

In Touch

Fall & Winter 2026

Karen Osborn Editor

Visit our website www.scchapter.ca

Join us for coffee on
Thursdays at 9:30 at Chinook
Golf course until Thanksgiving
and at Spring Gardens when
Chinook is not open.

Upcoming Events

To Hell with the Bell is on Wednesday, September 2 at 9:00 at Chinook Golf Course Clubhouse. An opportunity to visit colleagues, have an awesome breakfast and play a round of golf or go on a Swift Current Driving Tour. New retirees come celebrate your retirement as guests of the Swift Current Retired Teachers .

Golf 9 holes at 10:30- Cindy has great prizes - RSVP cglennschultz@gmail.com regular course fees

City of Swift Current Driving Tour guided by Hugh Henry meet at 11:00 in the parking lot.

RSVP Gail for breakfast wesolowskigail91@gmail.com or 306-750-7223 Cost 15.00

Provincial Recreation - Swift Current chapter is hosting a quilting retreat. It will take place from September 21 to 24, 2026, at the Coast Hotel in Swift Current. See Gail if you are interested in assisting with or attending the retreat
Also a **Kaiser Tournament** is being held in Regina on Oct 14/26

British Pub Night –Oct 8/26 at the Swift Current Legion

- Fish and Chips – Starts at 5:00 & Food at 5:30
- Fun Pub Games and trivia to follow

Monday, September 29 - **National Truth and Reconciliation Day Celebration**
Market Square at 11:30 Guest Speaker is Patrick Mitsuing

Thursday, October 1- Celebrate **International Day of the Older Person**
Brunch at Chinook at 9:30

Christmas Social and Banquet – Dec 10th at the Lyric Theatre

Presidents Report August 2026

Submitted by Gail Wesolowski SC Chapter President

Summer is passing quickly and school will be starting soon. Celebrate your retirement and

Attend 'To Hell With The Bell'.

Many things have happened since the last In Touch, so here is a brief catch up. Unfortunately we have had chapter members pass away which allows one to realize how important it is to live each day to the fullest.

In April we held an executive meeting to catch up on chapter business and decided to postpone the Spring Fling until October. In May we had our chapter AGM. The executive remains the same. Our year end activity was a trip to Shaunavon. We toured the museum and art gallery, an artist's studio, the murals around town and the Galaxy Theatre. It was an interesting and informative day organized by Trish Ayrey and Gwen Uher.

There are 8 new Superannuates in the Chinook School Division. Local new superannuates were invited to a dinner on Thursday, June 4 to meet and introduce them to the chapter. Unfortunately only 3 could attend, so they are invited as our guests at to Hell With The Bell Breakfast.

They are;

Curtis Biem - Division Office

Laurissa Jacobson – Vanguard School

Cindy Lemieux- Central School

Kevin Regier – Wymark School

Brent Millar – SCCHS

Sheila Larochelle- Ponteix School

Jamee Coupe – Val Marie

Glenda Parsonage – Maple Creek School

In July we had an executive meeting to attend to planning for future activities. You will notice the list of events in the newsletter and on the website. As you will notice we have a busy fall coming up and I hope you all will participate when you can.

Also in July, 6 chapter members went on the bus tour to The Passion Play and The Rosebud Theatre.

Passion Play Trip – Report submitted by Avis Chudyk & Pat Palmer

On July 3-5 we enjoyed the bus tour to Drumheller. The Passion Play met our expectations. The geographical location of the amphitheater provided reality to the story of Book of Matthew.

The next day The Rosebud community provided us with a fabulous luncheon before shopping in local outlets. Across the street at the Opera House we were amazed by the play, Anne of Green Gables. It was written as a travelling performance for early 20th century entertainment. It was beautiful in its simplicity. During our tour we had many opportunities to explore the Badlands including Horseshoe Canyon.

Five chapter members went on the Orchard Garden Tour. The Orchard Garden is an unusual and interesting garden although garden might be an understatement as the garden is 25 acres!

Gail Wesolowski

Provincial AGM

Six delegates attended the Provincial AGM May 12,13 and 14. The delegates were Teresa Gibbins, Patti Gatzke, Leanne White , Constance More , Norine Torwald Downey and Gail Wesolowski.

Provincial AGM Report-Resolutions that were passed.

1. Annual STS membership remains at 30.00 per member
2. Chapter rebates will remain at present amounts 1000.00 per chapter and 8.00 per member
3. Resolutions on policy change were passed or referred back to executive for review.
4. Resolutions on the medical plan were discussed , the main objective is to give good coverage at a reasonable cost that benefits the group plan.

A complete listing and details of resolutions can be found on the STS website.

Gail Wesolowski

2026 AGM Financial Report

The STS presented their annual Financial Report with little in the way of major changes. Subject to some resolutions affecting budgeting for next year, the financial status is very healthy. All accounts relating to General Operating Expenses and Group Benefits are solvent and sustainable. The organization maintains reserve contingency accounts to support both General Operating and Group Benefits. No personal information is kept online, protecting members from any potential cyber attack. REMINDER - \$200 health spending account should be used by December 31st of this year. This account is available to all contributing members to apply to medical expenses or to supplement regular coverage. Be aware the amount can also be used to pay premiums. Contact the office or visit the website for more information.

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

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

2026 STS Provincial AGM Session Reports

Funeral Planning, Wills and Estates – Session presented at the AGM in May.

This session was presented by Tammy Nienaber from Canada Purple Shield. Benefit your family, your executor and your legacy by having your ducks in a row was her advice. She emphasized

all the programs the company offers peace of mind for your loved ones. Pre-planning your funeral guarantees your wishes will be followed at an emotionally stressful time. Important points;

- Have a will and let your executor know where the original is kept
- Keep documents in a just in case file. Examples would be items such as subscriptions, government cards, passwords, addresses, property deeds, investments, insurances, memberships etc.
- Jot down memorable stories and have pictures of you and your loved ones. Let your wishes be known regarding a service, burial etc.
- Become informed of your banks policy in the case of joint accounts. Every bank has different policies.

Tammy stressed that money can be sheltered in your Canada Purple Shield Plan that bypasses your estate, probate and is available for use immediately.

We received handouts and plenty of information to think about.

Patti Gatzke

Interest Session: **Whitecap Dakota Nation - History and Culture - Teresa Gibbons**

Elder Freda Geer gave an interesting and informative session on the history of the Whitecap Nation and the culture of the Dakota people. She began by saying a prayer and performing a smudging ceremony. Then she explained the purpose of smudging and invited delegates to participate. Elder Freda used a large and impressive display of heirlooms, traditional regalia, photographs, and art to guide her presentation. She highlighted each item in her display and spoke of its origin, use (past and present), and cultural or personal significance. As she spoke, she shared personal stories of her younger years, her education, life with her husband, and her return to the Whitecap Dakota Nation as a widow. Following her presentation, people were invited to take a closer look at the items in her display and ask questions.

STS AGM May 12-14, **2026 Noreen Torwalt Downey**

When I was asked if I would like to attend the AGM, I must admit I was not sure, but I thought, this is an opportunity to find out more about the STS. Also, there was the fact that it was at the Dakota Dunes. It turned out that the hotel was very comfortable and the food was very delicious. It was a busy time! There were meetings, sessions and people to meet. The sessions offered were relevant and informative. I attended the White Cap Dakota Nation - History and Culture session presented by Elder Freda Geer. Then I went to the STS Group Benefits session presented by Blue Cross. The final session I attended was Funeral Planning, Wills and

Estates presented by Purple Shield. It gave me a lot of things to think about and do.

The Wednesday evening entertainment was "The Willie Sons" who kept their audience engaged. Thursday was the annual meeting. Voting was by iphone or ipad. It was easy and cool. I thought it would take longer to go through the resolutions, but things flowed quickly. I ran into people I knew and hadn't seen for years. Leanne, Teresa, Gail, Connie and Patti were great people to attend with. They kept me on track and helped me figure out what was happening.

If you have a chance to attend the AGM - Go!

Noreen Torwalt Downey

SC Chapter STS - Financial Report - Gwen Uher

2026-03-01 to 2026-06-30

ACCOUNT BALANCE

Cash on Hand \$0.00
 Chequing \$7,405.94
 Member Rewards \$25.44
 Outstanding cheques -\$65.00
 Savings \$12,173.84
 Total Assets \$19,540.22

Income

Dividends \$0.34
 Donation \$50.27
 Interest Income \$26.09
 Member Programming \$3,200.00
 Program Income – Membership Dues \$30.00
 Program Income – Program Service Fees \$1,305.00
 STS Funding \$500.00
 Travel \$780.00
 Total Income \$5,891.70

Expenses

Donation \$320.00
 Gifts \$65.00
 Member Programming \$640.00
 Office Supplies \$286.27
 Travel Expense \$1,358.00
 Total Expenses \$2,669.27

Swift Current 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 - Connie More

Chapter Awards - Shirley Dyck, Eileen Hartman

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 organization running smoothly. Hopefully, some of you will step up and lend a hand.

Provincial website – sts.sk.ca

Provincial number - 306-373-3879

Provincial email - sts@sts.sk.ca

Blue Cross - 1-800-667-6853

Blue cross website - sk.bluecross.ca

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

Communications- Lorne Uher - gwenlorne@yourlink.ca – if you are a new superannuate or not receiving chapter emails contact him.

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