

In Touch

Fall/Winter Edition 2024

Karen Osborn Editor

In Appreciation and Remembrance

The Swift Current chapter wishes to extend recognition and appreciation to Loretta Romankewicz for all the hard work and dedication she shared with many different organizations.

Loretta was editor of *Outreach* from 1993-2007. She worked with Bert Gordon to publish the feature Spotlight on Superannuates for the *STF Bulletin*. She also worked at the provincial level with the Public Relations Committee and at the local level with I LINC Bargaining Committee and local bargaining committees.

Loretta joined the local chapter immediately upon retirement. She was the editor and publisher for the local chapter of the *In Touch* newsletter for an amazing 33 years! Many special events and activities such as "To Hell with the Bell", the Christmas social, special outings and meetings were coordinated by Loretta over the years.

Her church Mount Calvary Lutheran also benefitted from her commitment and hard work. She served as Bulletin secretary and publisher of the newsletter since 1994. As Stewardship chair she was also in charge of fundraising. Loretta also prepared and led church services at local Seniors Homes.

Loretta will be missed for the time, effort and commitment that she so generously gave to many organizations in the province and community. Anyone wishing to make a donation in Loretta's memory can make it to the Dr. Irwin Noble Foundation

In Touch Presidents Report October 2024

Submitted by Gail Wesolowski SC Chapter President

Welcome to fall and a new In Touch Editor, Karen Osborn. We also have a new schedule. The In Touch will be sent out twice a year, once in August and one in the early spring. Thank you, Karen for taking the editor position. Loretta gave many years of service to the Chapter as the editor and publisher of the In Touch newsletter.

Summer has past we had our To Hell with the Bell on Wednesday, September 4. The event was well attended and all enjoyed reminiscing with former colleagues. Following breakfast

Superannuates could choose either 9 holes of golf or a historic walking tour of the Swift Current Airport.

The Chapter sponsored the play, 'I Have No Idea" at the Lyric during Cultural month. The play was about adults living with ADHD. It was emotional and well done.

The Chapter has partnered with a Group that organized Truth and Reconciliation Events at Market Square. The main speaker was Michelle Good, author of the book Five Little Indians. There was a hoop dance performance as well as lessons for the audience members. The Truth and Reconciliation event also included a trade show at the Living Sky Casino with Indigenous products and crafts that were displayed.

Wally, Shirley, Eileen and I went through the archives and have donated them to the Swift Current Museum. If anyone would like to see them or check out information, they are available at any time.

The Provincial STS has been busy planning as well.

- First, they have approved a 500.00 grant application to chapters to support and kick start activities that celebrate Older Persons or Truth and Reconciliation events. We applied for and received the grant for a Celebration of Older Persons activity on October 1st.
- The STS would also like to encourage retired teachers to run for school board positions as this is an election year. Nomination for school district trustees opens September 24, and the election is November 3. The STF is making lawn signs "Vote for Public Education", as the Provincial election could also be coming in October. The chapter has ordered 12 to put up and more can be ordered. Contact Gail if you would like one.
- The 2024 Chapter Presidents meeting will be Friday, November 15th in Saskatoon. Teresa Gibbens and I will be attending.
- The STS office has extended their hours starting September 1st to the end of June to 8:30-1:00. The phone number is 1-306-373-3879.

Year at a Glance 2024-25 Submitted by Gail Wesolowski
SC Chapter President

- September 4 – To Hell with the Bell – Chinook Golf Course Club house
- October 1- Celebrate The International Day of the Older Person at Morse
- November 14- Speaker Hugh Henry – Walking Trip from Fort Qu'Appelle to Fort Pitt
- December 5- Christmas Social- Elmwood Golf Course Clubhouse
- April 10 - Spring Fling

- May 15 or 22 - AGM
- June Outing

New Superannuates 2024

Tammy Wallace Fairview School

Marie Hanson Eastend School

Leah Geiger Waldeck School

Kathy Robson Chinook Education Centre

Celia Hammerton Central School

Shelley Fritzsche OM Irwin

Kerri Keenleyside Hazelet School

Jennifer Watson Stewart Valley School

Anesia Boutin Gull Lake School

Chapter Events Submitted by Patti Gatzke and Cindy Glen Schultz

Our annual "To Hell with the Bell", breakfast was held at the Chinook Golf Clubhouse Restaurant on September 4, 2024. 57 retirees attended the breakfast. Our president Gail Wesolowski, greeted everyone and shared information concerning our STS. Lorne Uher said grace. Breakfast was delicious as was the atmosphere of catching up with old friends and getting to know new ones. Door prizes were won by Mel Friesen, Gayleen Turner, Karen Schommer, and Joanne Williams. Tickets for our November meeting were won by Palma Millar, and Karen Osborn. A free ticket for the Christmas supper was won by Lynn Anderson. Jim Roberts was the lucky winner of one hundred twenty one dollars in our fifty-fifty draw.

A small group of seasoned golfers braved the weather to play golf. The prize for the longest drive was won by Palma Miller. Longest putt was won by Cindy Glen Schultz. Top scorers were Garth & Michelle Lavelle and Palma Miller. A huge thank You goes to our sponsors Sportchek, Standard Motors, Stark and Marsh, and W.W. Smith Insurance.

Following the breakfast another group toured the Swift Current Airport. We were shown a video of the historical influence the airport had on the community during the Second World War. We toured the remaining hanger, the firing range and an old airplane frame with motors. The property has posts with historical write ups identifying the location of the many facilities that were on the land.

We celebrated the International Day of the Older Person on October 1 at the Morse Museum and followed up with appetizers and happy hour at the Elkhorn Hotel.



Celebrating the International Day of the Older Person Day with at the Morse Museum . The picture shows chapter member, Sandra Glover, in front of the mural of Lady Bank School where she taught for a number of years.

Twenty three of us toured the museum and enjoyed seeing and hearing about the people and events of the past. Following the tour, we went to the Elkhorn Hotel for appetizers and happy hour. Door prizes of sparkling wine were won by Wally and Mel. The event was enjoyed by all.

Upcoming Events

- Nov 14th at 1:00 at Smitty's we will have Hugh Henry speaking about his summer walk from Fort Qu'appelle to Fort Pitt. We will order lunch off the menu.
- Our annual Christmas Social will be held December 5th at Elmwood Golf Course. More information will follow
- The Provincial AGM will be in May and we can send 6 delegates to the event in Saskatoon. Please consider being a delegate.

Gail Wesolowski Chapter President

SC Chapter STS Financial Report

2024-05-24 to 2024-09-30

Submitted by STS Treasurer, Gwen Uher

ACCOUNT	ENDING BALANCE
Assets	
Cash on Hand	\$0.00
Chequing	\$1,125.22
Member Rewards	\$25.50
Outstanding cheques	-\$500.00
Savings	\$12,006.30
Total Assets	\$12,657.02
Income	
Dividends	\$0.64
Interest Income	\$88.23
Member Programming (To Hell With The Bell breakfast)	\$946.00
STS Funding (Celebrating Older Persons)	\$250.00
Total Income	\$1,284.87
Expenses	
Banking fees	\$5.04
Member Programming (To Hell with the Bell breakfast)	\$1,080.00
Sponsorship (Culture Days play)	\$500.00
Website	\$266.27
Total Expenses	\$1,851.31

Fall & Winter Birthdays

Cam Lock	01	Sept
Bob Daintree	02	Sept
Beryl Robinson	02	Sept
Diane Sired	04	Sept
Carson Robinson	05	Sept
Marie Sommerfeld	08	Sept
Penny Edwards	18	Sept
Joyce Engen	20	Sept
Margaret Fehr	20	Sept
Darlene Patterson	21	Sept
Mary Wedhorn	24	Sept
Greg Brososky	25	Sept
Harry Wiebe	28	Sept
Margaret Heese	03	Oct
Cheryl Cocks	04	Oct
Jill Cavanagh	05	Oct
Lee-Ann Ebel	08	Oct
Rick Lake	08	Oct
Patti Gatzke	09	Oct
Ivan Jeske	14	Oct
Verna Lynn Knipfel	16	Oct
Harvey Engel	19	Oct
Jake Knelsen	23	Oct
Carole Tallon	26	Oct
Brian O'Hara	29	Oct
Donna Ford	31	Oct
Gwen Uher	01	Nov
Maryann Klymyshyn	02	Nov
Ruth Sapinsky	02	Nov
Vivian Sedgwick	03	Nov
Vince Rempel	07	Nov
Dave Harrison	08	Nov
Camille Hannah	09	Nov
Eric Olesen	10	Nov
Irene Frederickson	12	Nov
Nancy Franz	14	Nov
Phoebe Bunnell	19	Nov
Jean Scott	20	Nov
Sandra Hill	28	Nov
Lorne Uher	28	Nov

Shirley Stevenson	01	Dec
Shirley Dyck	04	Dec
Clint Schryver	06	Dec
Bruce Waldie	09	Dec
Myrna Hayes	11	Dec
Joan Williamson	13	Dec
Marion Engel	15	Dec
Jacob Block	18	Dec
Marcia Huber	20	Dec
Pat Brososky	21	Dec
Marlene Paproski	21	Dec
Torine Torwalt Downey	21	Dec
Dawn Rogowski	23	Dec
Leon Eckert	24	Dec
Arlene Mason	24	Dec
David Franz	26	Dec
Wally Derkach	02	Jan
Jeanette Eckert	09	Jan
Edgar Siemens	10	Jan
Alice Baker	11	Jan
Brian Dunn	11	Jan
Peggy Melhoff	14	Jan
Jean Allen	16	Jan
Harold Little	19	Jan
Kathy Wasylowisch	23	Jan
Walter Pearson	27	Jan
Sharon Pollock	04	Feb
Lynn Niessen	08	Feb
Colin King	08	Feb
Vickie Woods	15	Feb
Cindy Glenn-Schultz	16	Feb
Pat Betthel	17	Feb
Vivian Dunn	17	Feb
Dianne Fox	23	Feb