

A message from President Connie...



Going to the District III meeting is always an inspiration to me, and this year was no different. To see and hear what our sister clubs are doing and how they are changing lives always leaves me in awe. For example the Altoona club is helping to sponsor the Miracle League field where handicapped children can play baseball. President Kathy Plunkett informed us that there are 10,000 children within a 100 mile radius that could benefit from this field. This includes Indiana County. You can get more information at www.pamiracleleague.com. Our club can help with this project, and the board will be looking into doing that soon. All of the clubs, no matter how large or small, do a great job fundraising and community service. They like us deal with jobs, family, illnesses and other life stresses and still succeed.

This year District was even more inspiring because our club hosted it. Our members pitched in to make it a huge success. Here are a few of the things that they did: Barb Peles, who co-chaired the meeting, did among other things got out the pre-meeting information, did the program, drove the international representative back to the airport and kept things rolling; Michelle Fryling found us fantastic speakers, arranged for the Trolley and took us shopping!; Cheryl Randal and Kelli Sacco did the most fantastic decorating ever at a district meeting. Even the small events had flowers and added touches. It was so fun to walk into a meeting room just to see what awaited us; Tina Semon and Jean Stephens worked very hard to get the welcome bags ready and to be there throughout the meeting to handle registration; Cindy Cantor did her usual treasurer thing and was always ready to lend a hand; Patty Strebini and Betsy Lauber did an amazing job with the hospitality suite. Not only was there food available throughout the meeting, but it was displayed beautifully; Meghan Foulk was always there to do whatever was needed including getting the 75th anniversary cake and decorate for Fun Night; Kristen Raykes took time during her busy schedule to come to the Holiday Inn on Saturday, not once but twice to do photos. You can check them out on www.reelbaby.com. All of our members, of course, pitched in with food, poker supplies, and to lend their support with their presence. Even our newest members Laura Delpra and Stephanie Sherry, who were inducted two days prior, were at leadership training and Fun Night!

Upcoming dates to remember

May dinner meeting, May 28, 5:30 p.m., ELKS.
Reservations due May 23 to Stephanie Snyder at
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Check out the Quota on-line newsletter and on-line yearbook at: www.indianapapaquota.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

Now on to fun night! Jenn Myers, Meghan Foulk, Megan White and Diana Dickie volunteered to arrange for a Las Vegas Fun Night. It started out with them getting roulette tables and other equipment to "Hey, my husband can deal blackjack." Next thing you know we had our dealers. Husbands Calvin Fryling, Bob King, Bing Stephens, Brian Foulk and Amy Liboski's friend, Jim Harry and Cindy Cantor's fiancé Ron Markle made everyone's night as they dealt cards and entertained us, Even my husband Jim got into the act by supplying the music. As everyone knows what happens at Fun Night stays at Fun Night, so enough said about the dancing and partying afterwards.

Cindy Richburg and Karen Stein presented a wonderful program at the Saturday luncheon. Cindy gave us very valuable information about hearing health and how loud noise can permanently damage our ability to hear. She told us about decibels and explained how everyday noises can damage our hearing. She then gave us ways to protect ourselves. Karen spoke about what our club was doing to educate students on the usage of I-Pods and earplugs with the Save Your Buds campaign. The talk was very informative and showed other clubs how to promote better hearing health.

We also had two excellent speakers at the Leadership Training. Patty Evanko spoke about her life and gave us inspiration to succeed. She explained how she started out as a housewife and eventually became an Indiana County Commissioner. She used a story to explain how even if we have flaws we can do wonderful things. It was very inspiring.

Jeff Tobin spoke about ways in which clubs can use their resources to do the most good. He gave us the stiletto theory where by using pressure in one spot, like a stiletto heel, we can channel our talents to make the most impact. One of the things that he stressed was to have the right person to do the right job. The ladies from our club were smiling after he said this, because that is exactly what we do. The talents of our members are legion and when we ask for volunteers hands go up and the job is done. We have an incredible club, and I was so proud to be your president. Our club did an outstanding job at the meeting. (see page 2 for more...)

From the President...

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Our club is healthy and growing. At the International level membership has dropped more than 50% since 1970. It has gone from 15,000 to less than 6,500, and we are not alone.

Membership in service clubs all over the nation has dropped dramatically over years. The Indiana club is lucky to have dedicated women of all ages to continue its mission.

Thanks to the Old and In with the New

I wish to thank Stephanie Armstrong for her years of service as Vice President of Membership. She has toiled long hours to promote our club and to bringing in new members. Stephanie has used extreme patience as she dealt with our registering for meetings, and she has diligently kept us informed about the workings of the club. I also wish to thank Mary Morgan who ends her two year term as a member of the board. Mary is always ready to lend a hand with projects and fundraisers, and I am sure that she will continue to do so. Tina Semon will also be moving off the board but will continue to be a big part of Quota with the mentoring program.

As we announced at the last meeting, Meghan Foulk will move into the presidency for 2008-09. I have the utmost confidence that she will lead our club to do bigger and better things. She is a mover and shaker and her ideas and attention to detail are inspiring to me. Amy Taylor-Liboski is coming on as membership VP and her enthusiasm is marvelous to watch. Amy will take good care of us. Barb Peles returns to the board to add her expertise, knowledge and unbounded energy to the group. Michelle Fryling, Jenn Myers, Linda Brown, Cindy Cantor, Betsy Lauber and Jean Stephens will continue to serve on the board and give their talents and energies make our club a continued success. I will also be on the board as president-elect and will do my best to keep up with the group.

As I have said in the past, the women in our club are an inspiration to me. Not only those who serve on the board but all the club members who donate their time, talents and money to our fundraisers, community service projects, and to

promoting the mission of Quota. No wonder we are growing so fast. You all deserve "Q" awards. Let's continue to keep the momentum going over the summer. There will an added fundraiser in the fall and like our St. Patty's Day Open and Alice Paul House event, I am sure that it will be a success.

President Connie

P.S. Q Award recipients are reminded to bring their decorated Qs to the May meeting. Judges will determine the best decorated Q!

Quotaland Updates...

Welcome to new incoming member **Lori Depra** who will be installed in June.

- **NEW OFFICERS:** We will formally install our new officers at the May meeting. Congratulations and thank you to the following persons who have agreed to serve in officer roles:

Meaghan Foulk, president
Connie McCardle, president-elect
Amy Liboski, vice president
Cindy Cantor, treasurer
Betsy Lauber, secretary
Jean Stephens, treasurer-elect
Linda Brown, Board Member
Michelle Fryling, Board Member
Barb Peles, Board Member

- **SHOES!** We are still accepting new or gently worn professional shoes at our May meeting for our Saving Soles donation. Thank you to Amy Liboski for getting the shoes to Mailika Turner.
- **Conference Reimbursement:** The reimbursement forms are on the Quota website. If you are due reimbursement, please fill out your form and turn it into Treasurer Cindy.
- **IRMC and Susan G. Komen for the Cure Pittsburgh** is having an informative program followed by dinner and discussion at the Rustic Lodge on May 29 from 5-8 pm. RSVP to Laura Jeffrey at 724-357-7188 by May 22.

From Quota International

International Debate...

One of the items up for voting at the International Conference is an increase of \$30 in international dues. We will talk about this at our May meeting and will vote, as a club, on how we want our International delegate Michelle to vote at Convention. There is still time to sign up for the Quota International Convention July 11-14, 2008 at the San Jose Freemont in California. Check out the Quota International Website at www.quota.org for more information on how to reserve your space.

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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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

May 6	Kathy King
May 7	Marcie Jusko
	Kelli Sacco
May 19	Stacy Long
May 20	Ann Marie Riscinto
June 15	Eleanor Winsheimer
June 16	Elissa Stossel
June 18	Linda Brown
June 20	Barb Peles
June 29	Patty Sterbini