

STS, REGINA CHAPTER MARCH 2021 ANNOUNCEMENTS



While the image at left is not quite accurate for the position of the Earth in March, there is no doubt that sunlight hours are getting longer. Spring is a time of renewal after the colder months; this year, there is also growing excitement around a transition to a post-COVID world. We all look forward to more social contact later in 2021. In the meantime, I hope everyone can remain safe and healthy.

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COVID-19 VACCINE ROLLOUT

This past week I have had a number of conversations with members who have shared their experiences with registering for the COVID-19 vaccine.

There are two options to book an appointment. You can call 1-833-SASKVAX (1-833-727-5829). Or you can book online by going to www.saskatchewan.ca. Once you are on the site, there is a banner at the top of the page regarding "Latest Information on COVID-19." Access by clicking on the 'Learn More' link and another link will show up entitled, "Appointment Bookings." You can then select the "Booking Online" feature. The text seems to change daily but is essentially the same.

Regardless of which option you use, please make sure of your eligibility by age. If your age band is eligible, you will be asked for a first and last name, date of birth, health card number, and where it applies, an email address or phone number that can receive text messages.

The members whom I have chatted with indicate that the system seems to be working quite well. If you are booking by phone, you may find yourself in a cue, but it is possible to leave a call back number if

you cannot or do not want to hold, as the wait time may be several hours. One person mentioned that at 8:05 a.m. she was already 1,325th in the cue, but by leaving their call back information, they secured an appointment once the call was returned early in the afternoon. It is also possible to book for another person if you have their information. It is not possible to book for more than person at a time according to the people I spoke with as some of them had to start over again to book for a family member.

STS Regina Website

Our Chapter website at stsregina.com is serving us extremely well during this time of social distancing. It is serving as a gateway for information on a variety of topics.

Each month we are adding a selection of captioned photographs featuring the people, places and events from our Chapter history. So far, 45 images are online, and many more will be posted to the end of the year. Historic summaries of our first three decades are online with the two final postings set for April and May. You can access by clicking on the "50th Anniversary" tab.

As well, there is an excellent summary of the member survey completed in January, with feedback from many members. Click on the "Advocacy Survey Results" tab to access.