

A message from President Meghan



My how time flies when you are having fun... and clearly our group knows how to have fun! We must be doing something right, since we have had eight (8) new members this year already!

The Speech & Hearing Committee has been doing a lot right this year! The "Save Your Buds" lesson plans that were tested in March at East Pike, are catching on, and the Northern Cambria schools became interested in the program due to the Gazette coverage we had for the event, so thanks to Michelle, and Congratulations to all the Speech and Hearing Committee members and IUP students! Deaf Awareness Days also went very well and the prizes were a big hit, so thanks to all those who donated prizes for this event!

As we begin a new Quota year, with new members and new officers, I am excited about upcoming events, and I thank all those who have agreed to serve on the Board! Before moving on though, I also want to thank those who have served the Board over the last couple of years and are now leaving the Board. I sincerely want to thank Linda Brown, Cindy Cantor, Michelle Fryling, Betsy Lauber, and Barb Peles, for all their service and for their dedication to Quota.

Coming up... "Stand for Children" on June 20th at Mack Park. Stay tuned for more information and for opportunities to volunteer! We are also in the process of setting up a couple summer Saturdays to volunteer with the Altoona Miracle League. The Miracle League provides baseball for all children with special needs and is a wonderful program. We had a few members volunteer last year and they had a blast, so we will once again be organizing trips there to volunteer, so stay tuned for more information on that as well.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all at the May meeting and throughout the summer at meetings and events!

President Meghan

Happy Memorial Day!

May dinner meeting, May 27, 5:30 p.m., **Elks**. Reservations due **FRIDAY**, May 22 (note change because of Memorial Day) by noon to Amy Liboski at aliboski@kimray.com.

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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...

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS — we are definitely growing! Welcome to our newest members, installed at our April meeting: Sharon Caldwell, Brenda DiCicco, Susan Honacker, Gina Lehman, Connie Minich, Sarah Prather Ross and Connie Yett. 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.

OFFICER ELECTIONS — Congratulations to our new (and returning) Quota officers: Meghan Foulk, president; Connie McCardle, president-elect; Amy Taylor-Liboski, vice president; Jean Stephens, treasurer; Valerie Decker, treasurer-elect; Sheri Kunkle, secretary; past president Jenn Myers and board members Connie Bence, Diana Dickie and Dee Dee Snyder. New officer installation will take place at our May meeting with a photo for the *Gazette* at the June meeting.

MARY KAY SALES — Many thanks to Sheri Kunkle and to all Quotarians who bought Mary Kay during the month of April to support the Mary Kay Ashe Foundation and Quota. Totals will be announced at the May meeting.

SUMMER MEETINGS — Quota just has TOO MUCH going on to adjourn for summer! Don't forget that we are meeting in June and July.

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. April's raffle of a boom box donated by Jenn Myers brought in \$89 and was won by Megan White.

WORLD SERVICE — Based on the success of last year's fundraising event, it was decided that we will do another Yankee Candle fundraiser in the fall. Stay tuned!

Stand for Children

Quota will be participating in the community's annual Stand for Children on June 20. The event is at Mack Park this year and is more of a festival type program. More information about Quota's role at Stand for Children will be announced at the May meeting.

Speech and Hearing Committee update

Many thanks to the Quotarians who worked our table during Deaf Awareness Day on April 25. The surveys we collected were overwhelmingly in favor of doing a recreational bowling event, and we are hoping to do something with the Johnstown club. Stay tuned!

District Conference update

Blairsville's own Melissa Uss, who has served as District Lieutenant Governor for the past two years, was elected as District Governor at the District Conference and Lynne Knott, from Hermitage, was elected Lieutenant Governor. One of the suggested changes for conference next year is to make it a bit shorter, with Fun Night Friday night and business session on Saturday ending before 5, skipping the traditional Saturday night banquet and doing the memorial to deceased members on Saturday. More to come on this! New Castle is the host for 2010. Thanks to Connie McCardle and Jenn Myers for serving as our delegates. See page 3 of this newsletter for the minutes of the meeting and more updates. **NOTE: The District Governor visit is THURSDAY Aug. 27 in Blairsville. East Area Conference is Oct. 16 in Charleston, W.Va.**

Member updates

* Congratulations to dance moms Kristen Raykes and Carol McQuaide (and Aunt Dee Dee Snyder) on the dancing debuts of Adelaide Raykes and Fiona McQuaide in Showtime May 17. Broadway, here they come!
* Congratulations to Valerie Decker

and to Sheri Kunkle as moms of high school graduates Nathan (Decker) and Jesse (Kunkle).

* Congratulations also to former member Kelly Sacco, who had a baby boy.

* Congratulations to Becky Farren for running an excellent campaign for tax collector. It takes great courage and a lot of sacrifice to be willing to run for public office, and she's a winner in our book, regardless of vote count!

From Quota International

The following is an excerpt from President Toddy Silkman's April 2009 letter to the membership:

With the help of our financial advisors and the conservative approach we have taken in investing and managing Quota's financial resources, we are weathering this financial storm. For calendar year 2008, our investments were down 15 percent, and I dare to say there are many of us who would gladly exchange our investment loss rate for Quota's.

Still, 15 percent is no trifle, and while our dues increase has sustained Quota International, our foundation's long-term investments are very close to the \$500,000 threshold that we are required by the bylaws to maintain.

As far as our expenses, we expect to end the fiscal year with expenditures within the range that we had planned and the board approved.

In the area of donations, eleven months into the fiscal year, we have been successful at raising U.S.\$90,598 of our U.S. \$80,000 goal for the Wanda Frey Joiner Development Fund.

Our We Share Foundation, however, could use a helping hand. Currently we have only raised 58 percent of our U.S.\$51,000 goal for this fiscal year. That means we need U.S.\$18,467 more to reach our goal.

Therefore, I ask that if you are considering giving a donation to one of Quota's funds that you carefully consider supporting Quota's service arm, the We Share Foundation.

For the complete text of her message, please visit the Quota International website at www.quota.org

Quota International officers announced

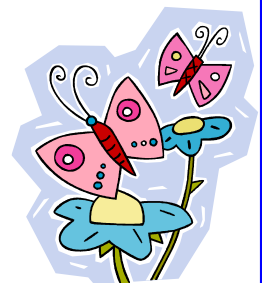
The mail ballots have been counted for the elections of Quota's 2009-2010 international officers, and congratulations go to:

- 2009-2010 President-elect Gwenn Jackson, QI of Monroe, La.
 - 2009-2010 Treasurer Chris Tracey-Patte, QI of Beaudesert, Queensland, Australia
 - 2009-2011 Central Area Director Linda Morton, QI of Canton, Ohio
 - 2009-2011 East Area Director Kathleen Sherman, QI of Charleston, W.Va.
 - 2009-2011 South Pacific Area Director Karen Murphy, QI of Beenleigh, Queensland, Australia
- Other 2009-2010 Quota International board members will include:
- 2009-2010 President Rosemary Hannie, QI of Baton Rouge,, La.
 - 2008-2010 Canada Area Director Judy Goulet, QI of Wainwright, Alberta, Canada
 - 2008-2010 South Area Director Laura Lahman, QI of Coral Springs-Parkland, Fla.
 - 2008-2010 West Area Director Pattie Mhoon, QI of Tacoma, Wa.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO...

June 1	Meg Mill
June 18	Linda Brown
June 20	Barb Peles
June 29	Patty Sterbini

*Happy
summer
to all!*



District III Annual Meeting April 24-26, 2009

Attending: Jean Stephens, Deborah Phillips, Jenn Myers, Diana Dickie, Barb Peles, Amy Taylor-Liboski and Connie McCardle

Leadership Training was led by East Area Director Margaret Miller.

She gave us some suggestions for fundraising and retaining and keeping membership from her Cambridge, MD club:

*Hold 50/50 raffles at our monthly meetings with the proceeds going to help those who can not afford the dues. She also suggested that members that can not pay the full dues be allowed to pay quarterly since International can be paid quarterly.

*Send invitations to perspective members to a luncheon where they can find out what it means to belong to Quota. Go over by-laws and activities.

*Have silent auctions at during our fundraisers to raise additional money.

*Beef & Beer – They have a picnic and silent auction at their local fire hall. \$30 ticket includes all you can eat picnic and draft beer. They raise about \$7,000 mostly from the silent auction.

Margaret distributed the President Resource Booklet for 2009-10 and reported that other officer's booklets can be found on-line on www.quota.org under publications & media. For the treasurer, there is an example of how to keep a financial journal and manage finances. The fiscal year for International runs from May 1 to April 30.

The East Area meeting will be held the weekend of Oct. 16 at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, W.Va.

Opening Ceremonies were held Friday evening followed by Fun Night. The Johnstown club did an outstanding job of hosting fun night with a Wizard of Oz theme. Many of those in attendance dressed in costume and we had games, big-screen viewing of the film and many, many prizes, most of them won by Diana!

The Saturday business meeting was presided over by Governor Margaret Romain-Johnson. After the Quota collect, welcome to the conference by Mary Burns, call to order, credentials, roll call and presentation of floor rules, Margaret Miller gave the Quota news. Gov. Margaret asked that the reading of the 2008 conference minutes be suspended and this was approved.

District Committee reports were given. I am happy to report that Melissa Uss, Lt. Gov. accepted the nomination for Governor and Lynn Knott, Hermitage Club, accepted the nomination for Governor-Elect.

Club Presidents gave their reports. All clubs reported that they were doing well. Some of the highlighted community projects were:

Layettes donated to birthright

Backpacks donated for children who had to leave their home suddenly

Emergency meals for seniors who received Meals on Wheels – packets of noodles, granola bars, etc

Collecting used hearing aids for refurbishing

Miracle league

Susan B. Good of the Johnstown club was the speaker at the Luncheon. She gave several governmental resources for the hearing impaired and also had on display many aids for the hearing impaired.

Margaret Miller gave an update of the 2008 Convention update and then we broke into groups for a brain storming session. Each group was asked to answer questions on ways to improve the organization. Jenn Myers served as our spokesperson.

Saturday evening banquet – The 2009 officers were honored and new officers were installed. Entertainment was done by two fantastic women called the "Hat Ladies." They showed us some of their collection of over 500 hats with style and grace. Very entertaining.

The new officers held their brunch meeting on Sunday morning. **Indiana will meet with Governor Melissa on THURSDAY, AUG. 27. Blairsville will host the meeting this year.** There

were conflicts with the usual September joint meeting, so we are scheduled to meet in August this year. Indiana was assigned AUDIT for next year, and Barb Peles was elected to the nomination committee for next year.

It was decided to not do baskets next year. It was decided that this district fund raiser had run its course. Melissa and Lynn are requesting that each club donate at least \$50 in gift certificates. Melissa will send more details later in the year.

Melissa would like to attend major fund raisers of the district clubs and requested that we send her the dates of our events. Her contact information is e-mail: muss@wyotech.edu; cell phone is 724-388-7080 and home phone is 724-459-0236.

District III Spring Conference 2010

Location: QI of New Castle

Conference Date: Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, 2010

Leadership Training: Friday, April 30

Fundraiser: Each club responsible for donating \$50 Worth of Universal Gift Cards for Dollar Rama (To be held on Saturday, various times throughout meetings)

Suggested Gift Card Types: Panara Bread, Wal-Mart, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Ruby Tuesdays, Prepaid Visa or Master Cards, Old Navy (Note from Melissa: Try to get your cards donated)

Reminder: Ladies DON'T forget to bring your ones (\$1) for Dollar Rama Fundraiser

QI Convention 2010: Location: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Date: July 2 – 5, 2010