



TISDALE CHAPTER OF STS



September 4, 2012

President's Message

Summer seems to turn to fall suddenly on August first – shorter evenings, cooler nights - but this summer we have had our fair share of beautiful days interspersed with rainy evenings...or that is my impression. I've spent most of the summer in a dizzying triangle of looking after lawns and gardens and dogs - in three different places. Summer has passed so quickly. Summer is also a time for travelling and families coming to visit. And amidst the happiness of summer reconnections with family and friends, we, as retired teachers of the former Tisdale School Division, have experienced the sorrow of losing former colleagues Jim Weseen, and Joyce Thurston. We will miss them.

But we have so much to look forward to this fall and winter. I guess the first is the longer summer - more time before the start of school for teachers – which means that “To Hell with the Bell”, our first celebration of the STS year, falls in September rather than August. As a student I used to savor our last family trip to the lake at the end of August and through Labour Day. As a teacher, school always started in August, and now history is revisiting itself. I'm sorry I will not be at the golf course for “To hell with the bell”; my plans to see Newfoundland pre-dated Premier Wall's announcement of the “new” school start. My thanks go to the rest of the executive, Maureen Donald, vice-president, Darlene McCullough, secretary-treasurer, and Bob Donnan, past president, for “subbing” in my absence. They also kept all of you informed of our losses through the summer, and I am extremely grateful for their actions while I was in B.C. visiting grandchildren.

Other special events happening this year include lunch with the new STS president, Robert Wuschenny, and our annual Christmas party in Melfort with the Melfort (Carrot River Valley) retired teachers. Like last year, this party will be catered, so start thinking now about making it a priority. The date and price will be announced in another couple of months. A highlight of the year comes in February when we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Tisdale Chapter of the STS, with special guests, lots of memorabilia and of course, cake. And don't forget to come out to enjoy the outings in September and June. We usually car pool, and each pay our driver five dollars to help defray gas costs.

We always welcome newly-retired teachers to our ranks, and for anyone new, or anyone who appreciates the reminder, we usually meet the third Monday of the month, July and August excepted. A week before each meeting, I will try to get out

the email reminder, and our capable phoners, Doreen Bush and Karen Scammell will catch those without email.

There are so many exciting things to do. Our meetings and get-togethers provide an opportunity to chat and share experiences, just like we used to in the staff rooms of our schools. I encourage you to join in the fun.

Deanna Gruending

Our Tentative Outline for the 2012/2013 Year

September 4 - THWTB breakfast at the Riverside Golf Course in Tisdale

September 17 - A fall outing - lunch at a new restaurant in Nipawin

October 15 - Lunch with STS president Robert Wuschenny at Mr. Ribs in the Tisdale Mall. There will be a report on provincial STS activities and presentation of chapter membership awards.

November 19 - Regular meeting.

December - Catered Christmas lunch with Melfort Chapter in Melfort.

January 21 - Regular meeting and a chance to visit over coffee and treats.

February 18 - 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Tisdale Chapter of STS - big Celebration with invited guests and a special program to mark the occasion - an event you won't want to be miss!

March 18 - Regular meeting and perhaps a presentation - to be arranged.

April 18 - Meeting to discuss AGM resolutions and receive charitable donations.

May 20 - AGM reports and election of officers.

June 18 - Spring outing - to be announced.

No Longer With Us

Our condolences go to the families of our STS colleagues who are no longer with us: **Eileen Norby** (member of Tisdale Chapter), **Mae Moritz** (member of Tisdale Chapter), **Jim Weseen** (long time teacher at TUCS), **Jim Rooke** (husband of Tisdale Chapter member Leila Rooke) **Joyce Thurston** (member of Tisdale Chapter, and wife of Tisdale Chapter member Ken Thurston) and **Mel McCorrison** (husband of our provincial executive liaison Kate McCorrison).

It is the policy of our chapter that when a chapter member passes on we make a \$25 donation to the Tisdale Hospital.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST YEAR

To Hell With the Bell - 53 members and 10 guests met at the Riverside Golf Course for our breakfast gathering and distribution of the chapter newsletters.

September Outing - 20 members and friends enjoyed a lunch at The Bear's Den in Gronlid followed by a tour of the Outerbanks Vacation Chalets with Annchen Bodenstab as our guide.

October - Provincial STS President, Margaret Martin was



Membership award winners plus some from previous years

guest speaker at a lunch meeting at Mr. Ribs. 10 year pens were earned by Dorraine Hayward, Richard Hildebrand, Darlene McRae-Hunt., Randy Bergman and Uffe Vors. 20 year key fobs were earned by Jim Billy, Helen Clarke, Bob Donnan, Val Furber, June Stacey, Harry Bourne, Freda Schneidar and Eileen Norby.

November – Some members attended the funeral of Eileen Norby on Nov. 5. Vice-President Deanna Gruending attended the Presidents' Meeting in Saskatoon. At the regular monthly meeting final decisions were made regarding the Christmas Social. Entries for the Legion Remembrance Day contests were judged.

December – Melfort and District Chapter joined us to enjoy a catered turkey dinner with over 70 STS members present. Thanks to the members who provided the entertainment of skits and singing and those who helped with the set up and putting away of tables and chairs.

January – Provincial executive liaison, Kate McCorrison shared news with us and invited us to join the Nipawin Chapter for a fish fry in June.

February – We first met at Mr. Ribs for lunch and then went to Darlene McCullough's home to view her slide show of her recent trip to Russia. She shared many interesting facts and we viewed the souvenirs that she had brought back with her. Lunch was prepared and served to the residents of New Market Manor for their Birthday Tea. Member Mae Moritz passed away on Feb 28 in Vernon, BC.

March - \$400 was donated to the Aid to Central America project with other donations from members. Plans were made for the 30th Anniversary of Tisdale Chapter. A tea will be held in the Anglican Church hall on Feb 18. AGM delegates selected were Deanna Gruending, Bob Donnan and Darlene McCullough. Members Helen Clarke, Peggy Looby and Muriel Popp shared some of their writings with us.

April – Discussion centered on the proposed provincial budget and the resolutions to be voted on at the AGM. Donations were made to the TMSS Scholarship Fund. Jeanette Larsen reported a successful Birthday Tea served to Sasko Park residents.

May - AGM delegates reported on the AGM. Chapter officers for the coming year were elected. Plans were made for attending the fish fry in Nipawin on June 21.

June Outing – Our first stop was at Pasquia Park Interpretive Centre where we viewed the bone structure of

"Big Bert", the crocodile-like creature whose bones were excavated from the bank of the Carrot River about 5 km from the park. After viewing the DVD



At the Nipawin Chapter Fish Fry

about the discovery and excavation and enjoying some ice cream we were off to Tobin Lake for the fish fry hosted by the Nipawin Chapter. Again, a job well done!!! Delicious food, some entertainment and the handing out of awards from the Fishing Derby brought the evening to a close.

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Christmas Social – *Carrot River Valley (Melfort and District) Chapter will be hosting this year*



Incoming president Deanna Gruending receives the Bell and Briefcase from outgoing president Bob Donnan

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Chapter Rebates - \$8 per member x 101 = \$808

Lunch money donations – about \$20 each meeting held in the Church Hall

Interest - about \$.20 a month

Expenditures

Newsletters and postage – about \$125

Rental of Anglican Church Hall - \$35 per meeting = \$175

Charitable Donations - Aid to Central America = \$400

Christmas Social - \$76

Cards and Postage – as required

Memorial Donations - \$25 each

Gift of Honey for Provincial President - \$16

Cheques - \$3 per cheque used

Bank Balance \$1437.70

Cash on hand \$ 169.80

Total \$1,607.50

Note: This year we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of our chapter so there will be some expense involved with this.

Aid to Central America Donation

In our continuing aim of “teachers helping teachers” Tisdale Chapter has made a contribution for the past few years to a project in Central America. Most of our funds have gone into the building and furnishing of a school in La Loma which is in rural El Salvador. The village is very isolated, but has many children who need and want to be educated. The rest of our donation has gone toward aiding a student, the first from his rural area to attend university, to continue with his degree program.

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At the Outerbanks Annchen Bodenstab explains features and history to some of our members



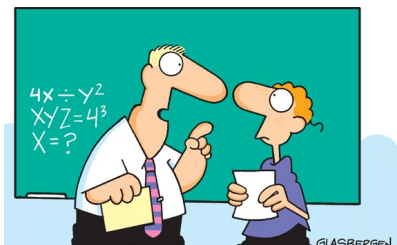
TUCS Colleagues meet at THWTB breakfast



Christmas Social with Melfort Chapter



Decorating the Christmas Tree



"Algebra will be important to you later in life because there's going to be a test six weeks from now!"

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

Henry Ford

