

In Touch

with the SWIFT CURRENT CHAPTER of



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President's Report November 2018

We certainly have had our fair share of changing weather—from rain to snow, heat to cold, gale force winds to no wind. I know my trees were certainly confused because it took them a long time to decide to drop their leaves. Now, not only do I have my leaves to gather but also the migrating ones from my neighbour's trees.

We kicked off our year with the "Heck with the Bell" celebration. We had a delicious breakfast and the opportunity for a round of nine holes of golf at Chinook Golf Course and Restaurant. Even though it was really quite cold to be golfing, several hardy superannuates braved the weather and had a great time. A special thank you to Cindy Glenn Schultz for organizing the golf. We had six new superannuates that joined us for the breakfast. Welcome! We know you will enjoy this new stage in your lives.

In October, we welcomed the STS Provincial President, Sunil Pandila, to the chapter. He brought greetings from the STS and also updated us on what is happening both with the STS and STF. It was good to see several out to the "Pizza with the Prez" celebration, at the Modern Family Restaurant. The pizza and salad were also very tasty, and filling.

Also in October, was the STS Presidents' Day in Saskatoon. Gail Wesolowski attended to represent you, since I am on the Provincial Executive and was already there. Gail did a great job representing the members of Swift Current Chapter in discussions concerning the chapter and our events. Thank you, Gail, for attending this meeting and representing our chapter.

In November, we had the opportunity to welcome guest speaker, Hugh Henry, to our chapter to share his experiences of the British Isles. After his presentation, I am sure many have added this location to their bucket list to visit or decided to return to visit again. Houston Pizza served a delicious lunch. Thank you, Hugh, for sharing your travel experiences with us.

Coming up in December, is our "Christmas Social and Banquet" on December 13th. This will be held at Elmwood Golf Club Restaurant. The cost is the same as last year at \$25 per plate, but the meal will be turkey and all the trimmings, with of course a delicious dessert. I will need to know numbers for this event. Please phone me at (306)773-2453 or email me at jdthoffman@sasktel.net to indicate that you will be attending, by December 7th. More information can be found in this "In Touch" and on our website - www:scchapter.ca

We take the months of January, February and March off. We welcome everyone back on April 11th, with our annual "Spring Fling". Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

On behalf of the Swift Current Chapter Executive, I would like to wish you and your family a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Joyce Hoffman

President, Swift Current STS Chapter



SC CHAPTER/STS FINANCIALS Aug 11 to Nov 16 / 2018 (Mel Friesen, Treasurer)	
OPERATING ACCOUNT Aug 11)	\$3 157.94
Receipts:	
Interest (Aug/Sept/Oct)	0.44
STS Chapter Rebate	3 128.00
STS Membership Fees	60.00
"Heck With the Bell" (Sept)	520.00
"Pizza With the Prez" (Oct)	150.00
Luncheon Meeting (Nov)	420.00
50/50 Proceeds (Sept/Oct/Nov)	111.50
Total Receipts:	\$4 389.94
Expenditures:	
STS Memberships	44.00
Website Contract	239.88
"Heck With the Bell" (Sept)	817.94
"Pizza With the Prez" (Oct)	310.00
Luncheon Meeting (Nov)	589.75
Stationery/OfficeSupplies/"In Touch"	79.32
Transfer to Savings Account	3 000.00
Total Expenditures:	\$5 080.89
*OPERATING ACCOUNT (Nov 16)	\$2 466.99
MEMBER REWARDS (Aug 11)	\$8.66
Shareholder Dividend/Interest Alloc	0.57
*MEMBER REWARDS (Nov 16)	\$9.23
SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Aug 11)	\$4 180.60
Receipts:	
Interest (Aug/Sept/Oct)	11.33
Transfer from Operating Account	3 000.00
*SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Nov 16)	\$7 191.93
*TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS (Nov 16)	\$9 668.15
EVENTS SUBSIDIZED BY SC CHAPTER	Amount
"Heck With the Bell" Breakfast (Sept)	\$224.94
"Pizza With the Prez" (Oct)	\$146.50
Luncheon Meeting (Nov)	\$144.75

"Be yourself. No one can say you're doing it wrong."

EVENT #1 "To Heck with the Bell"

Our annual S.T.S. Superannuates" Heck with the Bell" Breakfast Brunch was held the morning of Tuesday September 4th 2018 at the Chinook Golf Club. 52 retired teachers and spouses came with big smiles to enjoy the food, meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Six new superannuates: Linda Heinrichs Demorest, Anne Jahnke, Liam Choo Foo, Rod Siemens, Rhonda Siemens, and Rona Lutz were welcomed to our chapter. Our president, Joyce Hoffman,

welcomed everyone and interspersed items of business, announcements and door prizes. The winners were Joyce Hoffman, Trish Ayrey, and Marilyn Wirsche. The winner of the 50/50 draw was Colin Richert.

Thank You for the many good ideas for events shared with me. We look forward to a fun filled year.

Patti Gatzke, Co-chair of Recreation Committee

Twelve golfers participated in a brisk round of golf on Tues, Sept. 4 during our 'To Heck with the Bell' event. Several newly retired teachers and administrators competed with our 'veteran' golfers for prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin and longest putt.

The winners were:

Longest putt—Joan Braaten

Closest to pin—Rosalie Flynn

Longest drive—Cindy Glenn-Schultz

Our oldest golfer, Fred Heese, set a good example for the younger golfers. Thanks to our sponsors and participants.

The sponsors were:

Innovation Credit Union

Stark and Marsh Chartered Accountants

W.W. Smith Insurance

Sportchek

Sportstrader

Standard Motors

Suggestions for next year:

Approach Sportchek first to see if they would donate three \$30 certificates for our three main prizes then we wouldn't charge a \$5 golf fee. This year they donated close to \$200 in prizes.

Cindy Glenn-Schultz, Co-chair of Recreation Committee

Please note this addition to our executive:

Rosalie Flynn: SC Chapter Communications Officer

"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."

Happy Birthday !!

Shirley Stevenson	Dec 01
Shirley Dyck	Dec 04
Clint Schryver	Dec 06
Dwayne Dekowny	Dec 08
Bruce Waldie	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 Nykolaishen	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 28
Zang Mah	Jan 01
Wally Derkach	Jan 02
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 Wasylowisch	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
Ron Hnatiuk	Feb. 21
Dianne Fox	Feb. 23
Vivian Dunn	Mar 03
Emily Rempel	Mar 05
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

*Our sincere sympathy to family and friends on the passing of **Edna "Jean" Lines**; to family and friends on the passing of **Grace Darling**; and to Maxine Olmsted and her family on the passing of her mother, Lorraine Gold. God bless and comfort you.*

Hearty Get Well wishes to all who are experiencing health issues at home or in the hospital. We pray that you will have a speedy and a complete recovery so that you can enjoy our wonderful Saskatchewan winter.



*Welcome,
Superannuates, Spouses and Friends
to the annual STS
Christmas dinner and social evening*

Where? Elmwood Golf and Country Club

When? Thursday, December 13th, 2018

Time? Social hour : 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

*Food? Turkey and all the trimmings
and delicious Dessert, too*

Cost? \$25.00 each

Entertainment? Prairie Spirit Chamber Singers

Please phone **Joyce** at (306)773-2453 or email at jdthoffman@sasktel.net to indicate that you will be attending, **by December 7th.**

Want to leave a legacy for the SC Chapter? No money, thanks, but your ingenuity in designing a logo for our chapter's newsletter, "In Touch" would be appreciated. Send, please, to Loretta at allorosa@sasktel.net



GET IN THE GAME & VOLUNTEER

Everyday, members of our Chapter make a difference in community programs and events held in Swift Current and area.

The Swift Current 2019 Western Canada Summer Games will be the largest event ever hosted in the southwest and will not be in Saskatchewan for another 16 years.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY!

To make this event successful, 2000 volunteers are needed.

Be part of something extraordinary!

"Visit www.2019wcsq.ca today and register!"
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STS Chapter Presidents' Meeting October 25, 2018

The meeting started with introductions and a report on chapter activities. STS membership has increased to 11,448 members and the Swift Current Chapter has 342 members. A discussion was held on how to attract new members and encourage them to take leadership roles.

Two presentations were made: the first was on Re-Imagine Education in 2020 and beyond. This is an STF initiative and the presenters were Milton Block and Leanne White. For more information go to www.reimagineeducation.ca.

The second one was from the Saskatchewan Senior Mechanism (SSM) –Moving Towards a Senior Strategy for Saskatchewan. The issues involved accessibility to health care, supports to remain in your own home, affordability of care homes, transportation, security of finances, and social isolation. See more information on the website.

We are encouraged to use the website rather than paper print of Outreach. The day concluded with STS updates., mainly group activities.

Outreach: check on upcoming activities across the province:

Curling –	Regina	November 5-7
Bridge –	Qu'Appelle	November 14

More information is available in Outreach and/or the STS website for activities in 2019.

Gail Wesolowski

PIZZA WITH THE PREZ

On October 18, 14 STS members enjoyed a variety of delicious pizzas and salad at the Modern Restaurant. Door prizes were won by Nancy Bauman Wall, and Mel Friesen. The 50/50 winner was Allan Sigurdson. Our provincial STS president Sunil Pandila gave a very informative presentation. He highlighted the STF Arbitration award: salary, grievances, hours of employment, personnel file letters and Group Life and how it affects the STS. He shared some results of their meeting with the minister of Education and the September Executive meeting. Our provincial membership stands at 11,448. He touched on the extended Health and Dental plan negotiations, and the uncertainty of the STS office space and equipment. We were encouraged to Re-Imagine Education and have some input into Education beyond 2020. A question period followed.

Patti Gatzke

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

On November 8, over 30 S.T.S. members attended a luncheon and general meeting at Houston's. Gail Wesilowski shared highlights of the Presidents' meeting she attended in Saskatoon: Mel Friesen reported our financial standing and that our membership stands at 342 members. Hugh Henry gave a very interesting commentary and slide presentation of his 2018 summer trek to the British Isles, Nottingham, and London. Door prizes were won by Jean Pearson and Rona Lutz. 50/50 was won by Ron Hnatiuk. Rosalie Flynn encouraged everyone to attend "In Motion" at the Stockade Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact her.

Patti Gatzke