

# In Touch

Spring & Summer 2026

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Visit our website [www.scchapter.ca](http://www.scchapter.ca)

Join us for coffee on  
Thursdays at 9:30 at Chinook  
Golf course during their  
seasonal hours and at Spring  
Gardens when Chinook is not  
open.

## Upcoming Events

**Multiple Choice Trivia Night**  
Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Masons Hall  
106 Chaplin St. West Swift Current  
7:00 P.M.

20.00 a person – includes munchies  
and soft drinks

Wine & Beer Cash Bar

Easy to play multiple choice games  
with lots of prizes. Individual and  
group games.

Advance tickets only – please confirm  
your attendance with an email to  
spencerjim@hotmail.com

**Bring a group and make it a  
night!**

Tuesday,  
May 12-  
Thursday,  
May 14 is  
the  
Provincial  
STS AGM at  
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One more  
delegate  
needed.

### A Day in Shaunavon May 28, 2026

9:30 am – Depart Swift Current  
10:45 am – Tour of Grand Coteau Heritage  
and Cultural Centre  
11:30 am – Studio & gallery tour of  
Andrew Robertson Art Studio  
12 pm - Guided tour of the Downtown  
Murals  
1:00pm – Lunch at El Faro  
2:00 pm – Grand Hotel tour  
3:00 to 3:30pm – Plaza Theatre &  
Venue Tour by Ty Hunter of the Hunter  
Brothers  
3:30pm to 5pm (ish) - Visit the shops of  
downtown Shaunavon, go for a coffee, visit  
the Shaunavon Florist and Garden Centre,  
and/or depart for home.

**Chapter AGM** – Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at Casey's Restaurant at 1:00 p.m.

Swift Current chapter is hosting a quilting retreat. It will take  
place from September 21 to 24, 2026, in Swift Current. See Gail  
if you are interested in assisting with or attending the retreat

### **July 3, 4 &5 – Passion Play & Rosebud Theatre**

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation, Professional Tour Director, Fun and games en route, admission to the Passion Play and two nights accommodation including breakfast at the hotel. All other meals are own cost.

**DAY 1 Friday, July 3** LOAD –Regina 7:30 AM Victoria Square Mall (West Parking Lot by the Sport Check) LOAD Moose Jaw 8:30 AM Moose Jaw Walmart (551 Thatcher Drive SW Corner) LOAD Swift Current 10:15 AM Swift Current Walmart Supercenter (1800 Memorial Drive) LUNCH 1:00 PM Medicine Hat Mall (1 hour, own cost) STOP 4:35 PM The Little Church, Highway 838 North Dinosaur Trail, Drumheller (enough time for a photo) ARRIVE 5:00 PM Badlands Amphitheatre, 605 17 St SW, Drumheller, AB TOJ OYO (enjoy preordered meals) 6:00 PM The Passion Play LOAD 9:00 PM Board the bus to go to the hotel ARRIVE 10:00 PM CanAlta Hotel, 111 Palliser Trail, Hanna, AB

**DAY 2 Saturday, July 4** BREAKFAST Enjoy your breakfast at the CanAlta Hanna DEPART 9:30 AM Depart hotel for Rosebud, Alberta ARRIVE 10:45 AM Arrive at Rosebud Theatre & School of Arts, 202 Martin Avenue, Rosebud, AB (Check-in for buffet seating is from 11:00 – 12:00) 1:30 PM Performance begins 3:30 PM Performance ends. Time to enjoy the sights and shops of Rosebud (grab something for supper or wait until we arrive back in Hanna) DEPART 5:00 PM Depart for Hoodoos ARRIVE 5:45 PM Arrive at Hoodoos (take in the fantastic scenery of this natural wonder) DEPART 6:15 PM Depart back to CanAlta hotel ARRIVE 7:15 PM Arrive at CanAlta hotel (Nicky's and A&W are 1 minute walk from the hotel)

**DAY 3 Sunday, July 5** BREAKFAST Enjoy your breakfast at the CanAlta Hanna — Breakfast for all passengers (regardless of which hotel they are staying in) is provided for at the CanAlta hotel in the morning DEPART 8:30 AM Load luggage and depart for Horseshoe Canyon ARRIVE 9:30 AM Arrive at Horseshoe Canyon DEPART 10:30 AM Depart for Medicine Hat ARRIVE 1:15 PM Arrive Medicine Hat Mall (1 hour, own cost) DEPART 2:15 PM ARRIVE 4:15 PM Depart for Swift Current Arrive at Swift Current Walmart Supercenter (1800 Memorial Drive) DEPART 4:45 PM Depart for Regina ARRIVE 6:30 PM Moose Jaw Walmart (551 Thatcher Drive SW Corner) ARRIVE 7:30 PM Victoria Square Mall (West Parking Lot by the Sport Chek

### **In Touch Presidents Report Feb 2026**

Submitted by Gail Wesolowski SC Chapter President

#### **Winter InTouch 2026**

The year is passing quickly, and winter is half over. Hope you have all wintered well.

- Our year started with To Hell With the Bell and we did meet one new superannuate. As usual, the Chinook staff treated us well with an inviting atmosphere , good food and excellent service. Golf followed. I would encourage all the superannuates who golf to take part and join the retirees golf tournament. Cindy puts a lot of effort into organizing this event.
- September 26, we were a sponsor and partner with the South West Truth and Reconciliation committee for the Market Square event. Pictures are on the website, [www.scchapter.ca](http://www.scchapter.ca) ,

- October 1, several of us gathered at Elmwood golf club for lunch to celebrate the International Day of the Older Person.
- October, we met in Gull Lake with the Shaunavon Chapter and Sue Amundrud, STS President, gave a report on the history of the STS. (History of the STS is available on the website)  
After a meal we then went to the Gull Lake Movie Theatre. The theatre has lovely old style plush seats and is very reasonably priced. The STS has an important purpose for being and dedicated members to continue to carry out the work.
- In November, we met at the Legion for a games evening. Everyone was enjoying the happy hour and visiting, the games were forgotten.

### **Christmas Social Report – Teresa Gibbons**

Location - Great Room at Riverview Village Estates, Swift Current, SK

Attendance - 57

Welcome - President Gail said a few words of welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

- The SW Truth and Reconciliation committee won a Leadership Award from the Provincial Multicultural Association. We are a partner and sponsor of the group.
- The last edition of Outreach contained a write-up about ACER-CART. It is a national organization of provincial representatives that lobbies the national government on senior matters. Ontario has recently dropped out of this organization and is presently recruiting Sask members to join their medical plan. Please let us or the STS office know if you have been contacted by them.
- A new health spending account was established. \$200/member is available. Please use these funds by December 31, 2026
- Our health benefits now include \$500/person for vaccinations.

Blessing – Avis Chudyk said the blessing before the meal

Dinner - A Turkey dinner was provided by the Riverview Village Estate kitchen. Table groups participated in Christmas word games before and after the meal

Entertainment by Current Voices – Thank you to Janice Newton-Brown and Current Voices for the entertainment

Door Prizes (table poinsettias or wrapped prizes)

- Jim Roberts
- Lynn Anderson
- Maxine Omstead
- Louise Walker
- Colleen McBain
- Brian Drinkle
- Tom Goodhand
- Nancy Bohman-Wall
- Gail Weslowski

50/50 Draw winner for \$80 - Sandra Hill

- Our Christmas Social was held on a cold, blustery evening, but was warm and inviting inside. The evening was enjoyed by all.

Provincial STS information:

College of Education, U of S, is planning anniversary celebrations starting in the fall of 2026 . More details will follow on the STS website [www.sts.ca](http://www.sts.ca)

The executive has been setting a 5 year strategic Plan for 2025-2030. This has been posted on the website.

Membership in the STS is 12,402

Health Spending Account- Each plan holder has 200.00 in a health Spending Account, which needs to be used by December 2026. Contact the STS or Blue Cross for further information

Provincial Recreation

Corn hole-March 26- Regina - Registration and info on website

Pickle ball- June 10- Elbow - Registration on website

Stitch and Quilt- Swift Current- September 21-24

Kaiser-October 14- Regina

Enjoy the start of spring and see you April 24 at the Spring Fling.

Gail

### **Executive 2025-26**

Past President - Shirley Dyck

President- Gail Wesolowski

Vice President- Idella Harder

Secretary- Teresa Gibbens

Treasurer- Gwen Uher

Activities- Cindy Glen-Shultz –Golf, Avis Chudyk and Pat Palmer – Meeting Reports

In Touch Editor- Karen Osborn

Web site – Jim Spencer

Communications - Lorne Uher

Constitution- Wally Derkach, Connie More

Chapter Aware- Shirley Dyck, Eileen Hartman

We need more executive members for the following jobs

- activities person to plan June windup
- constitution committee
- chapter awards committee

All executive positions are available, if you are interested contact an executive member.

It is important to keep our Chapter strong and active to support the Provincial STS

Executive. They are the people who work tirelessly for us, so we can have our Blue Cross Benefit Plan and look after the funds for the plan and to keep the organizing running smoothly. Hopefully, some of you will step up and lend a hand.

"Ask the STS" was the conference session facilitated by Murray Wall, Sue Amundrud and Terri Mitchell. It covered topics and information of interest to the STS.

The first topic covered was "Strategic Plans". The STS is developing plans that they hope will enhance membership acquisition ie. They hope to attract more new members and to increase the membership retention rate.

"Finances" was the next topic queried. Much information was generated. Our monies are primarily spent on

1. General Operations. These include items such as staffing, general outreach and day to day expenses.
2. Group Benefits: 1.6-2 million. 3.5 % from our premiums.
3. Operations and Capital Reserves: The target balance is 25-50% of the annual budget (\$ 301 750.00-603 500.00). We keep on hand a contingency reserve to cover group benefit claims fluctuations as the invoices from Blue Cross are 115% to 125% of the monthly premiums. The reserves also support organizational initiatives, cover unanticipated deficits from expenditures from resolutions and protect the integrity of the health plan. These reserves are mandatory.

**Provincial website – [sts.sk.ca](http://sts.sk.ca)**

**Provincial number - 306-373-3879**

**Provincial email - [sts@sts.sk.ca](mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca)**

**Blue Cross - 1-800-667-6853**

**Blue cross website - [sk.bluecross.ca](http://sk.bluecross.ca)**

**Chapter Website – <http://www.scchapter.ca>**

**Communications- Lorne Uher- [gwenlorne@yourlink.ca](mailto:gwenlorne@yourlink.ca) – if you are a new superannuate or not receiving chapter emails contact him.**

**Gail Wesolowski - [wesolowskigail91@gmail.com](mailto:wesolowskigail91@gmail.com) or 308-750-7223**

ACCOUNT	STARTING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
Cash on Hand	0.00	545.27
Chequing	2000.50	4,208.57
Member Rewards	29.15	31.87
Outstanding Cheques	00.00	70.00

Savings	12,104.62	12,142.35
Total Asset	14,134.27	16,858.06
<b>INCOME</b>		
Bank Refund	5.00	
Donation	45.27	
Dividends	1.01	
Interest Income	40.44	
Member Programming	1817.00	
Raffle Sales	89.00	
STS Funding	5,888.00	
Ticket Revenue	895.00	
Total Income	8,228.96	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Banking Fees	50.27	
Donation	270.00	
Member Programming	4,283.48	
Office Supplies	453.18	
Sponsorship	1,000.00	
Total Expenses	6,056.93	

The list of member birthdays is being discontinued in the newsletter but if you wish to extend a special birthday greeting to someone please contact Karen Osborn at [karenleeosborn17@gmail.com](mailto:karenleeosborn17@gmail.com)