

In Touch with the Swift Current Chapter of STS

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Our PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a busy fall, and winter will be here soon. The Christmas Season is approaching, so please mark **Thursday, December 14 on your calendar and plan to attend the Christmas Social**. Also, mark April 11, 2024 as Gwen and Jim are planning a special event; details to follow.

Fall activities have gone well, starting with **"To hell with the Bell"**. It was very well attended and the Chinook staff cooked and served us an excellent breakfast. The golf went well with lots of smiles. Prizes were handed out at the conclusion. The Historical Downtown Walk was led by Corla, from the Swift Current Museum. It was an interesting walk, with local business people joining in and telling the history of their businesses.

In October, the **Regional Science Fair winner** presented her project and the trip to Nationals in Edmonton. Pizza and Caesar Salad were served and some of us went for ice cream after the event. Wally and Shirley represented the Chapter at the Provincial Kaiser Tournament in Bruno. A good time was reported.

Three of us attended **the Presidents' meeting** in Saskatoon. Many chapters were represented. The provincial executive has been very busy going through policy and guidelines of the organization. Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations are on-going. We have now received the grant money for our December meeting. A fun filled evening is being planned.

There is a new format for the provincial newsletter, The Outreach.. Be sure to

check it out on line or through the mail, however you receive it.

On November 9, Riley Sharp and Chris Garner presented a **Remembrance Day Presentation** at the Legion. Riley Sharp sent a thank you email on their behalf and gave his email address so people could get more information or share their story. sharpreiley@gmail.com.

On **November 11, a wreath was placed at the Cenotaph** representing the Swift Current Chapter.

Also **many of our Chapter volunteered for the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship**. It was a terrific event, Saskatchewan did win and fun was had by all.

The **Provincial STS AGM** will be May 7, 8, and 9 in Saskatoon. We can send 7 delegates, I do hope you will consider being one of them.

If you are not receiving chapter event emails please let me know, and we will try to rectify the situation.

We meet every Thursday morning at Springs Garden at 9:30 for coffee/brunch. Please feel free to join us.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gail Wesolowski



WELCOME to our Christmas Social

Thursday, December 14, 2023

At the Elmwood Golf Course Clubhouse
Social Hour starting at 5:00,

Dinner at 6:00 followed by entertainment
by Brad Mahon playing guitar

Cost \$ 25.00

Bring a donation for the SW Safe Shelter-
craft and art supplies.

RSVP to Gail by Thursday, Dec 7 at
wesolowskigail91@gmail.com or 306-
750-7223

Account Balances		
Date Range: 2023-08-17 to 2023-10-31		
Submitted by Gwen Uher, Treasurer		
	STARTING	ENDING
Assets	BALANCE	BALANCE
Cash on Hand	\$0.00	\$110.00
Chequing	\$4,804.02	\$4,289.20
Member Rewards	\$18.80	\$20.03
Outstanding Cheques	\$0.00	-\$266.27
Savings	\$7,285.81	\$7,318.92
Total Assets	\$12,108.63	\$11,471.88
Income		
Dividends	\$0.26	
Interest Income	\$34.76	
Member Programming	\$1,022.00	
Total Income	\$1,057.02	
Expenses		
Member Programming	\$1,427.50	
Website	\$266.27	
Total Expenses	\$1,693.77	

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"To handle yourself, use your head; to
handle others, use your heart."

'Hell with the Bell' was held on Thursday
September 7, at the Chinook Golf Course
Clubhouse. Sixty- two retired teachers and
guests enjoyed a served breakfast. We are
still ruled by the bell of sorts. We set our
alarm clocks to wake us earlier than usual,
Gail our chairperson checked her watch or
phone for 9:00 starting time, as well as
making sure the golfers were ready to golf
at 10:30, and the Walking Tour to begin at
11:00. Yes, we are still ruled by the "bell".
Pat Palmer was the lucky winner of one
hundred and fifteen dollars from our fifty/
fifty draw. Our door prize winners were:
Gaileen Turner, Diane Miller, Harvey
Engel, Maxine Olmstead, Colin Richert,
Connie More, Nancy Wall, and Ann
Stewardson. Congratulations to our new
Superannuates, that were able to attend,
Annette Klevgard, Teresa Ross, Tracy
Philip, Laura Cornelson, Karen Smith,
Ross Kuglin, and Terry Kelln. Set your
phones, clocks, calendars, for the Hell
with the Bell 2024.

The golf tournament following the
breakfast had three groups of
superannuated teachers participating.
Prizes were given out for the longest putt
won by Fred Heese, Garth Kane won for
the longest drive. The top four golfers
were: Garth Kane, Colin Richert, Cindy
Glenn Schultz, and Fred Heese. Everyone
who participated received a prize and most
participated in a game of trivia after their
golf game. Thanks to the following
sponsors: Innovation Credit Union, Stark
and Marsh, Sport Chek, Standard Motors,
and W.W.Smith Insurance.

The superannuates interested in the Swift
Current Museum Downtown Walking tour
met by the old Railway station. Carla
Rakochy, the Museum Education Co
Ordinator guided and shared historical
information about the downtown area.
Local business owners Katie Taylor and
Lawrence Carr joined the tour to share
their knowledge of the buildings and
previous businesses that resided there.
Both own buildings downtown and had

them restored. The tour went north on Central to the present Post Office then East to 2nd avenue North East and ended by the Credit Union. Locations of the old hockey arena, the first café, and where the first hospital was located were some examples of interest. Swift Current has many more historical buildings and sites for a possible future tour. All participating were very impressed and recommended the walking tour.
Submitted by Patti Gatzke, with help from Cindy, Gail, and Idella.

On Thursday October 12 a small number of superannuates met at the museum for a Pizza lunch, a short meeting, and a very inspiring presentation by Vaishu Bhathala a grade 11 student from the Composite High School. Mapalo Mushoriwa a grade 12 student was unable to attend. Both girls were winners at our Regional Science Fair and went to Ottawa this summer to compete in the Nationals. Vaishu won a silver medal for her development of the MONSTERMUNCH., a computer game that stresses Health Matters in children and the hopeful solution to Childhood Obesity. Her emphasis was that children ages 8-11 need to know the importance of good eating habits. She is a very knowledgeable young lady with a very promising future.
Submitted by Patti Gatzke.

November 2023 STS Happenings

On Thursday November 9,2023 a nice crowd attended our Remembrance Day recognition gathering. We were treated to an array of appetizers at around 3o'clock. Gail informed us of some upcoming events. Chris Garner and Riley Sharp, both teachers from the Swift Current Comprehensive High School gave a presentation on How they have incorporated the history of the Swift Current Regiment into their History classes. They have the students choose a soldier and encourage the students to find out as much as is possible about the

soldier. They emphasized why some joined the war, where they died as well as how these soldiers fought to help not only Canada, but the European countries that were under attack as well.
Our door prize winners were Linda Hawkins and Mel Friesen. Our fifty/fifty winner was Eileen Hartman.
Submitted by Patti Gatzke

Happy Birthday!

Wally Derkach	Jan 02
Jeanette Eckert	Jan 09
Edgar Siemens	Jan 10
Alice Baker	Jan 11
Brian Dunn	Jan 11
Peggy Melhoff	Jan 14
Jean Allen	Jan 16
Harold Little	Jan 19
Kathy Wasylowisch	Jan 23
Walter Pearson	Jan 27
Agatha Dyck	Jan 30
Sharon Pollock	Feb 04
Harold Thiessen	Feb 07
Lynn Niessen	Feb 08
Colin King	Feb 08
Vickie Woods	Feb 15
Cindy Glenn-Schultz	Feb 16
Pat Betthel	Feb 17
Vivian Dunn	Feb 17
Dianne Fox	Feb 23
Joan Kalmakoff	Mar 03
Emily Rempel	Mar 05
Pat Barbier	Mar 10
Idella Harder	Mar 10
Ralph Jacobsen	Mar 10
Sally Knelsen	Mar 11
Peggy Koethler	Mar 16
Audrey Yee	Mar 16
Hal Liick	Mar 18
Theresa Brost	Mar 19
Betty Campbell	Mar 19
Carol Ann Ebel	Mar 25
Doreen Roh	Mar 26
John Wasylowisch	Mar 26
Georgie Schryver	Mar 28
Bonnie Perree	Mar 31
Lottie Siemens	Mar 31

(If your birthday is not here, please tell Loretta 773-5244)

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OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES to:
Rosalie Flynn, family and friends on
the passing of her husband, Jerry
PETERS and to;
Joan Kalmakoff, family and friends
on the passing of her husband
,LAWRENCE KALMAKOFF. God
bless and comfort you.

.PLEASE consider being one of our
delegates at the STS PROVINCIAL
AGM on MAY 7, 8, AND 9, 2024 in
Saskatoon.

Executive Notes

Presidents will find attached the
communications from the October
Provincial Executive meeting called
Executive Notes. With the refreshed
Outreach magazine having more general
interest articles, communications and
updates from STS Provincial Committees
will occur via this *Executive Notes*
email. This will also enable us to
communicate information from the
Executive meetings in more timely
way. The *Executive Notes* are intended to
be sent out about a week or 10 days after
Executive meetings.

We are requesting that Chapter
Presidents assist in distributing this
email publication by sending it out to
your membership through your
Chapter email networks. In this way we
should experience a wide distribution to
the membership. Thank you so much for
your assistance!

STS Sanctions Vote *****

As a local association of the Saskatchewan
Teachers Federation, the STS supports the
efforts of the STF in securing for teachers
a new Provincial Collective Bargaining

Agreement that affirms the worth of
teachers. As such, superannuated teachers
are encouraged to support and encourage
our active teacher colleagues during this
challenging time, but STS members
should also ensure they don't
undermine the collective bargaining
process should any sanctions be taken
by the STF. Superannuates should be
sure not to provide any services during
sanctions that would otherwise be
normally provided by active teachers.

WORDS with a new definition.

ADULT

A person who has stopped growing
at both ends and is now growing in
the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOUR.

A place where women curl up and
dye.

CHICKENS.

The only animals you eat before
they are born and after they are
dead.

COMMITTEE.

A body that keeps minutes and
wastes hours.

DUST.

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST.

Someone who is usually me-deep in
conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF.

Cold Storage.

INFLATION.

Cutting money in half without
damaging the paper .

MOSQUITO.

An insect that makes you like flies
better.

RAISIN.

A grape with a sunburn. .

TOOTHACHE.

The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW.

One of the greatest Labor saving
devices

