



President's Message – February 2017

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I trust we all had some good times with family and friends during the festive season.

Many of our members (snow birds) will be traveling to warmer climes this time of year and we all deserve, if able, to travel. Please ensure you have adequate insurance coverage. Too many seniors are taking risks with little or no insurance, which could see us end up in real financial trouble. Our partner, Johnson Inc. (Medoc Travel Insurance), will give you the best rate and coverage for all your insurance needs. See their details in this month's *Voice*. As mentioned before, this is the only insurance company that supports the USCO.

At our Board meeting in November, we decided that as of 2017, the month of May will be designated as ***THE FUNDRAISER MONTH FOR THE USCO***. For five years now, May has been our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser. Now, as you will see in this edition of *The Voice*, there are many different areas that we can assist with getting more financial assistance for our organization.

While we are a **not for profit organization**, we do not have designated charitable status. We get refused every time we apply, hence we have to rely heavily on the financial support of all of our members to keep this organization going.

As well as our fundraising efforts, I have been advocating for better support for seniors. In December, I was contacted by a reporter at the London Free Press to discuss service caps for seniors. I advised him that health care funding goes to administrative costs, not to the seniors that need personal support workers and that this is why seniors aren't happy with the CCAC and LHINS.

Your continued support and fund raising efforts are much appreciated by all of us that volunteer tirelessly for the betterment of all of our members.

BE THANKFUL. BE NICE TO EVERYONE.

