

In Touch



with the Swift Current Chapter of

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Summer is quickly approaching, and I'll bet nobody has had a spring like this year. It will be good to see the end of it and get back to normal! Everyone should have a clean, organized home and a well trimmed yard, with paperwork up to date. We will be ready to celebrate and enjoy time with friends and holidays.

As you are probably aware our planned activities have been cancelled or postponed. Starting with Provincial Bridge and Whist, April 9: thanks to those who signed up, hopefully we will be able to host this another time. Also Spring Fling and our AGM at the Garden of Eden have been cancelled. Hopefully this is the end of cancellations and we will be able to meet again. The executive met in May to finalize the year end. Financial motions were passed and we approved the books be audited. Also the executive agreed to remain in their positions for the coming year. The constitution has been completed and needs to be approved at our next business meeting. Plans for the next year will be made when the restrictions are lifted, hopefully for the next In Touch.

The one activity that still might be a go is the Okanagan Splendour Wine Tour. At this time it

is still going to go. I contacted Get-A-Way Tours, and received some information from them. Those who have booked the trip the deposit is non-refundable but can be used towards another trip in the future. Those who have paid the whole amount will receive a refund above the deposit. The final payment date has been set back. All those interested in going on the trip, deposit paid or not, are asked to contact me, so I can let the company know who all is interested in going. This notice was sent out a few days before I wrote this and I have 10 on the list. Contact information gailwesolowski@hotmail.com text 306-750-7223 or phone 306-773-2112

Provincially there have been changes as well. The AGM in Saskatoon has been postponed until November 2-4. Executive will remain the same for the next year. Also the Provincial Presidents' meeting in October has been cancelled. The only Provincial activity scheduled at this time is Curling in November.

Fishing, golf and camping are open, so may you find a fun activity to pursue.

Gail Wesolowski
President of the SC CHAPTER

Kind hearts are the gardens. Kind thoughts are the roots. Kind words are the flowers. Kind deeds are the fruits. Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds. Fill it with sunshine, kind words, and kind deeds.

Congratulations to Dianne Miller on the publishing of her book, Chalk Dust, memories of her schooldays as a student and a teacher.

Hats off to Daniel Siebert and his wife, Carol, who have donated 125 acres of farmland to the Grow Hope, Saskatchewan initiative with the Canadian Food Grains Bank to raise money for food security projects around the world. Talk to Dan to find out more about the project and be a part of this exciting initiative.

STS / SC CHAPTER FINANCIALS for the March 11 to June 6 / 2020 Period (Mel Friesen, Treasurer)	
OPERATING ACCOUNT (March 11)	\$2244.94
Receipts:	
Interest (March/April/May)	0.24
Total Receipts:	\$0.24
Expenditures:	
Chapter Website Contract	254.27
"InTouch" (stamps/envelopes/photocopying)	355.96
Office Supplies (Business Envelopes)	9.98
STS Pins	80.00
Postage (Membership Lists to Executive)	8.87
Return of STS Provincial Recreation Grant *Event was Cancelled*	500.00
Total Expenditures:	\$1 209.08
*OPERATING ACCOUNT (June 6)	\$1036.10
MEMBER REWARDS (March 11)	\$13.86
Shareholder Dividend/Interest Allocation	0.14
*MEMBER REWARDS (June 6)	\$14.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT (March 11)	\$8947.68
Interest (March/April/May)	7.23
*SAVINGS ACCOUNT (June 6)	\$8954.91
*TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS (June 6)	\$10,005.01

Heartfelt *get well wishes* to all who are experiencing health issues at this time. We sincerely hope that you will regain your good health and be able to enjoy the summer with family and friends. As life returns to a new normal we hope all will be well with EVERYONE.

Happy Birthday!

Nancy Baumann-Wall	06	June
David Niessen	06	June
Janet Little	07	June
Fred Heese	08	June
Joyce Hoffman	11	June
Donna Lock	12	June
Gail Wesolowski	15	June
Helen McGovern	16	June
Mel Friesen	17	June
Gail Giesbrecht	19	June
Wayne Meyers	19	June
Mary Mudry	19	June
Dorlas Bratvold	20	June
Sharon Litowski	21	June
Jean Pearson	23	June
Vic Klymyshyn	25	June
Zoria Shumay	29	June

Eileen Hartman	01	July
Al Sigurdson	01	July
Margaret Monk	11	July
Eileen Diehl	13	July
Clara Loeppky	19	July
Al Romanekewicz	23	July
Shirley Quintin	24	July
Leona Peters	27	July
Dianne Miller	28	July
Phil Koethler	29	July
Lubie Bobick	30	July
Gayleen Turner	06	Aug
Vic Friesen	07	Aug
Jim Bobick	10	Aug
Donna Gillespie	12	Aug
Henry Fehr	13	Aug
Carol Toles	13	Aug
Sandra Glover	21	Aug
Ross Orth	21	Aug
David Stewardson	21	Aug
Ron Toles	21	Aug
Rick Oleksiak	27	Aug
Elayne Olson	31	Aug
Sue Waker	31	Aug

We extend our Sincere Sympathy to:

Marcia McLean and family on the passing of her husband, GREG;
Jane Epp and family on the passing of her husband, MURRAY;
Sandra Caron and family on the passing of her husband, DAMONE;
The Steinley family on the passing of their father, HOWARD STEINLEY
God bless and comfort you at this sad time.

Congratulations on your Retirement

Andrzejewski, Sherri Lee –Ecole Centennial School

Caron, Sandra J. – McMahon Hutterian School

Dean, Diana (Dee) - Frontier School

Dewar, Michelle – Chinook Education Centre

Dietrich, Donelda – Leader Composite School

Eidsness-Anderson, Dona – Fairview School

Fyfe, Leonard E. – Frontier School

Gordon, Valerie – Eastend School

Hapke, Maureen – All Saints

Kuntz, Lisa – Chinook Education Centre

Markewich, Dave – All Saints

Olson, Lisa – Consul School

Orthner, Lorelee – Ecole Centennial School

Ross, Michael – Frontier School

Stevenson Penny - Shaunavon Public School

Stewart, Carol Anne – Sidney St. Sch. Maple Creek

Best wishes on your retirement. You can look forward to: no alarm clock; no lesson plans; no grading of papers. Instead, you can pamper yourself, relax, and enjoy but don't forget the good memories of your teaching days, your fine students, wonderful colleagues and co-operative parents. Treasure all those moments.

Welcome, Superannuates

On behalf of the Executive and members of the SWIFT CURRENT Chapter of Superannuated Teachers, I invite you to become a member of our chapter. Join former colleagues and meet new friends as you attend meetings and special functions like: Heck with the Bell with a Brunch Buffet and Golf in September. as well as participate, in a bus trip to Kelowna; Meet the Provincial PRESIDENT In October; A meeting and special speaker in November; you can have the privilege of being a delegate to the PROVINCIAL AGM in Nov. and attend our gala Christmas Do at the Elmwood Golf Club Restaurant in December. There are no local meetings Jan., Feb. and Mar., but gather at a SPRING Fling in APRIL, attend the local AGM in MAY and possibly another event in June. (All these events depend on the cessation of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

We are proud of our Communications department : our WEBSITE: google.sc/chapter.ca; Our NEWSLETTER, IN TOUCH, and our communications officer, Rosalie Flynn, all of which alert you to upcoming events and meetings for the chapter and provide you with pertinent information like when, where, and how much and other important links and information. Send your e mail address and birthday to rosieflynn58@gmail.com or to Loretta 1-306-773-5244 or allorosa@sasktel.net Please join us.

Loretta A. Romankewicz

REMEMBER EVERYONE! If you are interested in the KELOWNA SPLENDOR WINE BUS TOUR , whether you have paid or not, please let Gail know as soon as possible. Gail Wesolowski@hotmail.com or phone 306-773-2112 text 306-750-7223

Coronavirus Letter To Humanity

The earth whispered but you did not hear.
The earth spoke but you did not listen. The
earth screamed but you turned her off. And
so I was born...

I was not born to punish you.. I was born to
awaken you. The earth cried out for help...

MASSIVE FLOODING. BUT YOU DIDN'T LISTEN.
Burning fires. But you didn't listen. Strong
hurricanes. But you didn't listen. Terrifying
Tornadoes. But you didn't listen.

You still don't listen to the earth when.
Ocean animals are dying due to pollutants in
the waters. Glaciers melting at an alarming
rate. Severe drought. You didn't listen to
how much negativity the earth is receiving.
Non-stop wars. Non-stop greed. You just
kept going on with your life. No matter how
much hate there was. No matter how many
killings daily..

It was more important to get that latest
iPhone then worry about what the earth was
trying to tell you.. But now I am here. And
I've made the world stop on its tracks.

I've made YOU finally listen. I've made you
take refuge. I've made you stop thinking
about materialistic things.. Now you are like
the earth... You are only worried about
YOUR survival. How does that feel?

I give you fever. As the fires burn on earth.
I give you respiratory issues.. as pollution
filled the earth air. I give you weakness as
the earth weakens every day. I took away
your comforts.. Your outings. The things you
would use to forget about the planet and its
pain. And I made the world stop...

And now... China has better air quality..
Skies are clear blue because factories are
not spewing pollution unto the earth's air.

The water in Venice is clean and dolphins are
being seen. Because the gondola boats that
pollute the water are not being used.

YOU are having to take time to reflect on
what is important in your life. Again I am not
here to punish you I am here to Awaken
you...

When all this is over and I am gone... Please
remember these moments:

Listen to the earth.

Listen to your soul.

Stop Polluting the earth.

Stop Fighting among each other.

Stop Caring about materialistic things.

And start Loving your neighbours.

Start Caring about the earth and all its
creatures.

Start Believing in a Creator.

Because next time I may come back even
stronger....

Signed,

Coronavirus (Written by: Vivienne R Reich)

Let us place our trust in our CREATOR and work
together in love, peace and harmony to bring this
COVID-19 monster to its knees and restore our
homes, our community, our nation and our world
to a 'NEW NORMAL' that embraces all that is
good. GOD bless us all!