

A message from President Connie...



What Happens at Quota, Stays at Quota!

I woke up yesterday and decided that it was going to be a good day. There were so many things to do; finish getting ready for the Quota meeting, exercise, hair appointment, dancing, errands, maybe say "hi" to my husband, blah, blah, blah. You know the drill, but I decided that I wasn't going to let the stresses of the day and the season get to me. It was going to be a good day. I had no idea. It a perfectly wonderful day starting with things going smoothly all day, to an unbelievable Quota meeting, to one best line dancing nights ever, to arriving home at 10:30 that night to find my mother dropping off a 12 pound turkey that she had won at BINGO! Things sometimes do fall into place, and I just want to thank the ladies who attended the meeting for helping to give me such a wonderful day and enriching my life.

There were many poignant moments that evening when we learned about some of the problems our members and soon to be members are going through. Just how strong some of the women are is amazing. Elissa is caring for her 34 year-old sister and her sister's 12 year-old daughter for the foreseeable future, one of the guests told me that her husband is terminally ill and several of us are taking care of aging parents, but all of this was put on the back burner for a little while as we enjoyed a few hours together.

After a wonderful dinner, taking care of important business and picking up our tickets for the Alice Paul House (APH) fundraiser, *the battle of the gift exchange was on*. Some of the veterans banded together to form strategies rivaling the "Survivor" TV show. They plotted to get a coveted prize, rewrapped gifts in hopes that no one would notice and shoved things behind their chairs so that the "shoppers" might pass them by. Everyone was in stitches. Then at the end just when we thought that we couldn't laugh any more, there was the battle for the cash. Kathy King brought money because she didn't DARE bring one more thing into her temporary home. Guest Lisa Brochetti wanted the cash to buy gas to get home. Who would win? The suspense was building. *The battle was on*. Well Lisa came away with the prize and hopefully made it to the gas station. Now what was Kathy to do? She couldn't go home with another thing, so she chose the small bag that was the last one in the middle. What Kathy did with ornaments won't go any further. Let's just say, *What happens at Quota stays at Quota*. We were all laughed so hard and had so much fun that we most likely gained four new members. The four guests brought by Amy Libosky had so much fun that they all want to join! IMPORTANT! If at all possible, **please attend the January 23rd meeting** at the Elks. It will be a full meeting: Lisa Brochetti will present the program about New Choices/New Options, and Carol McQuaide and Meghan Foulk will be distributing the remaining tickets for the APH event, Megan White and Jenn Myers will be gearing up for the St. Patty's Day Open and plans are underway for the District III meeting. So let's start 2008 off with a bang! **President Connie**

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JANUARY 2008 — HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Check out the Quota on-line newsletter and on-line yearbook at: www.indianapaquota.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

Quotaland Updates...

- Thanks to everyone for their donations and willingness to support our Salvation Army family and our "special" family Elissa told us about.
- Alice Paul House tickets ... please let Carol McQuaide or Meghan Foulk in the loop about your ticket sales. It's important also to know if you've sold tickets to persons who will NOT be attending but bought tickets as a donation to the APH. We can then "resell" those tickets in order to raise more funds for the event. We have donated almost \$18,000 over the past five years to the APH... we hope to raise \$5,000 this year, but we need everyone's help to sell tickets.

Don't forget to make your reservations to Stephanie by Jan. 21! Cost is \$13 for the meal. First-time guests are free. Lisa Brochetti from New Choices/New Options, who was a guest at our December meeting, will present the program.

Upcoming dates to remember

January dinner meeting, Jan. 23, 5:30 p.m.,
Elks — reservations due Jan. 21 to
Stephanie at 724-549-5760 or via email at
snyderss11@yahoo.com

Alice Paul House fundraising event at The Coney —
Jan. 31, 2008

St. Patty's Day Golf Outing, March 14, 2008

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.

President Connie will host a planning meeting with the Board in February, but everyone will be involved with the Conference. 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 Freemont 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 a stipend for Quotarians attending.

At every convention, a special Service-on-Site project is planned. At this year's convention, Quotarians will assist disadvantaged women who are trying to jump-start a career. Convention attendees will be invited to bring gently worn or new professional clothing to donate.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Jan. 3	DeeDee Snyder
Jan. 19	Kathy Honacki
Jan. 26	Tina Semon
Jan. 27	Michelle Fryling
Feb. 21	Claudia Brown

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.

We will be sending a save the date to last year's teams, and Megan, Jenn and Carol McQuaide will be talking more about the event at the January 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!



From Quota International

Q-MART 2008 COUNTDOWN TO BEGIN!

The third annual Q-Mart Online Silent Auction begins Feb. 6 (the anniversary of the organization's founding by Wanda Frey Joiner). Bids will be taken through Feb. 29.

Check it out at the Quota International website at www.quota.org.

Change in Tax Status Available for Local Clubs

Currently, the majority of U.S. Quota clubs are designated 501c-4 entities by the IRS as a subsidiary of Quota International.

What's new in 2008 is that Quota International's group exemption is changing from 501c-4 to 501c-3. Quota International will no longer have a 501c-4 group exemption, which means clubs will not have 501c-4 status through our group exemption anymore. To be recognized by the IRS as a legal entity and to have charitable status, all U.S. clubs will need to join Quota International's 501c-3 group exemption. To do this, clubs must add language required by the IRS for 501c-3 organizations to their governing documents. QI leadership is working with all clubs, state by state, to help clubs accomplish this.

For more about Quota's outreach programs and club activities, visit the "We Share" newsletter at <http://www.wesharefoundation.org/ez.cont.htm>

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