

In Touch

with the SWIFT CURRENT CHAPTER OF S.T.S
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President's Message May 2022

Spring showers have arrived, so yard work and gardening are moving forward. Spring seeding is well underway; here's hoping it is a good year.

Spring Fling was successful; those who attended reported a good time. It is hard to beat good people, food and entertainment. I do hope more of you will be joining us at our events in the future.

Thursday, May 19, we held our lunch and meeting at Casey's, then some of us went to the Garden of Eden. If you haven't been there before, it is worth the drive.

Please mark **Sunday, June 12** on your calendars as we will be celebrating our Chapter's 50th Anniversary. Doc's Town Tea Room is the place with the Doc's Town folks catering and Ken Friesen providing the entertainment.

May 11 and 12, your 7 delegates attended the virtual AGM. This event went along much better than last year. We are all getting used to planning and attending virtual meetings. We also had a pre-AGM meeting April 26, to discuss the financial resolution put forward by the executive, to save time on the virtual format. This certainly did provide background and clarity. The executive did a lot of work to address the resolutions from the previous year. It will be better when we can attend in person.

We elected a new Provincial President **Doug Steel** from Regina. The executive remains with the same people, different positions. A number of resolutions were discussed and most passed. Check the next **Outreach** for more details.

The current school year is coming to an end and, I look forward to having names of the new superannuates in the fall newsletter. Hopefully, we will meet some of them at our fall event, **To Heck with the Bell** in **SEPTEMBER**.

A group of us meet for coffee every Thursday morning. Starting in June, we will be meeting at the Chinook Golf Course deck at 10:00. Please come and join us.

Have a great summer and see you in September.

Gail Wesolowski,
President of the SWIFT CURRENT CHAPTER

NOMINATION REPORT – Shirley Dyck

After dealing with COVID the past two years it was a relief to have an in-person meeting on May 19th .

The following slate of offices was presented and accepted at this meeting. A huge "THANK YOU" to everyone that let their name stand for an office. We appreciate you very much.

The Present Executive:

President -	Gail Wesolowski
Vice President –	Idella Harder
Secretary –	Nancy BaumannWall
Treasurer –	Melvin Friesen
"In Touch" Editor -	L. A. Romankewicz
Communication Officer –	Lorne Uher
Website -	Jim Spencer
Constitution -	Wally Derkach
Activities Committee -	Patti Gatzke, Cindy Glenn- Schultz
Well-Being -	L. A. Romankewicz
Award of Distinction –	Shirley Dyck, Eileen Hartman, Loretta Romankewicz
Nominations-	Shirley Dyck

Patti's Page

SPRING FLING APRIL 21ST, 2022

FORTY-THREE of our local Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan members welcomed Spring on April 21st at the Elmwood Golf Club. A delicious supper was served, followed by a spring dessert of strawberry shortcake. We were then entertained by our local violinist Austin Castle accompanied by his mother Tracey Castle on the piano. They treated us to a wonderful array of classical and modern music. The 50/50 draw of sixty-two dollars was won by Mel Friesen. The door prizes were won by Pat Palmer, Kathy Worsley, Darwin Worsley, Wally Pearson, Lorne Uher, Beryl Robinson, Joan Foster, Les Harder, and Diane Miller.

AGM Report 2022

May 12 and 13 were the dates set for the second virtual Provincial AGM. Once again our delegate Mel Friesen sat at his home computer. Delegates Shirley Dyck and Wally Derkach had their home computer and phones ready. Delegates Nancy Bauman Wall, Idella Harder, Patti Gatzke, Leanna White and Gail Wesolowski sat at Gail's table with a couple of lap tops and their telephones ready. Due to unforeseen circumstances Leanna White replaced Patti Gatzke as a voting delegate.

The first day we heard greetings from the president Sunil Pandila, followed by Executive Secretary, Murray Wall, as he presented the new proposed ByLaw 4, to our financial Guidelines and Bylaws. The delegates had been presented with this financial proposal at a special meeting on April 26.

The proposed resolutions to STS, to Acer-Cart, and to the Provincial government were introduced. A change of a two minute time frame for speakers to state their opinions allowed the resolutions to advance smoothly.

On Thursday the AGM continued with the elections of the 2022-2023 STS executive. A new president was chosen, and a few changes of positions on the executive. Life time

HONORARY awards were presented to Fred Herron and Maxine Stinka for their years of dedication. All results for the resolutions and elections are posted on the Provincial Web site. www.sts.sk.ca

Our 50th Anniversary

Our **50th Anniversary** will be celebrated on Sunday, **June 12**, at **Doc's Town Tea House**. A cold plate lunch featuring their famous pie will be served at 1:00 pm. Ken Friesen and friends will entertain us. We will hear about our history, have our history on display, win door prizes, and have an opportunity to visit with old friends. Come and help us celebrate.

May Meeting 2022.

On Thursday May 19, fifteen STS members met at Casey's restaurant for a delicious lunch and meeting. A report on the highlights of the AGM was given by Patti, and Gail gave the review of the new financial by-laws. Our membership fee will remain at \$30. Door prizes were won by Constance More, and Patti Gatzke.

The highlights of the upcoming 50th Anniversary, were presented. A discussion followed on the details of the day.

Following the meeting a trip to the Garden of Eden greenhouse in Blumenhort took place for those interested. A beautiful display of greenery, flowers, shrubs, herbs, vegetables, trees and giftware were enjoyed and purchases made.

A smile is the shortest distance between 2 friends.



Please join us at the Doc's Town TEA ROOM AT 1:00 PM on **June 12th, 2022** as we celebrate the **50th**

anniversary of the SWIFT CURRENT CHAPTER of the Superannuated Teachers of SASKATCHEWAN. We will enjoy lunch served by the Doc's Town staff, hear some of our history and how our Chapter evolved in fifty years and enjoy the music of Ken Friesen and his pals.

I am proud to say that in 1972 it was through the diligence and hard work of some of the retired teachers in Swift Current that the ball got rolling about improving low pensions, forming our Chapter and being integral in forming a provincial body under whose mantle we are protected to this very day. EVERY YEAR SINCE 1973 WE HAVE HAD ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PROVINCIAL BOARD. Loretta

DO YOU REMEMBER THE ' **Okanagan Water and Wine TOUR**' THAT SOME OF YOU PLANNED TO ENJOY in 2020? It was cancelled due to Covid **BUT** it has been revived **September 19th to 29th, 2022**. Read on..... Some people had paid the non-refundable deposit and some the whole amount. The tour is going this year from September 19-29 and **the cost is \$1999.00**.

The contact and tour info can be found on the website: **getawayvacations.ca** Last time the trip was scheduled, if 20 people from the area agreed to attend, the bus would come to Swift Current, otherwise, we would need to meet the bus in Medicine Hat. Hopefully, we will have a group going. **Let Gail know if you are interested. 306-773-2112**

Have you ever wondered about the difference between school and life? School teaches you lessons and then gives you a test. Life gives you a test and you learn the lessons.

Would you like to have your name on the birthday list? Please phone Loretta at 306-773-5244 or email me at allorosa@sasktel.net. I have recently revised the birthday list to co-ordinate with the issue of In TOUCH. Spring: January, February, March; Summer: April, May, June; Fall: July, August, September, Winter: October, November, December; "Be a good listener. Your ears will never get you into trouble."

There's a big difference between giving up and starting over.
A friend is one who says nice things about you when you are not around.



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STS / SC CHAPTER FINANCIALS	
March 6 to May 15 / 2022	
(Mel Friesen, Treasurer)	
OPERATING ACCOUNT (March 6)	\$3 414.17
Income:	
Interest (March/April)	0.27
Spring Fling (April)	1 089.00
Total Income:	1 089.27
Expenses:	
InTouch Costs(postage/copy/envel)	201.53
Spring Fling	1 858.30
Postage (Executive mailout)	6.83
STS AGM Delegate Expenses)	123.13
Total Expenses:	2 189.79
*OPERATING ACCOUNT (May 15)	\$2 313.65
MEMBER REWARDS (March 6)	\$15.09
No activity this period	
*MEMBER REWARDS May 15)	\$15.09
SAVINGS ACCOUNT (March 6)	\$9 351.21
Credit: Interest (March/April)	3.28
*SAVINGS ACCOUNT (May 15)	\$9 354.49
*TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS (May 15)	\$11 683.23
EVENTS SUBSIDIZED BY SC CHAPTER	Amount
Spring Fling (April)	769.30

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ.

Health Spending Plan

The STS Provincial Executive authorized a \$250.00 Health Spending Account for Benefit Plan members. The account is available from July1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. Although the account can be spent over two years, medical bills dated up till June 30, 2022 **must be submitted** by June 30, 2022 to be included in the fiscal year. The remaining amount of the 250.00 will carry over to the next fiscal year. By June 2023, the money needs to be spent. It will not carry over and that will end the Health Spending Plan.

In order to claim the account on the Blue Cross form submitted with the receipts, check the box **Health Spending Account**.

If you have any questions you can contact me, Gail at 307-773-2112 or call the STS office at 306-373-3879.

Happy Birthday!

Eileen Hartman	01	July
Al Sigurdson	01	July
Margaret Monk	11	July
Marilyn King	23	July
Shirley Quintin	24	July
Leona Peters	27	July
Jacque Siemens	27	July
Russ Siemens	27	July
Dianne Miller	28	July
Phil Koethler	29	July
Lubie Bobick	30	July
Gayleen Turner	06	Aug
Vic Friesen	07	Aug
Jim Bobick	10	Aug
Donna Gillespie	12	Aug
Carol Toles	13	Aug
Sandra Glover	21	Aug
Ross Orth	21	Aug
David Stewardson	21	Aug
Ron Toles	21	Aug
Elayne Olson	31	Aug
Sue Waker	31	Aug
Bob Daintree	02	Sept
Beryl Robinson	02	Sept
Diane Sired	04	Sept
Ardelle Gorman	05	Sept
Carson Robinson	05	Sept
Marie Sommerfeld	08	Sept
Maxine Olmsted	14	Sept
Penny Edwards	18	Sept
Joyce Engen	20	Sept
Margaret Fehr	20	Sept
Darlene Patterson	21	Sept
Greg Brososky	25	Sept
Jackie Cameron	30	Sept

SINCERE SYMPATHY to Shirley Dyck on the passing of her brother, Wayne Duncan, and to the family and friends of Harry Wiebe who passed away.

Sincere get well wishes to all who have been ill at home or in the hospital. Be well and enjoy the summer.

