



## President's Message – May 2014

Bernard Jordaan

Well it sure took a long time to see the last of the snow. Even now, 2nd week of April, I still see some white stuff out there. A reminder of our severest winter since 1994.

Some of us can handle the cold, but the ice on sidewalks and parking lots, this winter took its toll on many of our members, including, our office “mainstay” Beverley Dougherty, who is still in rehab, recovering, the result of a “slip and fall” in a parking lot.

Bev is making good progress, to say she is missed, is an understatement. Our very good wishes goes to Bev, from all our executive and U.S.C.O. members, for a speedy recovery.

We are very fortunate, that we have Maureen, hired last year, to take up the slack. She is doing an admirable job and I hate to think what we would have done without her, at this time. Thank you Maureen, most sincerely, from all of us, for your efforts.

As I travel around the Province, hospital parking charges are a common concern of our members. I have, on advice, you will see elsewhere in this edition, attempted to contact the president of the Ontario Hospital Association for a meeting. At time of writing, I am still awaiting some response. Locally, I am attempting to meet with representatives of the hospital board.

In this regard, I will be seeking a meeting with Deb Mathew's, Minister for Health's office, in this Province. What really irks me is that, in a recent local publication (Mississauga News) the sunshine list shows the CEO of the Trillium Health Partners, Trillium and Credit Valley Hospitals, earned \$643,125 in 2013. It will require many, many of our seniors, to collect pensions for 50 YEARS. to get close to this number. It is not pleasant to see our tax dollars meeting these exorbitant salaries and probably free parking comes with these salaries.

Please do your utmost to make our May, Walk-A-Thon another fundraising success.

As you can see, the hospital parking issue is only one of many, many issues we have to pursue, to make life for our members and seniors in this Province one we can be proud of.

***Never give up. Do what you love!***

**Bernard**