

CANADIAN SNOWBIRDS ASSOCIATION:

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (formerly known as Phone Busters National Call Centre) added a new bulletins section on their website to keep Canadians informed about new scams to which they may become victim.

Visit www.antifraudcentre.ca to keep track of the newest scams.

Passport Information: Now that a valid passport is mandatory for entering the US, be sure yours is up to date and that it will not expire for at least six months after your planned return date. Keep a copy of the information page to make replacement easier in case your passport is lost or stolen. Leave a copy with a friend or family member. Foreign affairs and International Trade Canada (www.travel.gc.ca) now offers a registration service for Canadians living or travelling abroad. The service is provided to assist you with an emergency in a foreign country or inform you of a family emergency at home.

NATIONAL SENIORS' COUNCIL:

“Elder abuse should be everyone’s concern and that is why our government is ensuring that Canadians are aware of the issue and can take the necessary preventative action or seek support” – Honourable Alice Wong – Minister of State (Seniors)

The Government of Canada awarded nearly \$567,000.00 to the National Initiative for Care of the Elderly, to develop tools to measure elder abuse, which could support the development of strategies for prevention, detection and treatment.

The Government is also taking action to increase awareness through its elder abuse awareness television campaign, which will air starting late November 2011.

CANADIAN PENSIONERS CONCERNED – ONTARIO DIVISION:

In June this group and Care Watch held a meeting with an expert panel to discuss “Putting the Pieces Together: Enabling People to Age at Home. Sheila Neysmith from U of T Faculty of Social Work and CARE Watch, proposed a new way for funding home care. When unpaid time is calculated, families spend \$6.50 for every \$1.00 spent by the Government caring for seniors at home. Too often health care dollars are used up caring for the acutely ill, leaving very little, if any, for those supportive services that could prevent and delay acute illnesses in older people.

Care Watch is proposing designated funding for supportive or early need home care. Older people, service providers and the province must come together to define a home and community care policy that is consistently accessible, open to innovation and based on a funding system that facilitate rather than impedes progress and innovative programs.

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