

A message from President Connie...



On February 25th I declared that I was officially sick of winter. The weatherman announced that this year we had twice the average February snowfall, and it was cold, very cold and snowing again. Then I started to think about the good things about winter. It's a time to get things done that can't always be accomplished in the busy summertime. I actually got my spare room painted and the china cupboard and kitchen cabinets cleaned. Snowy days also give us time to reflect. I enjoyed being in warmer climates for part of January, but I was ready to get back to my everyday life in PA and to doing more meaningful things.

Recent research has been done on what makes people happy. One of the key elements is to help others and to do community service. Without this we are not fulfilled. Working with the talented and generous women of Quota makes me very happy. Oh, I worry about getting things done because that is my nature, but it is a good worry because things are being accomplished by the group. Well over \$5,000 has been raised for the Alice Paul House, the mentoring program is changing lives and the money from the St. Patty's Day Open will be used, among other things, to promote better speech and hearing.

The February meeting turned out to be a great opportunity to get to know each other. We found out that the majority of the membership has belonged to Quota for five years or less, we inducted four new members, had a returning member and had two guests. It was a good time to get to know each other better. Everyone was asked to relate something that no one knew about them. It was fun to watch how things evolved and saying something different about ourselves became "our claim to fame." Among other things we learned that one of our members collected dolls, one worked in every state in the union, and that some of us had roots going back to the Revolutionary War. One member could even trace her roots to the Mayflower. On the other hand many were first generation Americans. When we broke at the end of the meeting, several of the women rushed over to talk others about things they had in common.

The beauty of Quota is how we mix and work together. There is real sense of community and service found in our group. I urge all of you to be at the March meeting where Malika Turner will present Saving Soles. She will tell us about an exciting program that helps women get back into the workplace. Remember, we are back at the Elks for March and April. I look forward to seeing you there. **President Connie**

Upcoming dates to remember

March dinner meeting, March 26, 5:30 p.m.,
ELKS! reservations due March 21 to Stephanie at 724-549-5760 or via email at snyderss11@yahoo.com
District Conference (we are hosts!) April 25-27

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Quotaland Updates...

- Welcome to new incoming members **Lori Evans, Gina Lieb, Tracy Redd and Kathy Rose**, who were installed in February. Also welcome back to former member **Anna Marie Riscinto!**
- **Congratulations** again to our Leader's Circle 2008 Quotarian nominees: Kathy Honacki and Tina Semon. They were wonderful representatives for Quota, and we are proud of them!
- **Saving Soles:** Malaika Turner, the director of the Saving Soles program, will be our speaker in March. (Thank you to Amy Liboski for arranging the program.) Malaika will be talking more about this, but in the meantime, don't give away your new or slightly used shoes.. Yet! They could make a very special difference in a woman's life.
- **District Conference:** We have a great schedule planned for our conference. See page 2 of this newsletter for more details. **We need White Elephant items for prizes for the Fun Night... please bring these items to the March 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 next 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:** The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates at the March meeting. Elections will be held in April.
- **Congratulations** to President Connie who supported the International Q Auction by bidding on and winning (what else?) a trip ... to Canada!

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.

Events begin Friday (April 25) with leadership training from noon to 4 p.m. **THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE** (\$25 for the buffet luncheon also covers training cost). We have secured Ellen Ruddock and Patti Evanko as speakers. It will be an outstanding program and very inspirational.

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!

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. Please bring these items to the March 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

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

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 will be coordinating the Hospitality Room for the weekend. This message is from Betsy: "Thanks to all of you who signed up to bring refreshments for the Hospitality Room. We can still use more snacks, particularly cookies, brownies, soda, yogurts, and lots of fruit. The hospitality committee will have the sign up sheet at the March meeting. Feel free to bring your donations to the March meeting and the Hospitality Committee will be happy to bring them to the conference for you. If you are unable to make the meeting please email Betsy at betsy@wolflane.com with your donations. The Hospitality Committee will be contacting you again after our March meeting. As always thanks for all you do to make Quota International of Indiana the best service club."

Get Out Your Bowling Shoes!

Quota will be sponsoring a special mentoring activity for the children in Big Hearts, Little Hands (formerly Big Brothers, Big Sisters) at the Elks Bowling Alley on March 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided.

Many Quotarians signed up at the February meeting to participate, but if you did not sign up but are able to participate, please contact Tina Semon at iccystina@comcast.net or at 724-465-3895 (work). All are welcome!

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

California, Here We Come!

It's not too early to mark your calendar and start planning for the Quota International Convention. It will be held July 11-14, 2008 at the San Jose Fremont 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 a delegate for the convention and will provide registration cost for Quotarians attending.

If you are interested in attending, please let President Connie know at the March meeting. We will be electing our delegate at the March meeting.

Change in Tax Status

President Connie has completed the paperwork for Quota of Indiana to become a 501c3 organization. This should help us with fundraising and securing grants, as donations to Quota will be tax deductible when we formally become 501c3. This is being done through Quota International.

FORE Charity!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the St. Patty's Day Golf Outing. It was a tremendous success... and the weather was NOT snowy for a change! Quotarians really pitched in to work during the event. Special thanks to committee co-chairs Megan White, Jenn Myers and Carol McQuaide. We'll be announcing preliminary totals raised at our March meeting.

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