

*A message from our president....*

We hope you will continue to join the Miami Ostomy Aftercare Program for another year of monthly support group meetings. Last year was an unqualified success and we were pleased to end the year with a celebratory dinner with our many friends who have enjoyed and gained knowledge from these meetings.

We are very appreciative of the University of Miami Hospital and especially, Monica Perez and Ana Restrepo, for hosting these meetings and allowing us to have our meetings in UM the hospital. We are very grateful to them, the ostomy nurses and members of the wound care department for giving their time and energy to these meetings.

We will continue to provide you with informative speakers who enable you to have group discussions and get answers to your questions about ostomy problems. In addition, when you come to the meetings you are able to have private discussions with an Ostomy nurse. Please let us know if there is a topic that you are interested in and we will do our best to accommodate you with a speaker on that subject.

We would love for new members to join our support group. Please consider this letter as your welcome invitation. We look forward to seeing you this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Hal Spaet