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SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION

THE

SPECIAL ISSUE

ADVISOR

POSITIVE AGING – SRA MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

SRA members have participated in surveys in 2017 and 2019 to provide feedback to your Board of Directors about issues that matter to you. In both surveys, over 800 members responded, representing about 22% of our membership. The 2019 survey was part of the feedback provided to SSM (Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism). As a member organization of SSM, the SRA contributed both survey feedback and financial support to assist in the completion of a major research project focused on the need for a comprehensive plan for positive aging in Saskatchewan.

In the previous surveys, you told us that you saw a greater advocacy role for the SRA in representing the needs and interests of members. You have also indicated that issues related to rural transportation, affordable housing, access to service in your communities, financial security, community participation and personal safety continue to be important.

The SRA Board developed an action plan that included more member engagement and a more active role to represent your views and needs to decision makers and key stakeholders.

With the appointment of a Minister Responsible for Seniors, the provincial government has taken an important first step towards increasing the priority and attention being given to older adults in Saskatchewan.

Through our participation with the SSM, we will be part of the 100,000 voices asking the government to continue to show leadership by building capacity around the new Ministry so that older adults have a real voice in the development of future public policy.

During 2020, the SRA Board has agreed to continue to keep our members updated on developments focused on positive aging.



POSITIVE AGING – CALL TO ACTION

As the action plan to support the “positive aging” strategy moves into action, the SRA Board will provide background information and support documents on the various topics identified through the surveys.

With the information, we will plan north-south member meetings to discuss action steps and to seek your involvement.

The types of actions that we are asking you to assist with include:

- Meeting with your local MLA
- Letter writing to the new Minister Responsible for Seniors
- Seeking opportunities to talk to local candidates for the 2020 election
- Hosting a local/regional “town hall” session to provide information about positive aging
- Talking to local media/weekly newspapers to keep the issues top of mind

We are also open to your ideas as to what else can be effective in advocating for “positive aging” across Saskatchewan. Your ideas will be welcomed at info@saskretirees.org or by voice mail at 306-584-5552.

For more information on the “Strategizing for Positive Aging” research and direction, the reports are available on the SSM website at www.skseniorsmechanism.ca.

We are looking forward to hearing from you with your ideas/suggestions and comments over the next while.

Warmest regards,



Randy Dove
President on behalf of the
SRA Board of Directors



MEMBER COMMENTS

Have a question? Suggestion? Need Information?

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