

# In Touch

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT March 2024

We ended 2023, with our third 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration with the Christmas Social.. A good crowd gathered for food, fun and fellowship. Now 2024 is here and marching along quickly, with our snowbirds returning home. May 2024 be good to us all.

Since the STF has started job action, rotating strikes and withdrawing extra curricular activities, the STS has been involved as well, supporting our colleagues. First, some of our members have joined the picket lines, I would like to thank those who did. Second, an email was circulated to email, phone and write to the government negotiators to get a fair deal for teachers. Thank you to all who participated in this campaign. Third, executive decided to take coffee and goodies to the street to show our support for their cause. May teachers soon be treated fairly.

At our August 2023 executive meeting , we decided to have a Truth and Reconciliation committee to plan an event for the coming year. Gwen Uher , Constance More and myself are on the committee. It has been decided to partner with the city Truth and Reconciliation group, and assist with bringing in the New Blood Cultural Performance. This will be held at Living Sky Casino Event Center at 6:30 on Tuesday, May 14. This musical drama has been created by Deanne Bertsch of Strathmore School.

The drama presents a story of Reconciliation inspired by the life of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman, Sikiska Nation, and his experience as a child in a residential school, how he reclaimed his life and became chief of his people. If anyone is interested with helping with this event please let me know. Admission is free. I hope many can attend.

Our Spring Fling will be held April 11 at 7:00 at Willow Creek MANOR. Gwen and Jim have organized a food demonstration , with chef Doug Lam, who will be cooking Peking Duck, Stuffed crab legs and dumplings. Space is limited, so the first 20 to register are the lucky people. It is almost full, so you need to act quickly. Contact Jim Spencer at [spencerjim@hotmail.com](mailto:spencerjim@hotmail.com) .

The STS AGM will be in Saskatoon May 7, 8, and 9. At this time I have 6 delegates: Troy Kruk, Teresa Gibbens, Idella Harder, Leanne White, Nancy Baumann –Wall and Gail Wesolowski.

Our May meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, at Casey's at 1:00pm. Hope you will be able to join us.

We still plan to have our June outing Thursday, June 13. Eastend is the anticipated destination. We will tour the T-Rex Centre and area, pottery studio, Pine Creek park, and hopefully, a train ride, followed by dinner at the Harvest Restaurant in Shaunavon.. Details will be forwarded at a later date.

Provincial activities coming up are: Mah Jongg Tournament in Regina May 1 &2, Provincial Golf at Moosomin June 10 & 11. If you would like to register or get more information, contact the STS at [sts@sts.sk.ca](mailto:sts@sts.sk.ca) .

I do hope you will be able to join us for these activities. Enjoy the spring like weather and planning the upcoming summer.

Gail Wesolowski, PRESIDENT of the SC Chapter

December 2023, Winter Gathering

On Thursday December fourteenth, Elmwood Golf Course Clubhouse shone and glittered with Christmas decorations and apparel, as fifty- seven retirees, partners and friends gathered for the STS annual Christmas function. A delicious meal was then followed with the entertaining guitar playing

by Brad Mahon. His program ranged from classical to Spanish, to Christmas carols and many of his own compositions.

To commemorate the Provincial STS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a beautifully decorated cake was cut by our lifetime members Shirley Dyck and Wally Derkach. The cake was served and enjoyed by all.

Our Provincial STS Liaison Owen Sebastian shared some highlights and reminders for us to consider, from the Provincial board.

Eileen Hartman announced the winner of this year's Certificate of Recognition to Cindy Glenn Schultz for her work on our executive. The door prizes were won by: Leon Eckert, Bill Doidge, Louise Walker, Wally Derkach, and Wally Pearson. Trish Ayrey was our lucky 50/50 winner of one hundred and forty dollars.

Thank You to all who brought donations of craft and Art supplies for the South West Safe Shelter.

Submitted by Patti Gatzke.

### *Happy Birthday!*

Darlene Miller	31 Mar
Jim Spencer	01 Apr
Linda Hanlon	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 Romankewicz	20 Apr
Jim Roberts	25 Apr
Bill Shumay	25 Apr
Sharon Veer	30 Apr
Donna Stinson	01 May
Ron Meyers	05 May
Lydia Gropp	06 May
Karen Voisin	07 May
Louise Walker	07 May
Kathleen Jacob	08 May
Robert Litowski	10 May
Phil Hall	12 May

Carol Siebert	13 May
Gloria Rissling	14 May
Kristine Snow	14 May
Jean Bue	15 May
Al Giesbrecht	15 May
Dennis Fox	23 May
Keith Ahrens	27 May
Joanne Heeg-Williams	28 May
Marilyn Wirsche	29 May
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	08 June
Mel Friesen	18 June
Gail Giesbrecht	19 June
Wayne Meyers	19 June
Dorlas Bratvold	20 June
Sharon Litowski	21 June
Jean Pearson	23 June
Zoria Shumay	29 June

**Sincere sympathy** to Colin Richert, family and friends on the passing of his mother, **Pearl**, and to family and friends on the passing of **Agatha Dyck**, and to family and friends on the passing of **Myrna Hayes**. God bless and comfort you at this sad time.

***Sincere Get WELL wishes to all who are facing health challenges at home or in the hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery.***

From the STS executive re the teachers' strike:  
Retired teachers can have a helpful impact in the process by signing up and participating in the STF's "Tell Them Tuesday" (Tell Them Tuesday) which will provide information, messaging and helpful links to utilize your voice in support of active teachers. Members are reminded that during STF sanctions they should not be backfilling duties in schools that are typically done by teachers during approved sanctions. This might include supervision or teaching duties that are normally performed by teachers.

**The Spring Fling April 11/24**  
**Experience the culinary skills of Chef Doug Lam of Casey's Dining Room as he demonstrates three Chinese specialties:**

**Stuffed Crab Claws, Dumplings, and Peking Duck.** You will have the opportunity to sample these Oriental Delights, and you may get a chance to help.

**Date:** April 11, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 pm Cash bar (wine and beer)

7:00 pm Demonstration and tastings

**Where?** Willow Creek Manor

(700 Aberdeen Street East)

**Cost:** \$ 15.00

**Contact** Jim Spencer

[spencerjim@hotmail.com](mailto:spencerjim@hotmail.com)

**Space is limited to 20 people so book early to guarantee a spot.**

Provincial STS AGM in Saskatoon- May 7, 8 & 9

Tuesday May 14- Truth and Reconciliation event- Living Sky Casino at 6:30

Musical Drama by the Strathmore High School of the life of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman, Siksika Nation. We learn of His experience with a residential school, reclaiming his life and becoming chief of his people.

Admission is free.

Thursday, May 16- Meeting at Casey's at 1:00.

Buffet lunch and our AGM

Thursday, June 13- June outing

Tentative destination Eastend

Teachers don't teach for the income. They teach for the outcome. Thanking all teachers for their hard work.

### SC Chapter STS Financial Report

2023-11-01 to 2024-02-15

Submitted by STS Treasurer, Gwen Uher

ACCOUNT	STARTING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash on Hand	\$110.00	\$0.00
Chequing	\$4,022.93	\$1,796.33
Member Rewards	\$20.03	\$22.25
Outstanding cheques	-\$380.00	-\$17.75
Savings	\$7,330.09	\$12,874.96
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$11,103.05</b>	<b>\$14,675.79</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dividends	\$0.61	
Interest Income	\$47.46	
Remembrance Day Ticket Sales	\$110.00	
STS Funding	\$3,784.00	
Christmas Party Ticket Sales & STS 50th Anniversary Grant	\$1,912.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,854.07</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Awards	\$68.84	
Gifts	\$40.00	
Remembrance Day	\$485.00	
Office Supplies	\$16.65	
Postage & Delivery	\$172.37	
Christmas Party	\$1,498.47	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,281.33</b>	

ONE BOOK, ONE PEN, ONE CHILD, AND ONE TEACHER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.