

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

PRESIDENT'S REPORT November 2017

Summer has quickly changed to autumn and looking outside today, it looks like winter is fast approaching. The snow is covering everything and it appears so white.

We have had a busy autumn, starting with **to Heck with the Bell** in September. We enjoyed a delicious brunch at Chinook Golf Course Restaurant and following the brunch, several took advantage of a round of non-competitive golf. A good time was had by all participants. A big thank you goes to Clara Loeppky for planning the golf.

Soon after this event, Nancy, Clara and I left on a holiday to the Maritimes for a month. We had a wonderful trip with very warm temperatures the whole time. We even missed the first snowfall in Swift Current.

After arriving home in October, we welcomed the STS Provincial President, Maxine Stinka to our chapter and Swift Current, for our annual, **Pizza with the Prez**. It was so nice to see our members out to welcome her to our chapter meeting. She was enthusiastic and she told us about the happenings at both the Provincial level and around the province. Maxine answered several questions and added clarity and information to address any concerns.

On October 26th, Gail Wesolowski attended the **STS Chapter Presidents' Meeting** in Saskatoon, as the Swift Current representative. Even though it was snowing, she travelled up to Saskatoon to the meeting and did a great job of representing the chapter. Thank you Gail for being our representative.

Hugh Henry was our guest at the November meeting at Houston's Pizza. Hugh told us about **his trek to Battleford from Swift Current**

following the Battleford Trail. The addition of slides helped us picture what he and the other members of his group had experienced along the walk. After walking for several weeks, Hugh and the other members of the group accomplished their goal and arrived safely in Battleford. We want to thank Hugh for sharing this adventure with us.

Coming up on Thursday, December 14th, we will host our **annual Christmas Dinner and Social** at Elmwood Golf Club Restaurant. We will be served roast beef and all the trimmings for dinner. The dessert is always special. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:00 pm. Since food must be ordered in advance, an accurate number of plates must be ordered. Please **reserve your place by December 7th**. The price is unchanged from last year and remains at \$25.00 per plate. At this event, you will also have the opportunity to purchase a McDowell Foundation ticket to support the work of the foundation for \$2.00 each.

Just a quick note to let everyone know, if you choose to BLOCK the communication from the Swift Current STS Executive computer, you will NOT be receiving information on upcoming events or when the "In Touch" will be on line. A better idea is to use the delete button to erase what you have already read and no longer require.

There will be NO meetings in January, February, or March. The **Spring Fling will be held on April 12th, 2018**. More information on this event will be found on our website, scchapter.ca, and in the next "In Touch". Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Social. Enjoy the winter season and be careful when travelling to visit friends and relatives. On behalf of the Swift Current STS Chapter

Executive, I would like to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and all the best in 2018 !!

Joyce Hoffman, President

"Come and Play MahJong"

Location: Swift Current Library
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 10 a.m. - Noon
Cost: Free

IF you have a board, please bring it. IF you are interested in purchasing a MahJong board game - contact Joyce Hoffman (306 773- 2453). The cost is \$150.00 and includes a case.

Once, all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That's FAITH.**

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That's TRUST.**

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That's HOPE.**

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That's CONFIDENCE.**

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. **That's LOVE.**

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' **That's ATTITUDE.**

WINTER "IN TOUCH"

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To Heck with The Bell Breakfast and Golf Tournament

On September 5, 2017, fifty Superannuates, friends and family met at 8:30 am to have breakfast at the beautiful Chinook Golf Course Restaurant. The day was warm, friendships were renewed and breakfast was delicious as always. Joyce held a quick meeting welcoming our new superannuates. Joyce handed out door prizes and the winners were Marilyn Wirsche, Margaret Heese, Jake Knelsen, Jim Roberts, Gayle Wesolowski, and Leona Peters. The 50/50 winner was Pearl Richert.

The golf was played in scramble form with best ball. It was a fun morning with everyone going home with a sleeve of balls. There were 3 teams of 3 and one team of 4. The balls were donated by Stark and Marsh and WW Smith. We look forward again for another round next year.

Clara Loeppky

Lunch with Hugh Henry

On November 8, 2017 the Swift Current Chapter held a luncheon at Houston Pizza. The guest speaker was Hugh Henry. He again dazzled us with his exceptional knowledge of the Battleford Trail. He, along with the members of the Saskatchewan History and Folklore Society, began a walk from Swift Current-Battleford Trail which served as a significant trail which linked the two communities. The walk took 18 days to complete covering 330 kilometers over roads, farmland, prairie pastures, coulees and periodically followed the exact spots of the original Red River Cart Trail. The journey began from the Battleford Trail Ruts Municipal Heritage Site adjacent to the TransCanada Highway on August 3, 2017.

The Battleford trail was an important part of the early history of the Metis in Saskatchewan. The trail was travelled by the Metis when they were hunting buffalo and also travelling from Montana to Battleford.

Door prizes were won by Rosalie Flynn, Sharon Veer, Jackie Cameron, Janet Little and Gayle Wesolowski. The 50/50 ticket was won by Clara Loeppky.

Clara Loeppky

The popular historical musical **"The Cypress Hills would Never Be the Same"** written by Stewart Tasche will have a 5 night run at the Lyric Theatre November 14 – 18th 2017. Congratulations, Stewart, Cindy and crew!

2018 STS SC Chapter Spring Trip

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Regina, Sask.

Price \$115.00pp

The Superannuates are gearing up to travel to Regina, SK on April 19, 2018. They will see a play called "I and You", at the Globe Theatre, take a tour of Stone Hall Castle, and be mesmerized by the past in Government House while travelling to and from Regina in a modern day coach by Excel.

The tentative agenda is as follows:

Thursday, April 19, 2018 Price \$115.00 pp

8:00 am Leave Swift Current from Wheatland Mall south end by Coop

10:00-12:00 pm Tour Government House, Exhibits and Art Gallery

12:00-2:15 pm Lunch and shopping

2:15-4:00 pm Tour Stone Hall Castle, a medieval-style castle built by Francis Nicholson Darke.

4:00-6:15 pm Dinner

6:15-10:30 pm Globe Theatre Play, "I and You" is a play about a seventeen year old Caroline who is ill and homebound for months. She helps Anthony, a popular student, with a homework assignment. As the two strangers open up to each other, this simple school project uncovers a deeper mystery that has brought them together.

10:30-12:00 am Return trip home

Meals and coffee breaks are not included.

Only forty tickets have been purchased. **Deadline for Superannuates will be January 5, 2018** and after that date it will be open to the public to purchase.

Tickets can be reserved by dropping off a cheque made out to STS SC Chapter, to Clara Loeppky 306-773-4876, (178 5th Ave. S.E.) or Joyce Hoffman 306-773-245.

We look forward to a wonderful adventure for the day!
Clara Loeppky

"If you can't be a pencil to write anyone's happiness, then try to be a nice eraser to remove their sadness."

"Never lose a chance of saying a kind word."

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

The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SC CHAPTER

July 1st – November 10th, 2017

Chequing Account July 1 1367.49

RECEIPTS

Mah Jong registration fees	538.00	
Heck with Bell Brunch Rev.	470.00	
Heck with Bell Golf Reg. Fees	65.00	
Transfer from High Int. Acct.	2000.00	
Oct. Mtg. Pizza Buffet fee	170.00	
STS Chapter Rebate	3096.00	
Interest (July – October)	.14	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	6370.34	7737.83

EXPENDITURES

Joyce Hoffman		
June Outing Door prizes	46.60	
L. Romankewicz		
Summer In Touch Ph. Copying	35.00	
Houston Pizza		
Mah Jong Pizza & Room Rental	658.92	
Joyce Hoffman MahJong Bills		
Photocopying & Gift Cards	212.00	
Fay Thompson – Photocopy		
MahJong Score cards	25.00	
Helen Sukovieff- Mah Jong		
Mileage from Regina	218.40	
Maureen Shelstad		
Honorarium (Financial Review)	150.00	
Chinook Golf Course		
Heck with Bell Buffet	650.01	
Pro-Shop - Golf Prizes	60.00	
J. Hoffman Door Prizes	63.07	
J. Spencer Website		
1 yr. Subscription Fee	239.88	
L Romankewicz Fall In Touch		
Photocopying	35.00	
R. Flynn Stamps/envelopes		
Fall In Touch	140.54	
J. Hoffman Oct. Mtg. Gift Card	30.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2745.15	4992.68

Member Rewards Account Balance (Nov.10) 7.44

HIGH INTEREST SAVING ACCT July 1 6142.54

RECEIPTS

Interest (July, Aug. Sept. Oct.)	11.38	6153.92
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EXPENDITURES

Transfer funds to chequing acct	2000.00	
HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT BALANCE		4153.93

Chapter subsidized the following events:

Mah Jongg "Learn to Play"	576.32;
Heck with the Bell	267.08;
October Meeting	39.79

"Learn to Play" MahJong

On Wednesday, August 02, 2017, 27 Superannuates and friends met at Houston's Restaurant to learn how to play MahJong. MahJong is a Chinese game played, usually by four people, with 144 domino-like pieces or tiles marked in suits, counters, and dice. The object is to collect winning sets of these tiles similar to card games such as rummy.

Helen Sukovieff and 4 other Regina Chapter members travelled to Swift Current to teach the rules and strategies necessary to play MahJongg. The Houston Pizza staff prepared a delicious lunch of pizza and Caesar salad. The day went quickly with instruction in the morning and time in the afternoon to play the game. The group was divided into 7 tables of 4, with one of the Regina members filling in to complete the last group.

MahJong is a game of strategy which also requires a lot of luck. Players are often waiting for that special tile needed to complete their sets or straights. The first person to complete his or her set wins the MahJongg!

Clara Loeppky

STS Chapter Presidents' Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2017

I had

I had

I had the opportunity to attend this meeting in Saskatoon. The meeting started with introductions and two discussion sessions. The first session was a discussion of the roles and successes of the chapter. There are 42 chapters and most were represented. We also discussed sending two representatives to the meeting. I'm not sure an official decision was made. The second session was the role of the Provincial STS with the Chapters: what it can do and does for us.

In the afternoon, Fred Herron led a discussion on the Professional Teachers Regulatory Board, SPTRB. If you are interested in learning more check the website at www.sptrb.ca. Following this there were STS reports. A Financial Report and a report on the effect of the new PST on our Group Benefit Plan were given. Due to the PST and increase of use to the plan, the plan is running a deficit this year. For these reasons there will be an increase in our Group Benefit Plan. An executive report with information on dates for nominations for executive are to be in as soon as possible, Life time membership' nominations by February, and there is always a need to have chapters host events.

There was an update given on the resolutions passed at the Spring AGM. If anyone is interested in knowing more information, please contact me.

Please make note of the new STS website www.sts.sk.ca They have added Chapter links on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Gail Wesolowski

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
Marcia Huber	Dec 20
Bill Nikolaishen	Dec 20
Pat Brososky	Dec 21
Marlene Paproski	Dec 21
Norine Torwalt Downey	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
Zang Mah	Jan 01
Wally Derkach	Jan 02
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
Cindy Glenn Schultz	Jan 16
Katherine Jahnke	Jan 17
Harold Little	Jan 19
Kathy Wasylowsch	Jan 23
Walter Pearson	Jan 27
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
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
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

NUMBERS UPDATE

New Members

Wally Derkach

Lorraine Kehler

Pearl Richert

Gay Rushka

Jacqueline Siemens

Sheryl Siemens

Chapter Members: 338

Thuh or Thee

Do you know the correct pronunciation of the word “the”?

The is pronounced “thuh” when it comes before a consonant sound but the is pronounced “thee” when it comes before a vowel sound. Thus, thuh dog is thee adorable member of the family.

Our sympathy to Marion Diehl on the loss of her son-in-law, Ken Meyer and to all others who have lost someone near and dear to them.

Sincere GET WELL WISHES to all at home or in the hospital who are not feeling well. We hope you will speedily recover and enjoy a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.



Welcome to the STS Christmas

Banquet

Dec. 14, 2017

at Elmwood

Golf Restaurant

Cocktails : 5:30 pm

Beef Supper : 6:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00 ea.

Entertainment:

Prairie Spirit Chamber Singers

Opportunity to buy a ticket or more @ \$2.00 each to support the McDowell Foundation.

Reserve with Joyce @306-773-2453 or
jdthoffman@sasktel.net by December 7, 2017.

*Gifts of time
and love are the best!*

