



President's Message – May 2015

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At a previous Ontario Senior Secretariat Committee Meeting, Vice President Gerry Graham and I pursued the possibility of having the UN Flag raised at the Legislature, October 01, 2015, to celebrate the UN's International Day Of Older Adults, on this date.

We had both, the OSS and the Minister for Seniors office pursue this request. Recently we were informed that this date coincides with China's National Day Of Independence and for the past 10 years or more their flag was raised on this day at the Legislature. A bit disappointing, but this does not prevent our clubs and groups from approaching their towns and cities to have the U.N. flag raised at city halls all over the province October 01.

Seniors have contributed in so many ways, some making the ultimate sacrifice (giving their lives) to make this world a safer and better world for all to live in. A good day to celebrate.

A recent report in the Toronto Star highlighted Premier Kathleen Wynne's proposed action regarding hospital parking fees. The premier mentions recent discussions with the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)

Exactly a year ago, I had discussions with the OHA and a report appeared in our June 2014 *Voice*. I want to emphasize that the USCO will continue to pressure the Government and all concerned for complete elimination of all parking fees at hospitals. As mentioned in the Canadian Medical Journal, these charges are tantamount to "user fees."

You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream.

C.S.Lewis





On a recent visit to Club #101, Port Perry, Bernard spoke to the members about what the USCO does and means to our members, and the role they play, within the Organization. At the conclusion of a lively Q & A session, we presented the clubs President Rita Gaia, with a USCO Flag, to show our appreciation of their 5 decades of membership.