

## A message from President Connie...



I had hoped that we would start the year off with a bang and did we ever. Problems, problems, problems. :-)

Our first problem was we overflowed our dinner tables at the Elks. What a great problem to have! It was set for usual 26 but we had to place another 5 or so chairs in the middle to accommodate everyone. What difficulties! :-) And then there was problem of no dessert, but it was January so everyone was dieting anyway, no problem. Then there was the problem of selling out the APH fundraiser. Oh the problems just mounted. We signed on three new members and have to have an installation — yea, yea, yea!! If we could just continue to have problems like this, we will always be successful. For the record, my meal at the Elks was great. The fish was light and delicious. The salads looked wonderful. If the food is good the small problems will be worked out. We'll get dessert next month I am sure.

Then other good things happened. Tracey Redd of J. C. Penney was given the Friend of Quota award. She looked around and knew several ladies and said that maybe this is a group that she should join. So she did, and so did Gina Lieb and Kathy Rose. They sat right down and filled out the paperwork. Of course that was before no dessert but they didn't seem to mind.

The meeting continued with plans being made for the St. Patty's Day Open. Jenn and Megan passed out pages of last year's teams and asked that we find more teams and sell out the event. Many names were added, and if we all pitch-in it should be a sell out.

Well, as far as I am concerned, the Alice Paul House Fundraiser was a winner! Meghan and Carol did a superb job coordinating everything, the food and drink were plentiful, the jazz was great, and according to my husband, I didn't even say "um" too many times during my talk. It was sell out and then some. Over \$5,000 was raised AND we gained some new members and brought back an old member. We can't ask for more than that.

I am looking forward to the St. Patty's Day Open and the District III meeting. See you at the February meeting where we will be working on both of these events. We will also be installing at least 3 new members and welcoming back Anns Marie Riscinto to the fold.

P.S. After writing my column, I found out that we can not meet at the Elks this month. Our meeting has been moved to the Holiday Inn. See you there.

Dinner will still be \$13 per person and we will have an Italian buffet with pasta, chicken parmesan, salad, veggies, dessert and drinks.

*President Connie*

### Leader's Circle 2008 Event is March 13

Quota of Indiana has nominated Kathy Honacki for the ATHENA Award and Tina Semon for Civic Leader. The recipients will be announced at the Leader's Circle event on March 13 at 6 p.m. at Rustic Lodge.

We will be having at least one Quota table — probably two. Tickets are \$35 per person and include a wonderful buffet dinner and dessert buffet. You can sign up and pay at the February meeting and Quota will buy all the tickets for us and reserve the table.

Also, long-time Quotarian Ellen Ruddock is being honored with her husband Rod with the IUP President's Medal of Distinction Award, so let's have a great Quota showing to support all of our nominees and Ellen!

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Check out the Quota on-line newsletter and on-line yearbook at: [www.indianapaguota.org](http://www.indianapaguota.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](http://www.quota.org)

### Quotaland Updates...

- **Bowling for Big Hearts, Little Hands fundraiser** on March 1. President Connie is coordinating a team. Quota's team time is 10 a.m. Jenn Myers and Betsy Lauber have agreed to be on the team, and Tina Semon will be there as an alternate. Two more bowlers are needed... Contact President Connie if you want to participate with your address, phone and t-shirt size. You need to get \$30 in pledges to be a member of the team.
- **Change of meeting location:** Because of the Elks installation ceremony, we need to move our meeting this month: We will be at the **Holiday Inn**. Don't forget to make your reservations to Stephanie by Feb. 22. Cost is still \$13 for the meal. First-time guests are free.
- Welcome to **new incoming members Gina Lieb, Tracy Redd, Kathy Rose**, who we will install in February. Also welcome back to **former member Anna Marie Riscinto!**
- **Saving Soles:** Amy Liboski has arranged for a program on Saving Soles for our March meeting... stay tuned, 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!

### Upcoming dates to remember

February dinner meeting, Feb. 27, 5:30 p.m.,

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reservations due Feb. 22 to Stephanie at 724-549-5760 or via email at [snyderss11@yahoo.com](mailto:snyderss11@yahoo.com)

**Leader's Circle event: March 13**

**St. Patty's Day Golf Outing: March 14**

**District Conference (*we are hosts!*) April 25-27**

## SAVE THE DATE...

Quota of Indiana will host the 2008 Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn April 25-27, 2008.

Friday, April 25, 2008 during the day will be Officers Training and that night will be Fun Night with a Las Vegas Theme. Saturday, April 26, 2008 will consist of our regular meeting and in the afternoon a Field Trip to Jimmy Stewart Museum.

**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 February or March meeting.**

Former Quotarian Ellen Ruddock will present during the Friday afternoon leadership training. She is an outstanding speaker, and no Quotarian should miss her program. Stay tuned for more information!

## 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](http://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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Feb. 21	Claudia Brown
March 5	Megan White
March 7	Connie Bence
March 11	Mary Morgan
March 16	Cynthia Richberg
March 26	Karen Stein

## FORE Charity!

On March 14, golfers will be taking over Downtown Indiana for Quota's third annual St. Patty's Day Open.

Last year, the following businesses — The Coney, Cozumel, Culpeppers, Boomerang's, Al Patti's, Spaghetti Benders and Wolfendale's — hosted "holes." Many other businesses and individuals have been part of the event as sponsors, as have MANY Quotarians. It's been our most successful fundraiser — last year raised more than \$7,000.

It's a fairly simple concept: teams travel to the "holes" and do nine holes before coming back to The Coney for the awards ceremony and post-golf event fun. Many businesses have also donated door prizes that are given out during the post-golf program.

While Jenn Myers and Megan White are co-chairs of this event, EVERY Quotarian has a role to play in this event's continued success, be it volunteering for the evening or selling team or tee sponsorships. The committee is actively planning some new things to keep the event fresh and even more fun.

Foursomes are \$250 per group and we only have room for 36 foresomes. We had 30 foresomes sold last year, and we anticipate a "sell out" this year — but need everyone's help to make this event a success.

The committee has sent a save the date to last year's teams, and Megan, Jenn and Carol McQuaide will be talking more about the event at the February meeting. Please just make sure to talk with Jenn, Megan or Carol so they are aware of who is asking whom for team sponsorships, but please bring your ideas to the January meeting. If you cannot come to the meeting but have an idea for a team, please be in contact with Jenn, Megan or Carol.

This event is a lot of fun for the golfer and for Quotarians... please plan to be part of it!



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### Q-MART 2008 ON LINE!

The third annual Q-Mart Online Silent Auction is on! Bids will be taken through Feb. 29. Check it out at the Quota International website at [www.quota.org](http://www.quota.org).

### 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.

### \$655 raised for family!!!

At the December board meeting it was decided to give Elissa Stosel's neighbors, who have fallen on hard times, a wonderful Christmas. Meghan Foulk and Tina Semon volunteered to buy presents. A very low key appeal was made at our December meeting, since we had already collected for one family. The response was amazing! Six hundred and fifty-five dollars was collected. Meghan and Tina went to town, so to speak. Meghan ended up wrapping 50 presents for the family. Here is a list of what was given thanks to your generosity: Grandma: bathrobe, sweat suit and slippers. Alisha: scarf, hat, gloves, sweater with undershirt, dressy top, jeans, pj's and slippers, sweater coat and hooded sweater. Dontae: remote control car with batteries, 2 pair jeans, polo shirt, hooded sweatshirt, long-sleeved tee, radio, sweatshirt. Chrissy: scarf, hat, gloves, sweater with tank top, hooded sweater, 2 undershirts, sweater jacket, jeans, pj's and slippers. Arthur: 2 pair of jeans, 2 poloshirts, 1 hooded sweatshirt and 1 Steelers hoodie. Stockings with their names were filled with candy, toothbrushes, floss, sudoku books, fragrance samples, hair product samples, and bath and body stuff.

What a great club! You gifts not only gave this family much needed clothing, but it showed them that there are people out there who care. Your generosity is life changing.