



President's Message – December 2017

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By now many seniors have had their Flu Vaccine. Please protect yourself for the "FLU SEASON". Vice President Muriel Milne wrote about this in the November Voice, so I am just echoing her message. We have been urging the Provincial Government to give us access to the Fluzone High-Doze Influenza Vaccine and just now they have surprised us with the announcement that this Vaccine will be available FREE IN THE FALL OF 2018. Bernard talks about the USCO Immunization Survey. [WATCH VIDEO HERE](#)

The Provincial Government has increased the [Community Grants for 2017/2019](#), as it is fulfilling a big need across the Province. This information has been placed on our website.

Seniors are living longer, so the desire to "age in place" is heard louder every day. The powers that be need to ensure that they provide assistance to all Seniors seeking financial support, to ensure this desire is met.

Statistics show that 85% of Older Adults want to age in place, including those living in rental/senior residences. We are still waiting for the government to define their take on Aging In Place.

We are appealing to all our clubs to get their resolutions in early as, if it is of federal jurisdiction, it should be sent to the National Pensioners Federation, in time for them to process these resolutions and place it on their website. If we receive all resolutions early, we can also have them placed on our website and also have it sent out in advance of the Annual Convention. [2018 Resolution Form Download](#)

Response to our 2016 Brief was finally received and went out with our fall mailings.

Right now we are in our "festival season" where we celebrate traditional and other festivities or none at all. To those celebrating Christmas, Merry Christmas, to those celebrating other religious or non religious festivities, please accept our best wishes and good health, as you enjoy the closeness of family and friends. Canada is a diverse society of multi ethnicity and religious affiliations, the largest diversity in the world and we should embrace that as we show the world:

**TOGETHER WE CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY.
MAKE TIME TO ENJOY THE SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE.
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

U.S.C.O PROJECT AWARENESS
The United Senior Citizens of Ontario's Project Awareness featuring U.S.C.O. President Bernard Jordaan. These videos provide information regarding issues facing our seniors in their retirement years. 

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