

September 1, 2001- August 31, 2002

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ANNUAL MEETING OCSCO

When: November 6th, at 10am

Where: The Older Women's Network Housing Co-op
115 The L'Esplanade
(At Lower Jarvis)
Toronto, Ontario
Meeting Room

Guest Speaker: Linda McQuaig

Journalist and best-selling author Linda McQuaig. McQuaig is the winner of a National Newspaper Award and now writes a weekly column in the Toronto Star. She is author of six best-selling books including Shooting the Hippo, The Cult of Impotence and, most recently, All You Can Eat: Greed, Lust and the New Capitalism.

OUR 17TH YEAR IN REVIEW

Education

Forums and workshops held in 55 cities across Ontario on health care. A conference on our health care system attended by 38 organizations with key note speaker Dr. R. Pellizzari, a physician from the Davenport-Perth Health Centre and Medical columnist for the Toronto Star. Also speaking was educator Anne Emmett who provided the background on the Medicare questions.

Monica Townsend spoke at a forum on Seniors' Pensions Summer Learning Series

This summer OCSCO, in conjunction with the Bernard Bethel Centre for Creative Living and Ryerson, helped seniors improve their communications skills with a series of workshops led by Dr. Rheta Rosen, Sociologist, Gerontologist, Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor from Ryerson University. Seminars were offered on how to communicate with adult children, identifying and expressing feelings, effective listening and responding, dealing with conflict, and assertive communication. The series was excellent and participants really enjoyed the subject matter and Dr. Rosen's ability to articulate these issues.

Hundreds of seniors received training on computer basics, email and the Internet
Displays and shows on community health and safety in Toronto, North York,
Mississauga, Durham, Hamilton and Kenora
Four educational programs held in Windsor

Workshops and Consultations

Presentation to the Romanow Commission
United Way of Toronto Report on Senior Services
Office of the Senior Secretariat

- * Long-term Care Resident
- * Co-Payment Increase
- * Rent Increase Guidelines
- * Bereavement Sector Reform
- * Patients' Charter or Rights
- * Alzheimer's Education of Family Doctors
- * Ontario Hydro - Ontario Electricity Coalition
- * Meeting with Deputy Minister of Citizenship, Bill Allen, to Promote Seniors' Issues
- * Ontario Building Code
- * Health Canada - emerging issues
- * Ontario Interdisciplinary Council on Aging and Health
- * Davenport Perth Neighbourhood Centre on Elder Abuse
- * OCSCO Survey of Member Organizations
- * The Government regularly consults with OCSCO on numerous issues

Health Promotion

- * Fall Prevention
- * Older Adult Diabetes Report
- * Active Living Project
- * Dental Care for Low Income People
- * Vasantham - Senior Tamil Mental Health Project

Special Projects

"If Not Now...When" is a play about seniors stereotypes drawn from stories shared by eight focus groups comprised of seniors from different regions and backgrounds from across Ontario. The play grew out of a partnership with OCSCO and Ryerson's ACT II STUDIO. Eleven performances of the play were held. Canadian National Exhibition Project - highlighted the contribution of senior volunteers in the International Year of the Volunteer

Songbook project developed in conjunction with Peterborough Seniors

Straight Goods - Online Newsletter on OCSCO's Health Care Projects

Conferences

OCSCO was a major contributor and participant in The South Asian Conference
Technology and Aging Conference
Ontario Securities Commission Program Investor Education Conference

Information, Referral and Counseling

Over 100 requests per month for information via; phone, fax, drop-ins and email
OCSCO Resource Centre is open to the public
Updated our Website

Speaker Bureau Presentations

Michael Shapcott - Affordable Housing
Active Living Presentation
Kenora Community Safety
Advancing Human Rights for the Older Person
CARP's National Forum where Barbara Black Spoke
Life Before Medicare presentation at the Ontario Nurses Association
Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security
Numerous Presentations by OCSCO's Speakers Bureau in Ontario

Volunteering

Volunteer Policies and Handbook approved by the Board.
194 Volunteers contributed over 4400 hours to OCSCO

Recognition

Congratulations to Amy Nelson who is the recipient of an Ontario Senior Achievement Award. These awards, presented annually, recognize outstanding seniors who have made a significant volunteer contribution to their communities. The awards were presented on September 30, 2002, on the eve of the International Day of the Older Person. Amy will be attending a function with Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth on Wednesday October 9th, 2002.

We are saddened by the passing of long-time OCSCO members Grace Buller and Joe Jordan.

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- * Province of Ontario - Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
- * Health Canada
- * Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- * Ontario Trillium Foundation
- * Canadian Drug Manufacturers' Association
- * City of Toronto
- * Kimberley-Clark Inc.
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- * Casino Windsor
- * Dr. Nevada
- * United Steel Workers of America and the Many Individual Members
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