

In Touch

with the Swift Current Chapter of



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Perseverance is not one long race;

it is many short races.

As a member of the STS Provincial Executive and being a Councillor for the teachers of Saskatchewan, I will be attending the STF Council in Saskatoon from May 1 - 4. It helps keep us in touch with the happenings of the STF. I will share this information at the May meeting.

We have seven delegates, besides myself, attending the STS AGM on May 14-16 in Saskatoon. Your delegates are Nancy Baumann Wall, Idella Harder, Pat Gatzke, Shirley Dyck, Mel Friesen, Wally Derkach and Gail Wesolowski. If you have concerns or want the delegates to address something for you at the upcoming AGM, please contact them directly. I want to thank them for volunteering to attend the AGM on your behalf and bring back the information.

On their return from the AGM, there will be a STS Meeting at the Modern Family Restaurant on May 23rd at 12 noon. Since we order off the menu, no count of people attending is necessary. Please attend to hear what your delegates have taken away from the sessions at the AGM in Saskatoon. Also, there will be an election for new members to your local Swift Current STS executive. Please consider allowing your name to stand for one of the various positions. All positions are a one year term.

Have a great Spring and I hope to see you all at the Spring Fling in April.



Joyce Hoffman, President of the Swift Current Chapter of Superannuated Teachers



President's Report March 20, 2019

As I am writing this message, I am looking through the window at a very sunny day. After the cold blast of weather in February, the benefits of spring and warmer weather are definitely here. Let us all hope that this weather will continue into the future.

I hope you have all had a great Christmas and Winter--either here, or as a snowbird, or on a holiday, and are once again ready to join your friends at the Spring Fling on April 11, 2019. It will be held in Swift Current at Wong's Kitchen Banquet Room (in the basement). Please park behind Wong's. A lovely Chinese Smorgasbord will be served for dinner at 6:30 pm.

The invitation for the Spring Fling, with the times and contact information can be found in this "In Touch" and also at our website. Please check it out. Accurate numbers are needed to order the meal. Remember, we pay for the number we order, whether it is eaten or not. The meal order must be submitted by April 5th. Please contact Gail Wesolowski at 306-773-2112 or email her at gailwesolowski@hotmail.com. Please note the change of person to contact. Our guest speakers for the Spring Fling will be Dawn Rogowski and her husband, Jim. Dawn is presently the President of the Genealogy Society in Swift Current. Her address will be on genealogy and her journey of discovering her own family background. She will be open to questions as to how you can get started on your own journey of discovery into your past.

STS / SC CHAPTER FINANCIALS for the November 17 / 2018 to March 15 / 2019 Period (Mel Friesen, Treasurer)	
OPERATING ACCOUNT (Nov 17)	\$2 466.99
Receipts:	
Interest (Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb)	0.35
Christmas Social (Dec)	825.00
Total Receipts:	\$825.35
Expenditures:	
"In Touch" (Fall Edition)	162.28
Computer Repair	173.15
Chapter Awards	86.42
Christmas Social (Dec)	1 145.20
Stamps/Envelopes(future "In Touch")	150.13
Total Expenditures:	\$1 717.18
*OPERATING ACCOUNT (March 15)	\$1 575.16
MEMBER REWARDS (Nov 17)	\$9.23
Shareholder Dividend/Interest Alloc	1.66
*MEMBER REWARDS (March 15)	\$10.89
SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Nov 17)	\$7 191.93
Interest (Nov/Dec/Jan/Feb)	27.44
*SAVINGS ACCOUNT (March 15)	\$7 219.37
*TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS (March 15)	\$8 805.42
EVENT SUBSIDIZED BY SC CHAPTER	Amount
Christmas Social (Dec)	\$320.20

REMEMBERING CHRISTMAS 2018

On December 13th, the STS Superannuated Teachers, spouses and friends came together at the Elmwood Golf Course Restaurant for the Christmas Banquet. The meal was a delicious entrée of roasted turkey served with all the trimmings and ending with a delectable dessert of Death by chocolate. Leone Eckert said the Grace which then started the tables in numerical order. The banquet was Buffet style.

The Prairie Spirit Chamber Singers entertained the group with their inspired singing of Christmas songs and Carols. The Chamber Singers' performance was appreciated and enjoyed by all. The group was captivated and encouraged to join in with the singing of the traditional Christmas Carols.

The Chapter Award was given to Gail Wesolowski for her dedication and commitment to her STS Chapter and her community. She had attended the STS Annual Meetings in Saskatoon, she participated in the Presidents' Meetings on behalf of the President, she was and is a role model and leader in her community as she participates and volunteers her time and expertise. We congratulate Gail on her outstanding accomplishments!

The door prizes were four lovely Christmas cacti. The winners were Leone Eckert, Gaylene Turner, Shirley Dyck, and Leona Peters.

The evening came to a close with President Joyce Hoffman wishing everyone a Wonderful and Happy Christmas Season!

Clara Loeppky

My sincere thanks to Emily Rempel, Beth Reynolds and Sharon Uteck for their encouraging words about "In Touch". So much appreciated. LAR

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends on the passing of Dorothy Anning, Shirley Murchie and Adeline Steinley. God bless!

Warm and heartfelt Get Well Wishes to all who are suffering health challenges at home, in the hospital or elsewhere. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery as we welcome Spring.

Sincere congratulations to Greg McLean recipient of the Saskatchewan 2018 Distinguished Band Director Award.

Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present, and future.

Staying positive doesn't mean you have to be happy all the time. It means that even on hard days you know that there are better ones coming."



*Welcome
to the Spring Fling
Thursday, April 11, 2019
at Wong's Kitchen*

Banquet Room (in the basement)

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (CASH BAR)

CHINESE BUFFET: 6:30 p.m.

COST PER PERSON: \$20.00

GUEST SPEAKER: Dawn Rogowski
(President of SC Genealogical Society) speaking
on "How to travel into discovering your family's
roots".

RSVP TO Gail Wesolowski; Ph. # 306 773 2112 OR
email gailwesolowski@hotmail.com

NOTE: Please park at the rear of Wong's and enter
through the rear basement doors. Tickets for the
McDowell Foundation will be sold at \$2.00 a ticket.

GET IN THE GAME & VOLUNTEER

Every day, 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 extra -
ordinary!

Visit:

www.2019wcsg.ca today and register!"

Need help with on-line registration?

Go to the library, Wed. evening 6:30 – 9:00 pm
on Apr. 10, May 8, and June 8 OR on Sat.
morning, 10am – 1pm on Apr. 27, May 25, and
June 26. You will get the help you need.

Happy Birthday!

Joan Kalmakoff	03 Mar
Emily Rempel	05 Mar
Pat Barbier	10 Mar
Idella Harder	10 Mar
Ralph Jacobsen	10 Mar
Sally Knelsen	11 Mar
Peggy Koethler	16 Mar
Ray Scheirer	16 Mar
Audrey Yee	16 Mar
Hal Liick	18 Mar
Theresa Brost	19 Mar
Betty Campbell	19 Mar
Lynn Thomas	20 Mar
Carol Ann Ebel	25 Mar
Doreen Roh	26 Mar
John Wasylowisch	26 Mar
Georgie Schryver	28 Mar
Bonnie Perree	31 Mar
Lottie Siemens	31 Mar
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
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
Phil Hall	13 May
Josephine Charlebois	14 May
Gloria Rissling	14 May
Kristine Snow	14 May
Jean Bue	15 May
Al Giesbrecht	15 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
(Is your birthday not on the list? Tell me. LAR)	

Here's a recap of the year 2018-19

Greetings to the 46th Annual General Meeting of Superannuated Teachers from the Swift Current Chapter brought to you by our fine delegates: Nancy Baumann Wall, Wally Derkach, Shirley Dyck, Mel Friesen, Patti Gatzke, Idella Harder, and Gail Wesolowski.

Our city is abuzz with all the excitement and hard work that accompanies hosting the Western Canada Summer Games Event in 2019, which is less than 5 months away. We are encouraging our Chapter members to volunteer for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Our membership is hovering just above the 340 mark. We were saddened by the passing of more than 10 members this year but were fortunate to have new retirees to join our Chapter.

As everyone knows, communication is a big factor in any organization's life. We have three means of doing this: 1. our website www.scchapter.ca, administered by Jim Spencer and aided by Rosalie Flynn is growing beautifully and communicating with a fair number of our membership; 2. our newsletter "In Touch" edited by Loretta Romankewicz is mailed to 140 members, four times a year and 3. Rosalie Flynn, communications chair, emails pertinent reminder information regarding events and their sign up dates and places it on the website.

Our chapter is a busy one for 9 months of the year thanks to our talented executive that includes president Joyce Hoffman, vice president Gail Wesolowski, secretary Nancy Baumann Wall, treasurer Mel Friesen, and co-recreational chairs Patti Gatzke and Cindy Glenn Schultz, communications chair Rosalie Flynn and editor Loretta Romankewicz. See all the activities below for the year 2018-19.

Pre 2018-19 Events:

April 11/18 - Spring Fling- Wong's Kitchen – armchair travel with Jean Cyca and her biking and hiking in Croatia and N. Italy.

April 19/18 – 'Summer' Outing – bus trip to Regina – toured Government House, Stone Hall Castle and attended Globe Theatre presentation "I and You"

2018-19 Events:

Sept. 4/18 – "Heck with the Bell" Breakfast and Golf - Chinook Golf Course and restaurant

Oct. 18/18 – "Pizza with the Provincial President" – Modern Restaurant

Oct. 25/18 - Chapter Presidents' Meeting attended by Gail Wesolowski and reported at the Nov. meeting

Nov. 8/18 – Tour of the British Isles with Hugh Henry – Houston Pizza

Dec. 13/18 – Christmas Social and Supper – Elmwood Golf Course Restaurant – entertained by Prairie Spirit Chamber Singers; Gail Wesolowski received the Chapter Award

Apr. 11/18 - Spring Fling – Wong's Kitchen – Genealogical president Dawn Rogowski shares "an individual's travel to discover his/her roots".

May 14-16 - Provincial AGM

May 23/19 - Meeting at the Modern Restaurant

Year End Trip - TBA

Loretta Romankewicz Editor of "In Touch" Swift Current Chapter

2018 Chapter Service Award Winner



Congratulations Gail Wesolowski, this year's recipient of the Swift Current Chapter Service Award. Gail is serving her fourth year as our Vice President.