

In Touch

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Christmas Season is quickly approaching. Hard to believe this year is coming to an end. It has moved both slowly and quickly. Hope this finds you all well and healthy.

The 'To Heck with the Bell' breakfast was well attended and it was great to have two new superannuates attend. We brought forward the draft copy of the chapter constitution; it is now posted on the website. We are having a November gathering, so will ask to have it passed as our chapter's official constitution. A number of people played golf. The breakfast was enjoyed by all.

October slipped by without an activity. Due to rules and facilities it was difficult to organize anything. We did have a lunch executive meeting to finalize details for the next activities.

November we will be gathering at the Swift Current Legion for Mel Friesen's presentation of his trip during the 75th Anniversary of D Day. Legion members are also invited. It is a good way to remember those who work to protect our country and freedom.

At this time we have a Christmas dinner and social planned at the Elmwood Golf Course Clubhouse. As things go this year that may change, but hope we will be able to get together for the special season. Last year everyone was asked to bring peanut butter for the food bank, this year we are donating to Canadian Mental Health here in town and they need personal care products-shampoo, soap, toilet paper etc.. So we are asking all in attendance or would like to donate to the cause, to bring personal care products to the social.

No definite plans for the New Year. If anyone has any suggestions please pass them on. It is hard to plan too far ahead.

Hope everyone was able to vote in the elections, as this is an important part of our democratic country.

On behalf of our executive I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gail Wesolowski

NOVEMBER EVENT : Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020

On the afternoon of November 5, 2020, 18 of our STS members and 5 Legion members attended a meeting at the Legion lounge. We officially passed the draft constitution which had been posted on the website. Thank you to Rosalie, Wally and Shirley for your work in developing the constitution, Jerry and Rosalie for proof reading it, and Rosalie for typing the final format. All that work has paid off and we now have a working constitution. Following the meeting Mel Friesen gave an excellent presentation on his travels on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. Thank you, Mel.

Presentation: "D- Day Beaches and Battlefields 75th Anniversary"

"Trafalgar Tours" facilitated and guided Mel's tour group through four countries (Great Britain/France/Belgium/Netherlands) with a quick glance at some famous landmarks and historic sites.

The Major emphasis was on areas in Western Europe in which the Canadian military played a significant role in the two world wars: Juno Beach and Normandy battlefields, Vimy Ridge, WW1 trenches (where John McCrae served), Flanders Fields, Ypres and Passchendaele, and the Dutch Lowlands liberated by the 1st Canadian Army in 1945.

Mel left with powerful memories after touring the cemeteries and Mennon Gate Last Post Ceremony. The eleven day tour started in London and ended in Amsterdam.

It was a very appropriate and interesting recognition of Remembrance Day. Diane Knippshild, Blake Frank, and Jim Pratt won our door prizes and Louise Walker won our 50/50 draw. Coffee and cinnamon buns were served following the presentation.

Gail Wesolowski/ Patti Gatzke/Loretta

STS / SC CHAPTER FINANCIALS for the Aug 8 to Nov 11 / 2020 Period (Mel Friesen, Treasurer)	
OPERATING ACCOUNT (Aug 8)	\$2 749.51
Income:	
Interest (Aug/Sept/Oct)	0.30
"Heck With the Bell" Proceeds (Sept)	597.00
November Meeting/Program Proceeds	166.50
Total Income:	\$763.80
Expenditures:	
Website License Renewal	254.27
"Heck With the Bell" (Sept)	872.85
November Meeting/Program	270.00
Photocopying Membership Lists	18.94
Remembrance Day Wreath	125.00
Honorarium for Constitution Compilation	50.00
"InTouch" Costs(stamps/envelopes/copying)	241.10
Misc Office Expense (stamps)	19.32
Total Expenditures:	\$1 851.48
*OPERATING ACCOUNT (Nov 11)	\$1661.83
MEMBER REWARDS (Aug 8)	\$14.00
Credit: Shareholder Dividend/Interest Alloc	0.18
*MEMBER REWARDS (Nov 11)	\$14.18
SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Aug 8)	\$6957.41
Credit: Interest (Aug/Sept/Oct)	1.78
Credit: STS Membership Rebate (Oct)	3 152.00
*SAVINGS ACCOUNT (Nov 11)	\$10111.19
*TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS (Nov 11)	\$11787.20
EVENTS SUBSIDIZED BY SC CHAPTER	Amount
"Heck With the Bell" (Sept)	275.85
November Meeting/Program	103.50

Life is too short. Grudges are a waste of perfect happiness. Laugh when you can, apologize when you should and let go of what you can't change. Love deeply and forgive quickly. Take chances. Give everything and have no regrets. Life is too short to

be unhappy. You have to take the good with the bad. Smile when you're sad, love what you have, and always remember what you had. Always forgive, but never forget. Learn from your mistakes but never regret. People change, and things go wrong but always remember... life goes on!"

Welcome to the Christmas Social & Dinner.

If all is well, it will be held: Thursday, December 10th, 2020 at the Elmwood Golf Course Restaurant. The cost is \$25.00 per person;

RSVP by or before December 4- contact our president and she will give you the time, the menu, and the name of the entertainment.
Email: wesolowskigail91@gmail.com **Text:** 306-750-7223
Phone: 306 773- 2112

PLEASE BRING A PERSONAL CARE GIFT FOR A MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENT.

SINCERE SYMPATHY to the family and friends of **Steve Krochak, Clara Leoppy, Doris Lynnes, and Zang Mah** who passed away since our fall issue. God bless and comfort you.

We wish all of our members **good health and safety** in this turbulent time of Covid 19, 2020.

Our **"Heck with the Bell"** breakfast was held on September 9, 2020 at the Chinook Golf Club. 55 members and spouses attended. Social distancing and safe meal serving rules were abided by. Our 50/50 draw was won by Gail Wesolowski. 5 Door Prizes were won by Donna Beach, Gwen Uher, Fred Heese, Trish Ayrey and Emily Rempel. Our president, Gail Wesolowski, welcomed everyone and presented the latest happenings of our chapter. Joyce Hoffman, our Provincial representative, shared greetings and information from the provincial STS. Two of our new retirees, Maureen Hapke and Lisa Kuntz, were recognized. Future STS gatherings will depend on the Covid regulations.

Patti Gatzke

Following the breakfast, 9 members enjoyed a round of golf. The oldest golfer was Fred Heese and Jim Bobick took first place. A nice warm September day was enjoyed by the golfers. Thank you to Standard Motors, Stark and Marsh, Innovation Credit Union, Joan Braaten and Cindy-Glenn Schultz for the prize donations.
Cindy-Glenn Schultz

A truly heroic event written by a genuine but shy heroine, Marie Gottselig:

I hadn't taken my kids to the beach yet this summer so we had decided to go one afternoon after work. A high school friend had come along with us.

It was a typical afternoon of building sand castles and playing in the water (only up to our knees as it was really windy and freezing cold). There were 2 other families there, one family whom I knew and the other with a mom and her 2 girls. The girls had been swimming the whole time we had been there but the wind had picked up more than what it was already so they decided to come out.

A little while later I had seen one of the girls (maybe age 13) start swimming out to the furthest buoy. It was crazy windy so I kept watching her just in case. The other gentleman on the beach kept looking at me making sure that I was seeing what he was seeing. About 15 minutes later, after her struggling to get to this buoy she had reached it and was hanging on tight. We were both concerned so the gentleman decided to ask the little girl's mother if she was okay as the mom didn't look in the least bit concerned. She had passed him off with a hand waving gesture saying that the little girl had already been out there once [today](#). So he walked back, shrugging his shoulders in a concerned manner and went on with his family. They had started to pack up and we were about to leave as well (the little girl is still hanging on to this buoy which had been about a half hour since she had been in the water).

I had seen her finally waving and heard a "help" so I wasn't going to stand there and watch this any longer. I grabbed one of my son's pool noodles and went for a swim. It was so cold and at this time I could see her going under the water every once and a while. I was for sure a football field away as it was the furthest buoy. Thank God I can swim in the winters and am physically active or I wouldn't have made it. My boys weren't happy as I could hear them from the beach every once and a while yelling my name. I'm grateful for my friend who had stayed with them and kept them calm.

I was 10 feet away, and freezing. I watched her go under again and saw how blue her lips were. I finally got to her which seemed like it took me forever. When I got there she was so frozen and shaking. I had learned from an early age that when someone is cold and is shaking it's a good thing still. She grabbed the pool noodle I had given her and I began to swim her back to

her mom. As I was swimming in she had told me that she had been screaming for help for a while. The wind was going the opposite direction so no one could hear a thing!. She could see her mom as we were swimming in and was saying how mad she was going to be at her for not coming in right away. I told her once she gets on to that beach to run to her mother and give her a big squeeze and to tell her she loves her. I told her she is one lucky little girl.

I WAS SOOOO COLD but I kept telling myself that I have to get back to my boys. I could finally see them again as we got closer to shore. Yes, that's how big the waves were!!

We got back to shore and she ran towards her mom and I felt my boys run right into me and squeeze me tight. They were so warm.

The girl and her sister had come to thank me and gave me hugs. I had let the little girl know to not go that far without a life jacket any more because if I hadn't been there the reality of the situation wouldn't have turned out well at all. She had made me look down at her leg as there was a huge gash on it. She had told me that it was from hanging on to the cable to which the buoy was tied, so tightly because she kept slipping off of the buoy.

As they had left the other family that had watched to make sure I was okay had told me that if I wouldn't have got to her they would have only given her a couple more minutes and she would have been under the water and gone. The waves were too big and too strong for her to hold on anymore as she had kept slipping.

I am so grateful that I was able to help that little girl. I made sure that on our way home my boys understood what had happened and how wrong it was to go that far, even with a lifejacket. The wind had picked up so fast that the young girl didn't have a choice but to swim to the buoy because it was too far to swim back to shore as she was out of energy.

Again, I'm writing this not to pat myself on the back but to help everyone who goes to beaches in the summer. Be aware of the dangers even if they aren't posted. Use every caution you can when it comes to water; it can be so forgiving.

Thanks so much for letting me tell my story in hopes that I help all families be super safe out on our beautiful Saskatchewan lakes!!

Happy Birthday!!

Shirley Stevenson	Dec 01
Shirley Dyck	Dec 04
Clint Schryver	Dec 06
Dwayne Dekowny	Dec 08
Ruth Bulbeck	Dec 09
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
Jeanette Eckert	Jan 09
Corney Unger	Jan 09
Edgar Siemens	Jan 10
Brian Dunn	Jan 11
Peggy Melhoff	Jan 14
Jean Allen	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
Lawrence Kalmakoff	Feb 05
Harold Thiessen	Feb 07
Lynn Niessen	Feb 08
Colin King	Feb 08
Marj Taylor	Feb 13
Vickie Woods	Feb 15
Cindy Glenn-Schultz	Feb 16
Pat Bethel	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
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
Faye Shaw	14 Apr
Bill Albrecht	20 Apr
Loretta Romanekewicz	20 Apr
Jim Roberts	25 Apr
Bill Shumay	25 Apr
Sharon Veer	30 Apr

(If your birthday is not here, please tell Loretta 773-5244)

According to the most recent Chapter roster received from Saskatoon, we have **343** in our Chapter. We have lost 4 treasured members. Several of our new retirees have joined us and we welcome them.

Starting this year, Members of the Chapter can nominate recipients for the Chapter Award of Distinction. (refer to page 13 of the Policy Handbook) The submission deadline has been extended to October 30th for this year only. Please send a brief citation for your candidate to Shirley Dyck (dycks@sasktel.net)

My husband, Al and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. 2020 has been a challenge. God bless and keep you in 2021.



