

A message from President Meghan



As the weather gets chillier and we get closer to fall, I can't help but get excited about the Quota year ahead! This coming year, we are continuing some of the great Quota traditions, such as the Alice Paul House fundraiser and the St. Patty's Day Open. Also this year, we are adding a few new activities and events that will hopefully become future Quota traditions. To get this exciting year started off right, we are having a "Quota Kick-Off for Fall" at the August meeting!

A big part of getting ready for the upcoming year is getting all of our members involved, and inviting as many new members as we possibly can. With that in mind, I challenge every member to bring a guest to the August meeting! At the August meeting, we will be presenting a review of the Quota Committees and will also be distributing new copies of the Yearbook, so the August meeting would be the perfect meeting to bring a guest who wants to learn more about Quota! In addition, we will also be kicking off our Yankee Candle World Service Fundraiser, which was a very successful fundraiser last year, so I have high hopes that it will be even better this year! Last, but certainly not least at the August meeting, we will also be distributing tickets to the upcoming Witches and Warlocks Ball for all members! This is one of the new Quota events that I am very excited about this year, and I look forward to sharing more information on this event with all of you at the upcoming meeting.

And finally, following up on last month's presentation by Karen Lauster from Grace United Methodist Church, the Speech and Hearing Committee, together with Grace, has planned a wonderful fall hayride for the deaf community! The hayride will take place on October 3, 2008 from 6:30-9:30 and all members are encouraged to attend this event with deaf community members. More information will be available at the August meeting, or you can contact Barb Peles for more information at barbpeles@comcast.net.

I look forward to seeing all of you and your guests at the August meeting!

President Meghan

AUGUST MEETING...

August dinner meeting, August 27, 5:30 p.m., ELKS.
Reservations due Monday, Aug. 25 to Amy Liboski at aliboski@kimray.com.

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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 member Shanna Scordo, who joined us in July. She was sponsored by Stephanie Sherry. Shanna works at Physiotherapy Associates and is a self-employed Mary Kay consultant. Welcome, Shanna!

FLIP FLOP DIVAS — The flip flop contest in July was great fun... we had flip flops decorated with feathers and so much more, and even had "monster feet" on display! Thanks to everyone who participated.

LIGHT UP FOR QUOTA — Last year's Yankee Candle Sales were a tremendous success, raising \$900 for world service projects. Linda Brown has graciously agreed to chair this effort again this year. If you sold last year, you know that this product really sells itself. Order forms will be distributed at the August meeting and **MUST** be returned by the September meeting. All orders will be received for holiday delivery.

NEW MEMBERS — don't forget that new members are welcome to attend any meeting as your guest; just please make their reservation with yours. Vice President Amy and President Meghan have made a challenge: everyone bring a guest to the August meeting. New member packets are available at the meetings from Vice President Amy.

NEW EMAIL: President Meghan's email was hacked into by someone, so all the worries about her being stranded in a foreign land are absolutely false! Please update your address books with her new email address: mdjdcouple@aol.com

SPEAKING OF EMAIL: We will be sending the newsletter by email only, no longer by regular snailmail. It is also posted on our website. However, if this does not work for you and you'd like a printed newsletter sent to you, let Michelle Fryling know by email at mfryling@iup.edu or call her at 724-349-5522 (home).

From Quota International
Convention delegate Michelle:

Thank you all!

I just want to say thank you, once again, for your sponsorship of me as your delegate. I consider it a great complement and honor and can never thank you enough for this awesome opportunity.

I presented a report to the membership in July, but I hope you'll permit me the space in this month's newsletter to offer everyone some information about International Convention.

I was honored to receive a certificate in recognition of our \$5,000 plus fundraising event (the St. Patty's Day Open) from International. It will be placed in our scrapbook!

Rosemary Hannie from Baton Rouge was elected president-elect at Saturday's business session. I had a chance to really talk with Rosemary on the after-convention tour, and I think she will be an excellent Quota International president.

Toddy Silkman from the state of Washington was installed as our International President. She is a very strong leader, and is fully behind the Centennial Growth project, which is widely publicized on the QI website. Simply put, it provides a \$1,500 stipend to new club organizers to use any way they wish – for organizing expenses or to help their own club with projects. The goal is to grow 100 new clubs by Quota's 100th anniversary in 2019.

Internationally, club membership is down, and retention continues to be the issue. We do great recruiting new members, but we don't always keep them.

Gwenn Jackson, who is the South Area Director and who came to our District

Conference in Hermitage, was named International Treasurer. I had breakfast with Gwenn on Monday morning, and found out that she is interested in continuing her service to Quota International, so she might become International President in two years, at the 2010 Convention in Vancouver.

Margaret Miller, our East Area Director, is finishing her term, so we will be electing a new East Area Director by mail ballot in the fall. We had a brief East Area meeting at Convention – there were about 40 Quotarians from East Area at Convention. (Quotarians from District 3 included Governor Margaret, Michaelene Mattson from Shenango Valley and Gayle King from New Castle.) There were a total of 385 at convention this year, 201 of them voting delegates.

During our meeting, three persons indicated an interest in running for East Area director. We'll be getting more information on the candidates by mail.

At the East Area meeting in Buffalo, it was decided that we would not have an area meeting in 2008 because of Convention, but would have them in the off-convention years. Sandra Campbell from the Morgantown club and District One governor, is organizing the meeting for 2009. It will be in Wheeling, WV., Oct. 11-12, 2009. (That is Columbus Day weekend) I volunteered to help with the planning, and I welcome any Indiana Quotarian who is interested in helping with planning to let me know. We have a pretty respectable budget in East Area – about \$4,000 – so we could do some very good programs, and I am pushing for leadership and personal growth programs. If you know of good speakers, please let me know.

The big item in the bylaws, the dues increase, passed with great support from the membership. Treasurer Mary did a great job explaining how that without the increase, we would exhaust our reserve budget, which is currently \$176,500, within three years.

The Treasurer's report shows a net worth of \$741,966, and the 2007-2008 year ended above budget because of a restricted gift of \$55,000 for refurbishment of the Quota office.

Fundraising was very successful – a total of \$127,264 was raised, 112 percent of the goal of \$114,000. WeShare Foundation fundraising was down – at 65% of goal.

There were extraordinary presentations from the world service committee. I was especially impressed with the Stitch for a

Living program in the Phillipines – they teach women to run their own sewing business, and already, 10 graduates who are deaf or hard of hearing are successfully running their own businesses. This program also offers low-interest loans to start businesses. We also heard about the beauty school in Mandu and the shelter for women in Kuala Lumpur, which also helps them start businesses with work training in food service and taxi services and then gives them low interest loans. It's amazing how far our dollar goes there and I was so impressed to know that ALL, 100 percent, of our Club to Club donations go directly to the clubs or projects we designate. That means all of our candle sale profits will go right to one (or more) of these 15 programs. We can also send a donation unrestricted to go to where it is needed most. The areas of Iloilo and Manila are really suffering from Typhoon Frank, and we took up a donation at the Convention for those clubs to help them help their areas.

I attended a session on "New Concepts in New Clubs," where I learned about how to form a branch, Junior Q or Silver Q... I think we have some great opportunities to have a junior club at IUP or even at the high school, and there is funding through the Centennial Club program to support our efforts. One of our speakers pointed out that Quota is in a perfect position to recruit younger members, because we can appeal to young people with the global nature of Quota – young people are much more issue driven than rule driven.

The closing keynote speaker was perhaps one of the best inspirational speakers I have ever heard. Jean Steel from Nipoma California speak about Creating Balance in your life... We also had a great program about "keeping the bullies at bay" in your club. We are very fortunate in Indiana not to have this problem, but it was a good session, none the less.

The Canadians are excited to have us come to Vancouver in 2010. It will be held July 3-5, over the holiday weekend. I would encourage you all to think about attending... I already want to go!

One of the many poignant quotes I took to heart from Convention is from Nelson Mandela: We are living at a time in which all of us matters." I believe this is so very true.

The 2008-2009 presidential theme is "Give the Gift of Quota." Quota is a wonderful gift in my life for which I am truly thankful. Thank you for the gift of Quota friendship!

— Michelle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Belated best wishes to...

- August 1 Cynthia Cardiello
- Aug. 11 Lori Evans
- Aug. 19 Stephanie Armstrong

And happy upcoming birthday to...

- Aug. 25 Meghan Foulk
- Aug. 26 Ilene Boughner
- Aug. 28 Carol McQuaide
- Sept. 14 Sheri Kunkle
- Sept. 19 Jean Stephens
- Sept. 28 Cheryl Randall