



President's Message – September 2013

Bernard Jordaan

First of all I have to thank all the delegates, field reps and guests, that attended our 55th U.S.C.O. Convention in St Catherine's, August, 12, 13 & 14. Thank you for again electing me to the office of President to serve for another term. Congratulations to our incoming executive on being elected for the next year.

A very big THANK YOU, to Muriel Milne, our secretary for the past three years and Margaret Card, for her service as a board member for the past year, and Art Field who has stepped down from the executive. You have been of great, service to our fellow seniors, thank you again

Our eighty three resolutions discussed and voted on at the convention, will be put in a brief to be sent on to the Provincial Government. There were a few resolutions that has Federal jurisdiction, that will be presented at the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation's annual convention in Windsor, September, 26 & 27, 2013.

Our convention attendance, was down this year, resulting in us having to carry an extra cost overload.

Hopefully we can promote our next convention earlier to stimulate more interest as it is important for clubs to send at least one delegate to participate and help make decisions concerning our organization and our members. Thanks again to our staff members Beverley and Maureen for all their efforts in helping in the success of our 2013 convention, and to Marie Smith and her convention committee for all their efforts, this past year. We regret that due to family bereavement Marie had to hand over the convention chair to Susanne Robarts at the very last moment, who did an excellent job at short notice. Thank you to the executive and every member that helped make this a wonderful experience that it was.

All of our executive members serve on different committees; Convention, Resolution, By-laws and Constitution, Fund raising, Finance, Disabilities, Field Reps and Website. This is where all the "work" of the U.S.C.O. is accomplished. Thank you again to all our past executive members for their wonderful contribution in fulfilling our mission.

We welcome to the executive our new secretary Debra-Anne McBride and board members Lois Jordaan and Carson Elliot.

Enjoy the fall and all its wonderful colors.

To ERR is HUMAN, to FORGIVE is DIVINE.

Bernard