



President's Message – January 2015

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Happy 2015.

As all of us face the beginnings of another year, many of the issues we seniors face are old and longtime in being remedied.

At our annual conventions, a high percentage of the same resolutions are brought to the floor, year after year, as it appears little or nothing is being done to fix these concerns of ours.

There is never enough money for seniors to receive a decent increase in their monthly pensions, yet, as I have said before, it never ceases to amaze me how at the drop of a hat, hundreds of millions of dollars are found to send out of the country. Money going to all parts of the world. One could write a book of all the wrongs that should be righted as far as seniors are concerned.

During mid November, I met with the policy advisor for Minister of Seniors, Mario Sergio. We discussed the raising of the UN flag at Queens Park, October 01, 2015, to celebrate the UN's International Day Of Older Adults.

The U.S.C.O. was requested to promote this idea, as such an event has to come from a non-government agency or group. We also talked

about Seniors Day at Queens Park, the first and only one held was in June 2013.

The Community Grant will be reintroduced in early 2015 and we were asked to ensure our members, clubs and affiliates are made aware of this grant.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff, I wish all our members a healthy, safe and fun filled 2015.



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