to pre-order the breakfast, by August 31st. The Chapter must pay for what we order, so accurate numbers are needed. To register for breakfast, email Joyce at jdthoffman@sasktel.net or phone and leave a message at 306-773-2453. To register for golf, please contact Clara at claraloeppky@sasktel.net or at 306-773-4876. Information can be found on our website, scchapter.ca, as well.

The second meeting for this year will be on Wednesday, October 11th. It will be our visit by the Provincial STS President, Maxine Stinka. She will be bringing greetings from the Provincial STS and will also update everyone on Provincial STS affairs. It would be great to have a full room for Maxine to address. Please note that this meeting is on a Wednesday instead of Thursday. I will have to order food for everyone coming, so please let me know if you plan to attend by October 6th, either by email or phone call. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The luncheon will begin at 12 noon and will consist of pizza, Caesar salad and coffee, tea or water. Alcoholic beverages are available for you to purchase, if desired.

On November 9th, Hugh Henry will be our guest and will talk about his trek to Battleford, along the Battleford trail. Hugh and several others have spent a month, walking and following the trail from Swift Current to Battleford. The meeting will be held at Houston Pizza banquet room. We will be served soup, sandwiches, dessert, coffee, tea and water for \$15.00 per person. We will have lunch starting at 12 noon, followed by Hugh's presentation. Accurate numbers are needed here as well, so please contact me to let me know if you are attending by November 1st because we pay for what we order.

December brings us to our annual Christmas celebration. This will be held at Elmwood Golf Course Restaurant on December 14th. More information will be available at our website and in the next "In Touch".

Our year is going to be busy again. Please check out the "Year at a Glance" calendar in this In Touch. Also check the Swift Current STS website for further and more information about upcoming events.

I hope you have had a great summer and you are ready to enjoy the many planned events that are coming up in the next few months.

Joyce Hoffman, President
SC Chapter of STS

MEET OUR NEW SUPERANNUATES

1. Gail Balfour - Frontier
 2. Brian Zuit - Shaunavon Public
 3. Laurie Benjamin - Consul
 4. Al Blanke - SC Comp
 5. Rhonda Siemens - City Office
 6. Beverly Dutton - Gull Lake
 7. Sheryl Siemens - Herbert
 8. Owen Sebastian - Shaunavon HS
 9. Laurie Bennet - Frontier
 10. Gerry Treen - City Office
 11. Cindy Nelson - Wheatland Colony
 12. Darlene Heeg - Burstall
 13. Jacqueline Siemens.- All Saints
- Superintendent Superannuates - City Office
1. Rod Siemens
 2. JP Claire

Welcome, Superannuates and Spouses to the 'Heck with the Bell' Breakfast and Golf

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

at the *Chinook Golf Course*

**8:30 am- BREAKFAST BUFFET Cost:\$10.each
New Superannuates - free**

10:00 am - GOLF - 9 Holes Scramble Format

**Green Fees: Adults: \$27. Senior 65+:\$25 Chinook Club
Members Free. There is a \$5.00 Player fee for all
golfers - pay Green fees in the Club house & Player fee
in the Restaurant. Cart rental for 9 holes - \$15. per
player**

RSVP DATE: By Thurs. Aug. 31st

**For Breakfast - Joyce Hoffman 306 773-2345 (leave a
message) or jdthoffman@sasktel.net**

**For Golf - Clara Loepky 306 773-4876
or claraloepky@sasktel.net**

**GOLF INFORMATION: (Non-Competitive & Friendly
9 Hole Scramble Format) Teams will be made up before
breakfast on Sept 5th, by drawing your name out of a
hat.**

**Individual Competition Holes - Closest to the Pin on
HOLE 3; Longest putt on HOLE 4;**

We look forward to seeing you on SEPTEMBER 5th!

June Outing June 21, 2017

On a very windy Wednesday morning on June 21, 2017, forty STS SC Chapter Superannuates, family and friends boarded an Excel bus bound for Saskatoon.

The first stop was at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. They were celebrating National Aboriginal Day. June 21 is observed as a Statutory Holiday for its Cultural Significance as the summer solstice, and that is a day which many Aboriginal groups traditionally celebrate their Heritage. There were lots of activities to watch and to take part in: Indigenous Artists Stage, Traditional Games, 7 Sisters Garden, Archaeology Site, Medicine Walk, Powwow Intertribal dancing, tea and bannock, and visiting the Interpretive Center.

At 2:00pm the Superannuates moved on to the Lawson Heights Shopping Center. They enjoyed a cup of tea, visiting with friends and did a bit of shopping.

At 4:45pm the Superannuates boarded the bus to travel out to the Barn Playhouse. It is 25KM north of Saskatoon on Highway 12. Supper was available from many food booths. There was a choice of hamburgers, barbeque chicken, soup & pie, perogies and sausage. There was even a gluten free chicken meal.

The play "Jake and the Kid", by W.O. Mitchell, started at 7:30pm. It was funny, hilarious in parts and so good. At around 10:30 the Superannuates boarded the Excel bus for the last time to travel home. Bus driver, Norm, got everyone safely back to Swift Current around 1:00am.

The day was fun, educational and filled with a sense of friendship. It was a trip that was enjoyed by all that came aboard!

Clara Loepky

**You cannot brighten another's path without
lighting your own.**

**Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of
playing a poor hand well.**

**Mexicans were asked what they thought of the
proposed wall. They replied. "We are very upset
about it, but we'll get over it."**

**When you pray for others, God listens to you and
blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy,
remember that someone has prayed for you.**

Financial Report of the Swift Current Chapter

May 18th – June 30th, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNT Balance May 18th 1611.09

RECEIPTS

June Outing Revenue	3200.00	
STS AGM Mileage	823.20	
Interest May/June	<u>.19</u>	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	4023.39	5634.48

EXPENDITURES

Barn Playhouse Tickets C. Loeppky	1134.00	
Refund for JUNE outing M. Olmsted	75.00	
Door prizes for June outing J. Hoffman	46.60	
Wanuskewin Gratuities June Outing	175.00	
Excel Bus lines June Outing	1575.00	
Photocopying Summer "In Touch"	36.00	
AGM Mileage and meal Clara Loeppky	265.00	
AGM Mileage and meal Shirley Dyck	265.00	
AGM Mileage and meal Leon Eckert	285.00	
AGM Mileage and meal J. Heeg-Williams	83.00	
AGM Mileage and meal N. Baumann-Wall	45.00	
AGM meal Rosalie Flynn	20.00	
H. McGovern STS fees 2017-18	22.00	
Printer Ink/Envelopes/ retirement Pkgs	44.84	
Stamps/envelopes Fall In Touch	<u>132.14</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(-) 4203.58	1430.90
New Member Account Balance		6.79
Interest	.26	
Cash dividend	.07	
Total Deposits	33	7.12
HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT May 18		6137.41
Interest (May and June)	5.13	
HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT June 30		6142.54

Happy Birthday!

Carol Toles	13 Aug
Cam Lock	01 Sept
Bob Daintree	02 Sept
Beryl Robinson	02 Sept
Diane Sired	04 Sept
Ardelle Gorman	05 Sept
Carson Robinson	05 Sept
Marie Sommerfeld	08 Sept
Penny Edwards	18 Sept
Bryan Tallon	19 Sept
Joyce Engen	20 Sept
Margaret Fehr	20 Sept
Darlene Patterson	21 Sept
Greg Brososky	25 Sept
Harry Wiebe	28 Sept
Margaret Heese	03 Oct
Cheryl Cocks	04 Oct
Jill Cavanagh	05 Oct
Lee-Ann Ebel	08 Oct
Rick Lake	08 Oct
Petti Gatzke	09 Oct
Ivan Jeske	14 Oct
Verna Lynne Knipfel	16 Oct
Brian Whiteside	16 Oct
Jean Checkley	18 Oct
Harvey Engel	19 Oct
Jake Knelsen	23 Oct
Patti BunKosky	25 Oct
Carole Tallon	26 Oct
Brian O'Hara	29 Oct
Donna Ford	31 Oct
Gwen Uher	01 Nov
Maryann Klymyshyn	02 Nov
Ruth Sapinsky	02 Nov
Vivian Sedgwick	03 Nov
Dave Harrison	08 Nov
Camille Hannah	09 Nov
Eric Olesen	10 Nov
Irene Frederickson	02 Nov
Nancy Franz	14 Nov
Phoebe Bunnell	19 Nov
Jean Scott	20 Nov
Wendy Turner	23 Nov
Sandra Hill	28 Nov
Lorne Uher	28 Nov

Special congratulations to **Jean Allen** who celebrated a special birthday and to all others who enjoyed a significant day as every birthday and anniversary is.

Find the good. It's all around you. Find it, showcase it and you'll start believing in it."

YEAR AT A GLANCE

September 5th - Heck with the Bell Celebration Chinook Golf Course Breakfast at 8:30 am, Golf at 10 am; Price- \$10.00 per person

October 11th - Wednesday (NOTE DATE CHANGE) Pizza with the President; Modern Family Restaurant Banquet Room 12 noon \$10.00 per person

November 9th -Meeting and Guest Speaker: Hugh Henry - Trek along Battleford Trail (Walk from Swift Current to Battleford); Houston Pizza Restaurant - 12 noon - Price - \$15.00 per person (Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert)

December 14th - **Christmas Social** Elmwood Golf Course Restaurant : Roast Beef and all the Trimmings Cocktails - 5:30pm, Supper - 6:00 pm Price - \$25 per person

NO MEETINGS - JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

April 12th - Spring Fling Location/Time/Price to be announced at a later date

May 8th - 10th – AGM Saskatoon

May 17th - NOTE DATE CHANGE Reports from AGM, Elections; Location/Time/Price to be announced at a later date

June Outing - Yearly Outing Location/Time/Price to be announced at a later date

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME MEETING DATES AND MEETING LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN CHANGED. MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND

Doing nothing is very hard to do... you never know when you're finished.

(Just a note: Wanuskewin Heritage Park in a non-profit cultural and historical center of the First Nations. The site is a National Historic Site of Canada due to the importance of its archaeological resources representing nearly 6000 years of the history of the Northern Plains peoples. In 2016, it was announced that Wanuskewin intends to seek UNESCO World Heritage designation, which would make it the first World Heritage Site in Saskatchewan.)

(UNESCO is The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

We extend our **sincere condolences** to any of you who have lost a dear one. God bless and comfort you.

Sincere **Get Well Wishes** to those who are ill at home or in the hospital. We hope you will have a speedy recovery and be able to enjoy our beautiful Fall,

MEET THE EXECUTIVE OF THE SC CHAPTER 2017-18



Joyce Hoffman
President
Has served 8 yrs.



Gail Wesilowski
Vice President
Has served 2 yrs.



Rosalie Flynn
Treasurer
Has served 5 yrs.



Clara Loeppky
Vice President (3)
Recreation Dir.(4)



Nancy Baumann Wall
Secretary
Has served 12 yrs.



Shirley Dyck
Nomination
chairman **Yrs!**



L. Romankewicz
Editor
Has served 26 yrs.



Jim Spencer
Web Administrator
Has served 3 yrs.



The Executive of the Swift Current STS Chapter are very dedicated professionals that have given freely of their time. A huge thank you goes out to each and every one. Without these volunteers, there would not be a chapter or planned events for you to do and enjoy. Thank you!!!

WELCOME TO OUR STS YEAR

September 2017- June 2018

THE SWIFT CURRENT REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL AGM AT SASKATOON MAY 9 -11, 2017

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.

Up-coming Events:

April 13, 2017 – Spring Fling at Wong's Kitchen. Jean Cyca will speak on: *Learning Spanish in the Mountains of Mexico*. She will tell us about her adventures to the cultural city of Oaxaca, Mexico, in the interior of Southern Mexico to learn Spanish.

May 9-11, 2017 – Provincial AGM

May 18, 2017 – Luncheon meeting followed by 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