



TISDALE CHAPTER OF STS



September 2, 2014

President's Message

Welcome fellow STS members. Isn't it amazing how fast the summer goes by? In spite of some early rains the summer was mostly sunny and warm and wonderful! Here we are beginning a new year of STS activities!

Welcome to all new members! We encourage newly retired teachers to join the STS. It gives much greater clout to any requests we make when we can make them on behalf of 10,300+ retired teachers!

Because so many holidays land on Monday we are changing our monthly meeting date to every third TUESDAY this fall and we hope to see many new faces gather with us! Our meetings are informative and usually quite short and then we enjoy visiting over a lunch. Each fall and spring we go for an adventure of one kind or another, but always including food!

Have you checked out the new local STS website created and hosted by Tim Shire? The website is www.sknews.ca/tisdale_districts It includes our Tisdale School Division School Districts History Book and reports and photos of our meetings. We plan to attempt a new project this year to follow the Schools History Book. This is to be a collection of individual teacher's histories which may some day be published or may be kept in our archives. A format will be available on request. We hope you will want to participate.

I wish to thank our past president, Deanna Gruending and sincerely wish her well as she cares for her family out west, to our faithful secretary-treasurer, Darlene McCullough, for her continued support and direction, to Tim Shire for all the work to put our School Districts History Book online and give us a presence on the web, to Bob Donnan for the very professional job he does on this newsletter, and to all the members who give of their time and energy to serve on committees and attend meetings.

Outline for the 2014/15 Year

Tuesday, September 2 - 9:00 AM - THWTB - our traditional breakfast at the Riverside Golf course in Tisdale

Tuesday, September 16 - Trip to Creekside Orchards for lunch

Monday, October 20 - Lunch with the STS president and the presentation of membership awards

Tuesday, November 18 - 1:30 PM - Regular meeting with a guest presenter

Wednesday, December 3 - Noon - Annual Christmas Party hosted by the Melfort Chapter at All Saints Anglican Church

Tuesday, January 20 - Regular meeting and a *Virtual Tour* of Maui, Hawaii with Darlene McCullough

Tuesday, February 17 - Regular meeting with lunch at a local restaurant - Charitable Donations collected - (Also, in February, STS hosts the *BirthDay Tea* at New Market Manor)

Tuesday, March 17 - Regular meeting, selection of AGM delegates and donations to the *TMSS Scholarship Fund*

Tuesday, April 21 - Breakfast meeting at a Tisdale restaurant, election of officers for 2015-2016, and discussion of AGM resolutions

Tuesday, May 19? (*Depends on AGM date*) - Regular meeting with reports from the AGM - (Also, in May, STS hosts the *BirthDay Tea* at Sasko Park Lodge)

Tuesday, June 16 - A June Outing - TBA



Outgoing President Deanna passes the bell to new president Maureen

Best wishes, Maureen Donald

Highlights of Last Year

To Hell With the Bell - We met at the Riverside Golf Course for our breakfast gathering and distribution of the yearly chapter newsletters and STS diaries. Special welcome to new members Darlene Leroux, Jack Fulton, and Wilma McKie.

September Outing - Members and friends enjoyed a homemade German meal at Oma's Kitchen, south of Star City. The country setting and the tour of their log home greatly added to our enjoyment.



October - Provincial STS President, Robert Wuschenny of Regina, was guest speaker at a pizza lunch meeting held in the Anglican Church Hall.

November - Darlene reported on the presidents' meeting held in Saskatoon. Entries for the Legion Remembrance Day contests have been judged. Plans were made for the Christmas Social.

December - Melfort and District Chapter joined us for the Christmas Social to enjoy a catered turkey dinner



and an afternoon of fun, band music, carol singing and fellowship.

January - Bob Donnan took us on a tour of London, Bath, Edinburgh and Dublin as he shared the outstanding photos he took on this tour,

February - A resolution regarding chapter visits by the provincial president was submitted to the provincial STS. We viewed the 40th Anniversary of the STS CD as well as the one of the Past Presidents and Honorary Life Members. We supplied the lunch for the new Market Birthday Tea.

March - AGM delegates selected were Deanna Gruending, Maureen Donald and Darlene McCullough. Provincial Liaison, Kate McCorrison, submitted a written report. Darlene McCullough shared her photos of her travel in three ports along the west coast of Mexico and of San Diego.

April - Discussion centered on the proposed provincial budget and the resolutions to be voted on at the AGM. Donations were made to Aid to Central America and to the TMSS Scholarship Fund.

May - AGM delegates reported on the AGM. Election of chapter officers was held and volunteers were welcomed as committee heads.



In May we also hosted the Birthday Tea at Sasko Park.

June Outing - Our first stop was at Cooney's on First for lunch in Nipawin. From there we drove to the Living Forestry Museum which includes a church, two homes, a trapper's cabin, blacksmith shop, shingle mill, planning mill, a train station, with CPR rail cars, clay ovens, two multi-grade schools, as well as the main museum containing many displays and artifacts.



STS members visit Living Forestry Museum

In Memoriam

We also attended the funerals of four of our members this year: Karen Scammell, Larry McCorrison, Cyril Lacey and Marion Fargay. We will miss them. We made a donation to the Tisdale Hospital in memory of each of them.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

- Chapter Rebates - \$8 per member x 102 = \$816
- Lunch money donations – about \$15 - \$20 each meeting held in the Church Hall
- Interest - about \$.20 a month

Expenditures

- Newsletters, envelopes and postage – about \$145
- Rental of Anglican Church Hall - \$40 x 7 = \$280
- Charitable Donation-Aid to Central America = \$400
- Cards and Postage – as required
- Memorial Donations - \$25 x 4 = \$100
- Gift of Honey for Provincial President - \$16
- Meal paid for Prov. Pres. – \$8
- Pizza Party – **DEFICIT \$4**
- Christmas social – **DEFICIT \$216**
- Cheques - \$3 for each one used

	Last Year	This Year
Bank Balance	\$1109.71	\$910.10
Cash on Hand	\$186.37	\$110.10
Total	\$1296.08	\$1020.20

Notes:

- Anglican Church hall rental is now \$40.
- Christmas Social – caterer told us price of meal would be \$12 but billed us at \$13 a person. No extra money was collected for hall rental of \$150 and entertainment at \$60.
- Is it time to increase our memorial donations?

Charitable Donation - 2014

For the past few years our donation has gone toward the building and operation costs for a school in La Loma, El Salvador. Since that school is now operational, and the need is greater elsewhere, we have been asked to switch our donation to the poor areas of Nicaragua, or Nica as it becomes known to all who visit and help there. The work is coordinated through the Casa Canadiense, the Canadian Casa and the Nica Casa. Miriam Spennath, our contact, has stayed at the Casa Nica a number of times and knows very well the conditions in that area. People are living on the dump for survival. Education and health seem to be at the bottom of the line so our money would be put to good use to provide education for students who do not have the opportunity for that now. Miriam has also requested a couple of photos of this area and of the school that our donations will be aiding. She is hoping to return to Central America one more time to check out their partners and projects there. If this happens, she will certainly bring back photos for us.

Darlene McCullough

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Some thoughts from the editor:

Our teacher colleagues seem to be going through some difficult times just now:

- they are going back to work this fall without a negotiated new collective agreement.
- there seem to be concerns about the Saskatchewan Teachers' Retirement Plan (STRP)
- the move in August by the STF executive to strip elected STF president Colin Keess of his responsibilities
- the pending action by the provincial government to change the disciplinary process for STF members

With these concerns hanging over their heads, Saskatchewan teachers have some distractions that will make a challenging job even more difficult. So let us look for opportunities to express our support. For more information on these and other issues that impact teacher's professional lives see the STF web site at www.stf.sk.ca

Bob Donnan



Christmas Lunch with the Melfort Chapter



STS members gather for lunch at Oma's unique log house



Berga Kaltenbach "Oma" shows her outdoor oven to Deanna and Maureen



Lunch at Cooney's on First - June outing