

A message from President Meghan



As you all know, I am basking in my new mom glory right now, and my husband I want to thank all my Quota sisters for all the cards, gifts, well wishes, and support since the birth of our new baby boy, Dylan Fredrick. Although I was happy to stay at home with my son in February, I missed Quota and all of our wonderful Quotarians, but when I came back in March, I was thrilled to find out that we had so many guests at the February meeting and have already received membership applications from most of those guests. It looks like we have already gained six new members this year, and I couldn't be happier! I want to thank all of our members who have brought guests and new members to the club, and I feel that it says a lot about our club that we are thriving at this time.

Speaking of thriving...our St. Patty's Day Open Fundraiser is alive and well! In fact, this year was the most successful one yet, raising OVER \$10,000 for our charitable causes! In addition to raising a lot of money, this event is just so much fun that it has become the talk of the town and a real can't miss event! It is a real credit to our club that this event was such a huge success during this troubled economy.

In addition to the club's fundraising successes, the Speech & Hearing Committee has also been very successful this spring. The Speech & Hearing Committee and graduate students from IUP have teamed up to provide "Save Your Buds" lesson plans to area elementary students, teaching children about how to protect their hearing. They tested the program on March 26th at East Pike, and it was a huge hit, so there are plans to expand the program to more elementary schools in the future. The Speech and Hearing committee will also be representing the club at Deaf Awareness Days on April 25th, and if you are interested in helping, please contact Barb Peles. Additionally, another sound system is going to be installed in the United School District this year.

Last but not least, I am very excited about the prospect of new and different mentoring opportunities for the club. Sharon Caldwell from Big Hearts Little Hands has some great ideas for mentoring teens, children, and even mothers, and I am very excited about reinvigorating our mentoring program!

With all of these blooming successes and opportunities, it appears that Spring has sprung and Quota is springing right along with it!

April dinner meeting, April 22, 5:30 p.m., Elks.
Reservations due Monday, April 20 by noon to Amy Liboski at aliboski@kimray.com.

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Quotaland Updates...

NEWSLETTER BREAK — we're baaaack... after taking a little mid-winter break. Can we use the excuse that we were cancelled by cold and snow? Sorry for the interruption in production — it was not for lack of news, as Quota is doing amazing things. Hope you enjoy this three-month issue...

NEW MEMBERS — we are definitely growing! We will install five new members at our April meeting: Sharon Caldwell, Brenda DiCicco, Gina Lehman, Sarah Prather Ross and Connie Yett. Don't forget that new members are welcome to attend any meeting as your guest; just please make their reservation with yours. New member packets are available at the meetings from Vice President Amy.

OFFICER ELECTIONS — Thank you to the following members who have agreed to be nominated for Quota officer positions: Meghan Foulk, president; Connie McCardle, president-elect; Amy Taylor Liboski, vice president; Jean Stephens, treasurer; Valerie Decker, treasurer-elect; Sheri Kunkle, secretary; and board members Connie Bence, Diana Dickie and Dee Dee Snyder. We will vote on this slate of officers in April, and new officer installation will take place in May.

QUOTA IN CYBERSPACE — Connie McCardle reports: The website is working!! Three new members, Gina Lehman, Connie Yett and Brenda DiCicco all used the website to see what Indiana Quota does and to contact us. All three reported that the site was very informative and that it helped them make the decision to contact us. Connie reported that it was "very professional." Thanks again to Jane Erdman who maintains and updates the website for us!

Fundraising successes! St. Patty's Day... \$10,000+

Thank you to all Quotarians who worked together to make this year's St. Patty's Day golf outing the most financially successful ever. This was a true club effort... and I think we all enjoyed seeing Megan White dance at the March meeting to celebrate exceeding our \$10,000 goal. (If you missed it, Michelle has a photo on her phone that for a small payment from Megan, WON'T share with others! :-)

Great job everyone!

Alice Paul House update

Many thanks to all Quotarians who worked so hard for the Alice Paul House benefit held in January. We raised a total of \$3,855 for the Alice Paul House. Also, when you're next in The Coney Island, please thank them for donating EVERYTHING to make this event a true financial win for everyone.

Treasurer appreciation...

While everyone works hard in Quota, Cindy Cantor deserves a very special "shout out" for keeping all our finances and membership forms straight! Thank you, Cindy, for your hard work during your two-year term as treasurer.

Thank you bowlers!

Thank you to the following Quotarians who put their bowling talents to good use to raise funds for Big Hearts, Little Hands: Connie McCardle (team organizer) Jean Stephens (team captain), Valerie Decker, Michelle Fryling, Amy Liboski and new member Connie Yett. Ask to see Valerie's "pin" — she won for top score on our team!!!

Leader's Circle update

Thank you to Meghan Foulk and Michelle Fryling who voted on behalf of Quota for the Civic Leader and ATHENA awards. Thank you also to all the members who attended — we had three full tables. Our nominee for female Civic Leader, Kathleen Mack, did win the award this year!

Need an excuse to buy great Mary Kay products?

A message from Sheri Kunkle... a chance to look beautiful and help out two great causes:

It is that time of year again, and I would love to appeal to our generous group of Quota Club members. I am working on submitting a donation to Mary Kay Ash's Charitable foundation for the month of April. I did this last year, and we had an awesome turn out! I know we can beat last year's numbers, we raised \$100 which I split between Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation and I donated the other half back to the club for them to use however they decided. I would love to be able to do that again. I am going to open this up for the entire month of April. If you would like to purchase some Mary Kay Product from me, please contact me. If you have a consultant already, please order from that consultant. If you do not have a consultant, I would love to work with you. When you schedule your appointment with me, we will be actually trying the products on at that time (it is a lot of fun!), I will donate 25% of my profits to the cause. Shop from your seat not your feet - go to my website - www.marykay.com/skunkle and in the note section of your order, put Quota Club - We have virtual makeovers here - feel free to play.

Speech and Hearing Committee update

Many thanks to the speech and hearing committee for their hard work in organizing the "save your buds" event at East Pike School (we had a GREAT photo in the *Indiana Gazette* on March 30!) and Quota's presence at Deaf Awareness Day on April 25. We will be collecting surveys from members of the deaf community to try and determine the best ways to serve them. Thanks to the members who have graciously agreed to provide donations for prizes: Betsy Lauber, Meghan Foulk, Connie Mc Cardle, Megan White, Gina Lehman and Kathy Rose. The schedule for working the Quota table is

as follows: set up, 9:15-10 a.m.: Barb Peles and Cindy Richburg; 10-11 a.m.: Betsy Lauber; 11 a.m. to noon: open; noon-1 p.m.: Michelle Fryling; 1-2 p.m.: Sharon Caldwell and Gina Lehman; 2-3 p.m.: Cindy Richburg; 3 p.m. tear down: Cindy Richburg and Barb Peles. Many thanks to Cindy and to Karen Stein for securing students from IUP's NSSLA chapter (National Student Speech Language Hearing Association) to work our table with us.

District Conference

QI of Indiana will have great representation at the District Conference in Johnstown the weekend of April 25. Thanks to everyone who has committed to attend the conference. We look forward to hearing updates at the May meeting from our voting delegates, Jenn Myers and Connie McCardle. New district officers will be elected.

Member updates

CONGRATULATIONS! To Betsy Lauber for her recognition as an AAUW Woman of Distinction! She was in the *Indiana Gazette* on April 3 and her work with Quota was prominently mentioned!

FAST FEET — Quotarians Carol McQuaide and Michelle Fryling both won third place in their age group in the Indiana Junior High ATHENA Club 5K race.

HAPPY APRIL and MAY BIRTHDAYS TO...

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