

A message from President Connie...



Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!

Boxes, boxes, boxes! That's what I have been thinking about collecting since the March meeting. Malaika Turner was a true inspiration to us as she stood in front of the room looking beautiful in her sharp outfit and perfect shoes. Her first words were that she loved to see sharply dressed women, and I agreed wholeheartedly as I looked down on my well worn loafers. I am at the loafer stage of my life, but many women aren't. Some are re-entering the work force with limited resources, and that is where Malaika and her program come in.

She is a one-woman show as she gathers new or gently worn shoes that are suitable for entering the work force. Her four car garage is stacked with shoes that she, her husband and even her two young sons spray, polish and package for shipping to centers for distribution. Malaika is working towards doing this internationally. With her drive and inspirational speaking, I have no doubt that this will be accomplished. So please start gathering those shoes for the April and May meetings. We will get them to Malaika's house. Someone asked if she needed shipping boxes, and she said, "Yes, yes, yes!" So if you have any boxes, please bring those too.

Now on to April 25-27 and District III! I must admit that this has been on my mind even more than shoes as registrations from other clubs have been coming in. You have been given lots of information about the meetings and what is happening, but I think that there are two things that make going to the district meetings worthwhile. The first is connecting with other groups like ours and getting to know them as individuals and hearing the amazing things that they do as a group. The second is to hear what Quota is doing internationally. It is important to know that we are a part of something bigger and what our impact is worldwide, so if you haven't signed up for District yet, it still isn't too late. Give me a call at 724-422-0352 or e-mail me at clmccard@yahoo.com. Let's show what the largest club in District III can do.
President Connie

Remember to add the Inc.

In case you missed the notice in the *Gazette*, Quota International of Indiana, PA is now officially Quota International of Indiana, PA, **Inc.** This was one of the easiest things that we did this year thanks to the Washington staff of QI. They sent detailed step-by-step instructions on what needed to be done including sample minutes of for our new corporation. The staff of QI is phenomenal. If anything is ever needed, they are right there to help in an efficient, friendly manner. Also, information about Quota is always available on the www.quota.org website. Check out the website if you have a few minutes. Like ours, it is a great resource.

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Check out the Quota on-line newsletter and on-line yearbook at: www.indianapaquota.org To access the members-only site, use the following PASSWORDS (in this order) INDIANA QUOTA. Many thanks to Quotarian Jane Erdman for maintaining this site for us! Quota International's website is www.quota.org

Quotaland Updates...

Welcome to new incoming members **Deborah Phillips** and **Stephanie Sherry**, who will be installed in April.

- **District Conference:** We have a great schedule planned for our conference. See page 2 of this newsletter for more details. **We need:**
 - POKER CHIPS**
 - WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS** for prizes for the **Fun Night... please bring these items to the April meeting. They can be anything, the more fun the better!**
- **BYLAWS!** Meghan Foulk and Barb Peles have done a great job updating our bylaws. There are quite a few changes — the proposed new bylaws are on our website (see box above on how to access it). We will be voting on the bylaws at our April meeting. If you can't get to the website, or prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you, let Meghan Foulk know — call her at 724-349-6935.
- **ELECTIONS:** We will be electing our officers at the April meeting.
- **SHOES!** Don't forget to bring your new or gently worn professional shoes to the April meeting for our Saving Soles donation (see President Connie's column).

Upcoming dates to remember

April dinner meeting, April 23, 5:30 p.m., **ELKS**.
Reservations due April 18 to Stephanie at
724-549-5760 or via email at nyderss11@yahoo.com
District Conference (*we are hosts!*) April 25-27

District Conference

Spring Conference is fast approaching: we will be this year's hosts for the event, which is April 25-27 at the Holiday Inn. If you want to attend any (or all) of the sessions, please let President Connie know ASAP so that food totals can be given to the Holiday Inn. The conference theme reflects International President Diane's "Create a Chorus of Caring."

Events begin Friday (April 25) with leadership training from noon to 4 p.m. **THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE** (\$25 for the buffet luncheon is the only cost). We have secured Patti Evanko and Jeff Tobin as speakers. It will be an outstanding program and very inspirational. You can come for just the training session with Jeff at 1 if you are unable to do the luncheon.

Opening ceremonies will be at 7, followed by our Fun Night: What Happens in Vegas (at Quota), Stays in Vegas! We have "gambling" tables, an Elvis impersonator and so much more... it is free to everyone and everyone is welcome. Please come show our sister Quotarians from around the district just how fun we are! Several of our Quota husbands will be on hand to be dealers for the evening, and "DJ Jim" (McCardle) will be doing the music for both Vegas night and for after-party fun in the Holiday Inn Lounge.

At our planning meeting in February, we decided to have "white elephant" prizes for the Las Vegas fun night. Each Quotarian is asked to bring one item that would be a fun prize for those lucky Vegas high rollers. We also are in need of poke chips for the evening. Please bring these items to the April meeting.

Business session starts at 9 the next morning and includes club reports. This is a great time to find

out what other clubs are doing.

Karen Stein and Cindy Richburg will present the program at the luncheon. The business session resumes at 1:30 p.m. and we close for our 2:45 p.m. tour on the Indigo Trolley to the Jimmy Stewart Museum and around Indiana. We come back for photos of individual Quota clubs and the 7 p.m. banquet, which will feature installation ceremonies of district officers and entertainment by a Sweet Adelines quartet.

The program continues Sunday morning at 9:30 with a memorial service for deceased members and closing ceremonies.

Conference registration is \$25, Friday luncheon is \$25, Friday Fun Night is FREE! Saturday lunch is \$25 (your choice of grilled salmon or pasta primavera) and the banquet is \$30 (your choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu or vegetarian). Sunday breakfast is on your own. We are asking members to pay for events they want to attend and after the Conference, the club will reimburse persons for half of the cost of the conference registration and meals.

Betsy Lauber is coordinating the Hospitality Room for the weekend. If you can't remember what you signed up to bring, or if you want to help contribute, contact her.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

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| April 1 | Karen Surma |
| April 5 | Gina Lieb |
| April 8 | Connie McCardle |
| April 12 | Becky Farren |
| April 18 | Ginny Allison |
| April 20 | Ruth Sarokon |
| April 28 | Betsy Lauber |
| April 28 | Jenn Myers |
| May 6 | Kathy King |
| May 7 | Marcie Jusko |
| | Kelli Sacco |
| May 19 | Stacy Long |
| May 20 | Ann Marie Riscinto |

From Quota International

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

California, Here We Come!

There is still time to sign up for the Quota International Convention July 11-14, 2008 at the San Jose Freemont in California. Room rate is \$131 for Quotarians. Check out the Quota International Website at www.quota.org for more information on how to reserve your space.

Quota of Indiana will sponsor Michelle Fryling as delegate for the convention and will provide registration cost for Quotarians attending.

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Thank you...

To the Quotarians who took part in the mentoring bowling activity for the children in Big Hearts, Little Hands (formerly Big Brothers, Big Sisters) on March 27.

Quota in the summertime!

Quota of Indiana is just too busy to be taking the summers off any longer, which says great things about our club! Remember to include Quota meetings for June and July in your summer plans if possible. We will still be meeting at the Elks on the fourth Wednesday at 5 p.m. for social time, 5:30 p.m. for dinner and meeting.