

2017 USCO Senior of the Year - Marie Smith

The USCO Committee has chosen Marie Smith as Senior of the Year for 2017. Marie taught school for 36 years, retired in 1986 and then started her many volunteer positions. Marie was President of the USCO from 2006 until 2009, is a Past President and also a Field Representative. She has volunteered for different organizations including Elder Abuse Ontario (formerly ONPEA), who presented her with an award, Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Simcoe/York District Health Council and the Retired Women Teachers of Ontario.



Marie was chosen *Senior of the Year* in the 1999 International Year of the Older Person, received an award in 2004 from the OPP and in the same year received an award from the MSALC for her commitment. In different years the Orillia Business Women's Association has named her a *Woman of Distinction* and *Woman of the Year* and in 2009 Marie received the Order of Orillia for all of her volunteering in her home town. Marie still finds time for games of bridge and gardening when she is not busy writing reports, reading or spoiling her two grandchildren.

Congratulations Marie!

