



President's Message – October 2015

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Again I would like to say it is truly an honor and privilege to represent all United Seniors Citizens of Ontario members, Clubs, Zones and Field Reps. It is truly a democratic, non partisan grass roots organization from the ground up.

USCO is respected enough to have earned two seats at the table every 3 months at Queens Park for the quarterly Ontario Seniors Secretariat Liaison meeting along with the Minister Responsible for Seniors Mario Sergio, and his top Policy advisors, Assistant Minister Mitzie Hunter (re ORPP) and of course Juanita Dobson, Assistant Deputy Minister. Ontario Seniors' Secretariat meets to discuss all the issues of all our Seniors in Ontario. This is not a task to be taken lightly by neither member of the USCO, nor myself as your new President. Thanks to all for entrusting me as your President of the United Senior Citizens of Ontario.

Many have said they have enjoyed my articles and look forward to them and I'm sure some may not enjoy them. I just want to state that although I am the President of the USCO I will continue to write an article or two or three in the future as I believe that information is important to our wellbeing.

The reason I have not written my regular article is quite frankly I tumbled out of a red maple tree. I fractured my heel and some other minor injuries and am now walking with crutches. This has really crimped my style and slowed me down in everything I do. As you read this all our Resolutions as passed are now completed. These Briefs (sufficient copies for every ministry) are printed in our office and distributed by the Ontario Seniors Secretariat on our behalf. Thank you to all clubs and groups for sending those resolutions that cover every aspect of seniors living conditions. As soon as we get a response we will pass it on.

Ageing is not youth lost but a new stage of opportunity and strength. (Betty Friedan)

