

TISDALE CHAPTER OF STS September 1, 2015



President's Message

Welcome to a new school year!

Summers always speed past much faster than winters, it seems. Although I enjoy the "summer holidays" I still become excited when I walk into a store and see all the new school supplies! It always feels like a new beginning.

A special welcome to the new superannuates /retirees! Cynthia Wright-Fulton, Sheri Gerwing, Helen Gress and any others we haven't heard about. We hope you will join our organization representing more than 10,000 retired teachers in Saskatchewan and other retired teachers across Canada through the Canadian Association of Retired Teachers to which, through the STS, you will also belong.

The Tisdale Chapter of the STS meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM, (unless otherwise noted). We contribute to worthy causes and enjoy activities and outings with fellow retired teachers. A tentative outline of events is included in this newsletter.

If you have any suggestions by which we can enhance our chapter activities please discuss them with the executive members. Our executive has been recycled so many times that we are worn out! Please consider helping out, perhaps taking on a small job.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kate McCorristan, our STS liason for the past few years, in her struggle for good health.

Thank you to all the members who do such a dedicated job keeping our group active.

Best wishes for a great year. Maureen Donald



THWTB breakfast 2014

Outline for the 2015/16 Year

- September 1 To Hell With The Bell breakfast- 9:00 AM - Tisdale Golf Club - main floor.
- October 19 (*Please note: it is on a Monday*) Provincial president's lunch and presentation of Chapter awards.
- November 10 Regular Meeting plan Christmas social

December 1 (*Please note: first Tuesday*) Christmas Social with Melfort Chapter - held in Tisdale

- January 12 Regular Meeting Speaker to be announced
- February 9 Restaurant lunch charitable donations
- March 8 Regular Meeting STS AGM delegates will be selected
- April 12Regular Meeting election of officers
and discussion of AGM resolutions
- May 17 Regular Meeting with AGM reports
- **May (18?)** NewMarket Place birthday tea
- June 14 Outing to the Tisdale Museum? And lunch



Checking out the Tomatoes at Star City Colony



At Creekside Orchard

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 to those members who do not have e-mail access and the STS diaries to those members who had requested these.



September Outing - Members and friends enjoyed a drive to Creekside Orchard in Melfort. Imogene, the owner, prepared a homemade lunch of soup, sandwiches, and desserts made from the fruit grown on the orchard. After lunch she gave us a guided tour around the orchard.

October - Provincial STS President, Doug Haroldson of Maple Creek, was guest speaker at a pizza lunch meeting held in the Anglican Church Hall.



He updated us on provincial matters and presented Muriel Popp with her key fob for 20 years of membership in the chapter.

November – Maureen reported on the presidents' meeting held in Saskatoon. Acer/Cart requested that we submit a list of our concerns so these could be presented to the candidates running in the upcoming federal election. Our list covered a National Drug Plan, equality of education for First Nations students, housing for seniors, and long term care for seniors. Netha Parmentier volunteered to donate a quilt for the auction at the AGM to raise funds for the McDowell Foundation. Entries for the Legion Remembrance Day contests have been judged.

December – Melfort and District Chapter hosted the

Christmas Social where we enjoyed a catered turkey dinner and an afternoon of carol singing and fellowship.

January – Maureen suggested that we write and hand in to



her our career biographies and distributed an outline for this. Tim Shire has posted one yearbook on the web site and will

post any others that are submitted. Tim and Judy Shire shared their photos taken at the Indigenous Games in Regina showing a lot of determined athletes having fun.

February – We met at Caleb Village for lunch with the residents there and then enjoyed a presentation about Caleb Village followed by a tour of some of the suites. Birthday tea was prepared and served to the

residents of New Market Place.

March - We had changed our memorial donation to \$50 so this amount was donated to the Tisdale Hospital in memory of member Anne McIntosh. Darlene McCullough shared her photos of her travel in Maui, Hawaii with lots of souvenirs to see as well.



April – Members met for breakfast at

Calista's Restaurant. Discussion centered on the resolutions and proposed budget to be voted on at the AGM. Donations were made to Aid to Central America to support a school in Nicaragua and to the TMSS Scholarship Fund. Delegates to attend the AGM will be Maureen Donald, Darlene McCullough and Suzanne Thesen. Election of officers for the coming year took place.

May - AGM delegates reported on the AGM. We also hosted the Birthday Tea at New Market Place.

June Outing – Our first stop was for lunch at Calista's Restaurant. Then we car pooled for the drive to the Star City Hutterite Colony for the tour of their various enterprises.



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<u>In Memoriam</u> We made a donation to the Tisdale Hospital in memory of Anne McIntosh.

🖙 A plea for help! 🖘

Future Chapter Officers Required

Our STS Chapter is experiencing a leadership crises. Presidents have been recycled several times and the current or recent presidents are unwilling to serve beyond the current year. I have been Secretary-Treasurer for twenty plus years and I do not want to continue in this position.

Therefore, we need volunteers to step forward and assume these positions next year. By doing so now, members would get a chance to learn what these positions entail so that they are prepared for next fall. Some suggestions are: we lighten the load of president by having a *program convener* who would look after the arrangements for the outings and a couple of programs during the year, the secretary-treasurer position could be separated into two parts - *secretary* and *treasurer*. To further separate some of these duties we could have a person in charge of the *lunch supplies*, a person in charge of keeping track of the awards, and a person in charge of charitable donations. We could also set a duration of each term - say two or three years (although extending the time could be an option) so that members would not feel that they were committed to a position for life. If we had more volunteers, then no job would be too arduous. Thanks to Audrey Adelman who has already volunteered to look after the Chapter Archives, one of the additional things that I have been responsible for.

Please give this your consideration. If more of our members are willing help out it won't be a big chore for anyone and our chapter can continue to be one of the most active chapters in the STS.

Please contact Maureen or Darlene if you are willing to help.୍ରଙ୍ଗ

Darlene McCullough

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Chapter Rebates - \$8 per member x 104 = \$832 Lunch money donations – about \$15 - \$18 each meeting held in the Church Hall Interest - about \$.10 a month Profit from Pizza with the President - \$160

Expenditures

Newsletters, envelopes and postage – about \$70 Rental of Anglican Church Hall - \$40 x 5 = \$200 Donation to build a school in Nicaragua = \$400 Cards and Postage – as required Memorial Donations - \$50 x 1 = \$50 Gift of Honey for Provincial President - \$8 Meals paid for Prov. Pres. and his wife – \$20

Meals paid for Prov. Pres. and his wife – \$20 Cheques - \$3 for each one used Lunch supplies - as required

	Last Year	This Year
Bank Balance	\$910.10	\$1088.36
Cash on Hand	\$110.10	\$204.90
Total	\$1020.20	\$1293.26

*Note: Extra expenses for this coming year

our turn to host the Christmas Social we purchased a supply of awards to have on hand

• Thanks to Jeanette Larsen and Lillian Abrahamson for donating the strawberries and ice cream for the Birthday Teas at New Market Place and thanks to the members who donate the cakes and prepare and serve the lunch to the residents.



Lunch at Caleb Village - February 17/15



The calf barn at Star City Colony



Muriel and Melody receive awards

Not quite the last rose of summer, 9 hope, but with school starting we know fall is here and this past summer will be but memories and a few pictures. Bob

