



President's Message – August 2015

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Our June *Voice Newsletter* issue was the last before our annual convention in August. We do not print *The Voice* in July or August. While it is not customary for the President to write a message for the *Voice* during the "summer break" it has been requested that I break with tradition and post this special edition message to our website, and to our new Facebook page to keep our members informed leading up to the Convention.

Many of our affiliated clubs and groups take a break in July and August, however there are those that continue with their activities, without a summer break. Many thanks to all the volunteers that give up their summers at the cottage, or family get-togethers, to ensure continuity of club activities.

Still, many seminars, one day government sponsored, conferences and meetings continue, unabated throughout this period. I attended the Elderly Persons Centre, Provincial Review Consultation Session, with the Minister Responsible For Seniors Affairs, Mario Sergio, opening the event.

We discussed Age Friendly Communities and Community Hubs, Ontario Action Plan for Seniors, Action Plan for Healthcare and Health Links. There are 263 EPC's funded in Ontario. These Center's provide activities in communities across the province.

Once again it was stressed, that without the thousands of volunteers, programs that keep seniors active and involved will be almost non-existent.

We look forward to another successful convention, being held in St Catherine's, August, 10th, 11th and 12th, of this year. Special thanks to Marie Smith (convention committee chair) and her committee members, for all their efforts towards our 57th convention.

I hope to see many delegates there, supporting all our resolutions, to be sent to the Government for consideration and action.

A Big Thank You, to our current Board of Directors, Field Representatives, Club / Zone Executives and Volunteers, for their dedicated service, time and efforts, towards the cause of the United Senior Citizen's of Ontario. Together we "can make a difference".

Be Thankful and Be Nice To Everyone!





June 15th, 2015 - Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network, had its annual Healthy Living Expo during seniors month, in Zone 143. Minister for Seniors Hon. Mario Sergio stopped by, for a chat, at the U.S.C.O. booth. Lois and Bernard, set up and "manned" the booth attended by over 400 seniors.



July 23rd, 2015 - Also in attendance at the Elderly Persons Centre Consultation Session was U.S.C.O. Past President Judith A. Muzzi, (2003 to 2006), seen here with the current President Bernard Jordaan.