



President's Message – November 2016

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How often have we faced the dawn of "A NEW DAY" that ends up in a completely different WAY. Well that happened to me a few weeks ago September 27th to be exact.

Sitting in a high level Mississauga representative meeting, I received a call at about 11.30 a.m. informing me that the president of the U.S.C.O. had resigned and the board in its wisdom unanimously resolved for me to "step in" as president for the remaining term of this board. Who said: The World is full of surprises?

Needless to say, I immediately made my way to our office where the board of the USCO was having a face to face to meeting. My first question to the board was, do I have a choice? Well you know the answer, as I accept this decision with total humility.

Having had three years at the helm of the United Senior Citizens of Ontario will be a great asset at this time. Also having a team of very dedicated and supporting members, serving on the board, along with our office staff Bev and Maureen, will make a very important difference.

I will attempt to visit as many Zones, Clubs and other groups that are our members. Due to Ageism and other problems, many clubs can no longer continue to function, so we see a drop in membership and of course fees/cash flow. We are one of the best, unique, organizations of its kind, not only in Ontario but all of Canada. Yet we cannot function without that almighty dollar.

Having just completed our brief of over 50 resolutions to the federal and provincial governments, show the concerns that faces our members across this province. Unfortunately, there is a cost to pursue all of these issues. Your financial support, in any way, will be tremendously appreciated.

***A quote from Tennessee Williams:
You can be young without money but you can't be old without it.***

