

A message from President Meghan



Is it almost Thanksgiving already?

Wow, I can't believe that Halloween has come and gone and that we are only a little over a week away from Thanksgiving! That means that it is time to get geared up for all our fall/winter projects! We are coming up on our busiest time of year, and it always makes me excited to think about all that we do during this upcoming time of year!

Before I talk about what is coming up though, I would like to congratulate Linda Brown on another successful World Service fundraiser...thanks to her hard work and dedication to this committee, our club will be able to donate \$660 to World Service this year! Sincere thanks to Linda and all those who sold or purchased Yankee Candles and/or made a donation.

Coming up, Quota will be continuing our commitment to sponsor a family for the holidays through the Salvation Army's Treasures for Children program. In addition, this year we will also be sponsoring a family through Big Hearts Little Hands. We will also continue to support the Salvation Army's Red kettle campaign by ringing bells from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 4 inside Bon Ton at the Indiana Mall! Additionally, Quota will support the Blue Spruce Festival of Lights this year by volunteering to staff the gate on December 21st. These are all wonderful things that Quota does in order to brighten the holidays for others, and I urge all of you to volunteer and support at least one of these programs, if not all of them.

I will have more information on all of the upcoming events and programs at the November meeting, which is on **November 18th** at the Elks. I hope to see all of you there!

President Meghan

November dinner meeting,

Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m., Elks.

December dinner meeting,

Dec. 16 (earlier this month because of the holiday!) We will meet upstairs@theconey for the December meeting. Reservations due **Friday, Dec. 11** by noon to Amy Taylor-Liboski at aliboski@kimray.com.

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Quotaland Updates...

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS

WELCOME — 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.

THE RAFFLE IS BAACK — But it really never left!

We're going to keep up our raffle tradition at each meeting. If you win, you bring the next item. Megan White won the beautiful wine basket last month, so it's up to her to provide this month's item...

WORLD SERVICE — Thank you to all Quotarians who sold or bought items as part of the Yankee Candle Sales project to benefit World Service. Linda Brown does an amazing job keeping all the orders organized and pickup is a breeze! This year, we raised \$660, which will go a long way internationally for clubs and women who are in real need.

DINNER COST UPDATE — We have been very pleased with both the meals and service at the Elks, and the fee has been very generous. However, increased costs have necessitated an increase. Meals are now \$15. However, members that paid in advance for meals will not be charged the increase.

CLUB DUES — All Quotarians should have received an invoice for their club dues. Dues should be paid by the end of November. Quotarians also have the option of pre-paying for meals if they wish. The club can work with members who have financial hardships to work out payment plans. If you have issues, see Treasurer Diana or any officer.

Ring those bells...

Quota has volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army's red kettle campaign for TWO days this year: Thursday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 4. The kettles need to be staffed from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Quota has such a large and active membership — along with family and friends who can also be asked to help out — that Quotarian Michelle felt confident our club could do two days. I know that my Quota sisters will prove me right on this! We're inside the mall near to Bon Ton — yes INSIDE — so weather won't be a problem.

And hand out those candy canes!

Quota has also volunteered to "woman" the gate at the Festival of Lights event at Blue Spruce Park. Again, we're inside the heated shed, so no worries about cold. Our date is Dec. 21.

Quota to coordinate Civic Leader judging

For many years, the Junior Women Civic Club has served as the coordinator of the Civic Leader voting for the Leader's Circle committee.

The JWCC has asked to "step down" from this work this year, and Quota has been asked to pick up this responsibility for 2010. The board agreed to take this on for our community at its November meeting.

As co-chair of the Leader's Circle 2010, Quotarian Michelle will serve as chair of this committee and will be calling a meeting soon to discuss the judging process. (FYI, Indiana BPW continues to coordinate the ATHENA judging.)

As the judging coordinating group, Quota will solicit additional judges (other than representatives from the nominating clubs), contact all judges with the date and time of the judging, which is set for Thursday, Feb. 25, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Indiana Regional Medical Center cafeteria, prepare

the packets for the judges and be at the judging event.

There will be no cost to Quota for this project, but the help of Quotarians will be appreciated. More on this later.

For your calendars: nominations for ATHENA and Civic Leader are due by Jan. 26, 2010. The Leader's Circle is March 18, 2010 at 6 p.m. at Rustic Lodge. This committee will meet in December to finalize recommendations for our club's nominations, which will be presented at the December meeting.

Additional thoughts from East Area

As reported at our October meeting by President Meghan, the East Area meeting was very informative and a nice chance to network with other Quotarians as well as talk with international leaders.

As noted, dues will not go up this year, and Quota is on a little stronger financial footing, but the big challenge is retention of members and starting new clubs.

President Meghan and Past Governor Michelle will be organizing a group to help us in these efforts. We've been talking about an IUP branch or club for far too long... now is the time to do something about it. We're also looking at the idea of trying to start a club in Greensburg (thank you to those who gave President Meghan some names and ideas)!

One of the most reassuring things was that international clearly cares about the issues faced by the individual clubs and members, and knows that things must change in order to get new members and clubs. And, if you haven't yet joined Quota's "facebook" group, log on and do it! Nice work, President Meghan!

We all believe in the good that Quota does for our community and the fellowship it brings to our lives. Let's pass it on!

Years of service

To be recognized

Quota of Indiana is lucky to have many long-time members. As is our tradition, we will be recognizing our 5, 10 and 15-year members with a photo for the newspaper and special pins. (Personally, Quotarian Michelle can't wait for the 50-year pin with authentic "diamonettes"!) Congratulations to the following members who will be recognized at our December meeting:

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Connie Bence - 5 years
Linda Brown - 15 years
Cindy Cantor - 5 years
Jane Erdman - 5 years
Michelle Fryling - 10 years
Mary Morgan - 5 years
Barb Peles - 10 years
Dee Dee Snyder - 5 years
Karen Stein - 5 years
Meg White - 15 years

Holiday meeting and gift exchange --be prepared!

If you have never been to the Quota gift exchange event, you are in for a treat! It's great fun as Quotarians change their "we share" spirit to a "we steal" mentality! We started out getting ornaments, but it's expanded to holiday items... but please keep it to \$10. That's half the fun, finding the perfect item at that right price! Note that we meet on the THIRD Wednesday in November and December because of the holidays.

HAPPY NOVEMBER, DECEMBER and JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO...

November 4	Sharon Caldwell
November 28	Jane Erdman
December 29	Kathy Rose
December 30	Brenda DiCicco
January 3	DeeDee Snyder
January 19	Kathy Honacki
January 27	Michelle Fryling