



President's Message – October 2013

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One good thing about living in Canada is that we sure cannot confuse the seasons. No sooner has September arrived and down goes the temperature. Some of our Zones and Clubs close for the summer, others have shortened activities. Now we are all back to enjoy all the activities and friendships that keep us active and healthy.

Following our very successful August Convention and all conventions, according to Section 7 of our constitution and by-laws, the president has to prepare a brief, based on the resolutions, passed at the annual convention. We have prepared the brief, with the help of the office staff, all the resolutions approved at the convention, that have Provincial jurisdiction, some 60 in total, in accordance with our constitution. By the time you read this, the provincial government should be in possession of our brief.

20 resolutions that are of a federal jurisdiction, were presented at the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation convention in Windsor, September 25th to 27th, 2013. Thank you to all our clubs and Zones for their efforts in this area. Thanks to the resolution committee chaired by Peggy Hawthorn, for all their preparatory work.

Recently, following the news, you may have seen or heard, regarding an 80 year old senior tasered in Mississauga, the C.B.C. contacted me for a U.S.C.O. comment on this incident. I expressed our horror that a citizen that age and suffering from dementia would have this kind of response to the incident, irrespective of her being alleged to have a knife in her possession. Further, I remarked that this again is a classic case of Elder Abuse. The lady was hospitalized, with a fractured hip, having fallen after being tasered. Our thoughts and concerns are with this senior.

Happy Thanksgiving to all, in spite of the issues we are propagating for change, we still live in ONE OF THE BEST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. For this we thank our Vets and those who served this country in war, who are no longer with us and for all those protecting our borders. We will remember them all, November 11th.

A colleague of mine always ends her emails thus:

Live Well, Love Much, Laugh Often

Bernard