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Welcome!

Congratulations and welcome to our **THREE NEW MEMBERS** installed at the January meeting: **CLAUDIA BROWN, KELI SHEFFER** and **APRIL SHIPLEY**. Our "new" Quotarians have already been involved in Quota projects, and we look forward to many more years of Quota fellowship and fun together as we serve the community.

I also want to take an opportunity to thank all of the Quotarians who think enough of Quota of Indiana to bring new members into the group. It says a great deal about your commitment to Quota and to your community.

As we all enjoy (?) this spring winter weather (as I write this, it's a cold, rainy day and I'm wishing for a sweater!) I want to wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer. We've done so much this year and have truly made a difference in our community, thanks to all of you!

The board will continue to meet in June and July, so if you have pressing issues, please contact me or another board member.

— Michelle

Dates to remember

May 28, 5 p.m. Holiday Inn,
Regular dinner meeting —
BRING ALICE PAUL HOUSE ITEMS!
BRING A FRIEND...

Remember that guests are always welcome to come to our meetings or community service projects. If you are bringing a friend(s) to the monthly dinner meeting, just please make sure and add their reservation to yours when you are contacted by the monthly hostesses. First-time visitors will be our guests for dinner.

Q NEWS



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Backpacks for children...

District 3 (our local Quota District) is working to organize a state-wide project to benefit children who need to be removed from their homes due to violence or other issues.

We heard at Convention 2002 an idea to provide high-quality backpacks to these children, many of whom are removed from their homes and given a garbage bag in which to pack their belongings.

Lt. Governor Barb Peles is working on this project, which has been endorsed by our Quota board of directors and will be discussed at the May meeting of our club.

In addition to providing backpacks, different clubs throughout District 3 have agreed to provide items that can be given to these children. Our club has been asked to provide teddy bears. Club members were being asked to collect bears throughout the summer and turn them in at the August and September dinner meetings. However... since our April meeting, however, **Claudia Brown** has worked magic to get a commitment from Ty to provide to Quota of Indiana **350 BEANIE BABIES—FREE OF CHARGE!**

Thank you to Claudia for her hard work to make this happen! We will talk more about this project at the May dinner meeting.

SPA DAY Update

Many, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard at Spa Day 2003. We continue to have positive comments from those who attended, all of whom are looking forward to Spa Day 2004! As announced at the April dinner meeting, we netted almost \$5,000 in profit from the event.

We will honor our Spa Day benefactors: Holiday Inn of Indiana, Norma White Realty and Cats Up Graphics — at the May meeting, and should have a final budget wrap up of the event at our dinner meeting.

We will have a Spa Day "wrap up" meeting in June, date to be announced. The original wrap-up meeting of June 4 has been postponed due to a conflict with the Living Flag project rehearsal.

APH update

May's "donation calendar" item for the Alice Paul House is Wal-mart phone cards. In addition, Kitty Henry has copies of "A Mother's Day Tribute" CD by local and regional artists available for sale for \$5, with all proceeds going to the APH.

Our club has been so very supportive of the donation calendar — thank you, everyone! Remember, toiletries are always welcome and can be brought to any meeting.

The committee also is collecting old cell phones. The phones will be reprogrammed for 9-1-1 calls and given to women at risk.

The APH committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. May 28 prior to the regular dinner meeting. The committee will continue to meet over the summer months. Anyone is welcome to be part of this committee. If you are interested, please contact Kitty.



**Alice Paul House
Committee meeting:
4:30 p.m., May 28,
Holiday Inn (prior to
regular dinner meeting)**



HOSTESS SCHEDULE

May

Sherry Clawson Jane Putt
Nancy Sherry Kristin Zicuis

HOSTESS DEADLINE FOR CALLING IN RESERVATIONS TO ANNA MARIE: TUESDAY, May 27 (due to Memorial Day holiday).

Remember, it is the responsibility of the hostess to **BRING YOUR CALL SHEET** with you to the meeting to do the check-in at the door. Please turn your original sheet into Treasurer Judy at the meeting. Please plan to arrive by 4:45 p.m. to get things set up to check in members.

NEW HOSTESSING PROCEDURE TO BE IN PLACE IN AUGUST...

The new calling procedure, approved at the April meeting, will be put in place for the August meeting. Hostesses will still greet guests at the meetings and may wish to bring centerpieces or candy (this is totally optional). However, hostesses would NOT do calling for dinner reservations; one committee headed by Candi Kinnel will do calling of all members throughout the year. A reminder about the new calling procedure will be announced in a summer newsletter.

ADDRESS UPDATES:

New members:

Claudia Brown, 3096 Warren Road, 724-349-7859 (h), 724-349-2567 (w)
Keli Sheffer, 102 Apache Drive, 724-465-0663 (h)
April Shipley, 960 Lilac St., Apt. 5, 724-357-8421(h), 724-465-3016 (w)

Changes:

Tammy Brletrick, new phone, 814-948-6634 (h); new work (Kronich Jewelers, Johnstown) 814-262-7166
Candi Kinnel: business address and phone change: 15 Hilltop Plaza, Kittanning, 16201, 724-545-3468; fax 724-454-3463.

NEW OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the April meeting: Michelle Fryling, president (second term); Jenn Myers, president elect; Candi Kinnel, vice president (first term); Lauren Williams, secretary (first term); Diana Trunzo, treasurer (first term). Board members are Kitty Henry (second term); Kim Fulton (second term); Anna Marie Riscinto (second term); Megan White (first term). Barb Peles continues to serve on the board ex-officio as past president.

YEARBOOK UPDATES DUE!

New yearbook pages will be given out to the membership at the May meeting. If you have changes to your page, PLEASE send Michelle an e-mail at mfryling@iup.edu or call 724-357-2303 **BY NOON, TUESDAY MAY 27.**

SPEECH AND HEARING UPDATE

The Speech and Hearing Committee is wrapping up a very active year with several important projects coming to completion.

- Thank you to Clarice Reber for arranging the excellent presentation by Dr. Diane Heller Klein at the March meeting. Her program was very interesting and informative, and certainly helped up to understand hearing loss issues.
- We appreciated meeting our 2003 scholarship recipient, Jillian Arens, at the April meeting. Thanks to the scholarship committee for an excellent choice.
- Clarice Reber put together a display for the March Deaf Awareness Day event at the Mall, offering good information and giving our Club nice visibility.
- Hearing aids collected for the Hear Now campaign to provide low or no cost hearing aids to needy persons have been sent to the collection site.
- Members of the committee will be delivering *The Consumer Handbook on Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids* to more than 38 sites throughout Indiana County.
- We will purchase a second LightSpeed Sound Amplification System for the Penns Manor School District. It will be installed during the summer months to be ready for use in the fall.
- The Gazette has been contacted with story and feature ideas about speech and hearing issues for May as Better Speech and Hearing Month.

Thank you to this committee for all of the hard work!

QQP IS COMING...PRIZES IN MAY!!!!

MENTORING COMMITTEE sets summertime activities

The Mentoring Committee has a full range of activities set for the summer months.

ALL Quotarians are welcome (and needed!) to participate in these activities — the more, the better. Contact any of the Mentoring Committee members if you would like to participate in any or several of these events.

Thank you to Carol McQuaide, Claudia Brown and Kristin Zicuis for hosting dinners and programs!

Events planned include:

- May 20, 4 p.m. meet at Jimmy Stewart Museum (top floor of Indiana Library) for a tour of the Museum, Library and Cafe' 701. Group dinner at The Coney Island.
- June 7th -Stand for Children Day. Participate in The Living Flag, work the CocaCola stand for a period of time with the teens. Time TBA.
- July 14th - Whisper Hollow Farm (less than 10 miles outside of town, Nehrig Road, Homer City) Bed & Breakfast. The home and business of Kristin & Paul Zicuis. Enjoy a picnic dinner and tour the farm, see the puppies and help groom the horses. A purely fun activity to help prepare for the trail ride to take place the week after!! (And also see a successful self-employed business owner!)
- July 21st - Big Oaks Farm (less than 10 miles outside of town) for horseback riding. Picnic dinner, 30 minute group ring lesson and then one-hour trail ride as a group. Two groups of four Quota members (paired with four teens) can be accommodated. Total activity should take approximately three hours, from 5-8 p.m. Mixture of fun and informal time to chat with the teens!

Our sympathies...

Our condolences to Connie McCardle, who lost her father, Ken McDowell.