



## President's Message – January 2017

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Some people in different parts of the world make a New Year's Resolution. Some are kept and many only last a few days.

We in the USCO have different types of resolutions that are submitted to the Governments of the day. These resolutions are first submitted to delegates at our annual convention and on approval sent in a BRIEF to the government.

These resolutions, eventually, bring about the successful changes that are so necessary for our members, to make life in retirement a little less stressful.

Your resolutions do make a difference, so it is not too early to get them in as our resolutions committee is waiting to get them ready for our convention, this year.

The Ontario Seniors Secretariat Liaison Committee has rewritten the Terms Of Reference, resulting now in every affiliated organization having only one Representative at the table. For decades we have had two, but to accommodate wider and additional representation this was the solution as meeting space was presenting a problem.

Attending these meetings gives us the opportunity to debate important issues and develop closer relationships with the many Provincial Government Ministerial Departments.

In November I attended the 6th AGM of the Retirement Regulatory Homes Authority. This authority was established, due again to our initiative, in bringing about necessary control of retirement and other senior residential facilities.

This Authority has 13 inspectors that initiate mostly unannounced inspections throughout the year. If you live in a retirement facility and have concerns, phone 1-855-275-7472.

On behalf of all our Board members, staff, Bev and Maureen, we wish you a healthy and active 2017.

As past president Gerry Graham mentioned in his December article, we need your support more than ever before, both financial and physical. This organization cannot function without that almighty dollar.

This is your organization, you own it, your support keeps us going.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR! BE HAPPY. LIVE FOR TODAY!***

