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Quotarians are ...

I want to thank everyone who participated in the "know your Quotarian" quiz at the August meeting. I hope you all enjoyed it — I know we don't usually do "games," but this has become a sort of August tradition, so I appreciate you being good sports.

As I was putting the game together, I was truly impressed with the accomplishments, activities and families of our Quotarians. We really are a very diverse group, but we blend together very well, bringing a lot of skills and talents to the table.

I am also always so pleased to have you bring guests to the meeting — the greatest complement to our club is having our members who know it best want to "share it" with others.

September's meeting will have a brief program with PA Cleanways. The Adopt a Highway program may be something we might want to adopt for Quota or for our mentoring program.

See you Sept. 24!

— Michelle

Dates to remember

Sept. 24, 5 p.m. Holiday Inn,
Regular dinner meeting —
registration and social time will be held
in the lounge and we will move to the
banquet area around 5:30 p.m.

BRING ALICE PAUL HOUSE ITEMS! BRING STUFFED ANIMAL! 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 reservation committee. First-time visitors will be our guests for dinner.

Q NEWS



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Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

The idea started at International Convention in Pittsburgh in 2002, and thanks to Pat, Barb and Jean (our district officers), the idea is well underway.

Quota clubs in district 3 (Altoona, Blairsville, Indiana, Johnstown, New Castle, Sharon) will be part of the "backpack project," providing backpacks and items for children who must be removed from their homes by Children and Youth Services.

This project is about giving these children some dignity and something they can call their own, including a nice, new backpack; books; notebooks and pencils or crayons; toiletries; and from **Indiana Quota, a new stuffed animal.**

Each of the district clubs is providing something for the backpacks — Quota of Indiana is to bring new stuffed teddy bears or comforting animals (any type) for the project.

Thank you for the many donations of stuffed animals at the August meeting. If you haven't already brought your item, please do so for the September meeting. We have

between 350 and 500 backpacks to fill (this number is an estimate from the CYS offices in the district 3 region).

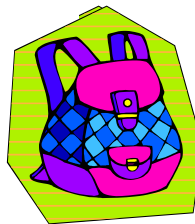
This project can certainly make a difference in these children's lives — thank you, everyone, in advance for your participation.

APH CHILDREN'S BOOKS REQUESTED...

This month's donation item for the Alice Paul House is children's books. They have asked for specific books; please see the list on the back of the newsletter for more about APH committee...

World Service committee discussion

— we will be discussing as a group at the September meeting if we'd like to continue to use the funds raised by our monthly raffles for our World Service projects. We also will be discussing having a holiday basket for our "big" raffle item to raise funds for World Service.



WHEN THEY CALL (or e-mail), please answer!

To make things easier for all busy Quotarians, we have changed the hostessing procedure. We discussed and approved this new process at the April meeting.

All members will be contacted by the reservation committee, now including **Candi Kinnel** and **Karen Surma**. Contacts will be made by phone or e-mail. Quotarians, **PLEASE** respond to Candi and Karen within the requested timeframe.

Hostesses will no longer need to call members. The main responsibility hostesses will have is to check-in members at the door the evening of the dinner. Hostesses are not required to bring table decorations or candy, but may do so if they wish. If you would like the Holiday Inn to provide decorations, just let Candi or Karen know and they will inform the Holiday Inn. The lead hostess (**see schedule on page 2 of the newsletter**) is responsible for calling her co-hostesses to coordinate table linen colors, candy or centerpieces if they wish to do so.

We hope that this makes things a little easier for everyone. Please watch your e-mail or be expecting a call the week before the meeting to make your reservation. Also, thank you for paying by check at the door for dinner fees. It makes bookkeeping so much easier!

Meals will remain at \$12 (except for the Christmas party meal, which will cost \$15).

2003 HOSTESS SCHEDULE

September

Linda Brown Kathy Honacki
Debbie McCombs Tina Semon
Suzie Pickering

(registration and social time will be held in the lounge this month)

October

Ilene Boughner Claudia Brown
Sherry Clawson Cate D'Amico

November

Kitty Henry Becky Farren
Tammy Brletrick Lauren Williams

December

Kim Fulton Candi Kinnel
Judy Kochman Stacy Long

Please plan to arrive by 4:45 p.m. to get things set up to greet your guests and do check-in. Check-in sheets will be provided to you at the door.

The lead hostesses are listed in *italictype* above. They will be responsible for contacting the co-hostesses to coordinate decorations or candy (which is up to the hostessing group). Most everyone is available by e-mail, so please take advantage of this time-saving way to be in contact!

The lead hostess should contact Candi or Karen with any requests for table linens or decorations from the Holiday Inn, which are gladly provided.

We hope this will make things easier for everyone... and if you cannot hostess for your scheduled month, please just let your lead hostess know, and you may switch with someone else on the calendar for a more convenient month.

It's a new system, so please be patient as we work out the bugs.

APH update: children's books requested

Thank you, everyone, for your generosity during the past club year and your faithfulness to the Alice Paul House donation calendar.

This month, the Alice Paul House has asked for some specific children's books (listing is below). These books have been specially chosen by the APH. Do not worry about coordinating your book selection (unless you wish to share costs of the more expensive books); the APH is happy to receive two or more of the same books as they give these to the children to keep.

Please remember that all types of personal toiletry items are welcome and can be brought to any meeting.

The APH committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24 prior to the regular dinner meeting. Everyone is welcome to join any committee for which they have an interest; if you would like to serve on this committee, or are interested in coming to any committee meetings, please feel free to do so.

Kitty Henry is the chair of the APH committee — if you have any questions or suggestions for this particular committee, please do not hesitate to contact Kitty.

The committee recently decided to help fund the APH renovations project. More on this at the September meeting.

Here are the books requested for donation:

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie — Laura Jaffe Mumeroff
The Paper Bag Princess — Robert Munsch
We Can Work It Out — Barbara Polland, PhD
Swimmy — Leo Lionni
The Feeling Storybook — Alexandra Dalis-Abrahms, PhD
Being Bullied — Kate Petty
Why? — Nikolai Popov
The Mixed-Up Chameleon — Eric Carle
Where the Wild Things Are — Maurice Sendak
The Chicken Soup books (for teens and pre-teens)
The Very Hungry Caterpillar — Eric Carle
Fish Is Fish — Leo Lionni
We Are Alike-We Are Different — Cheltenham
Friends — Helen Heine
Look Again — Tana Hoban
The I Spy books



**It's coming: SPA DAY
2004 — March 20!**



NEW WEBSITE under construction

We have a new website address — www.quotaofindiana.org. The site is under construction right now, but in the future, the newsletters, news releases and photos will be posted to that site.

Heart Walk Oct. 4

Ruddock for organizing a Quota team for the upcoming American Heart Association 2003 Heart Walk on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the White Township Recreation Center. The event begins with registration at 9 a.m., the actual walk begins at 10 a.m. and closing and prizes are at 11 a.m. Please contact Ellen at 724-463-7213 if you'd like to join the Quota team.

Yearbook Updates...

New yearbook pages will be coming out in January as we receive new members, but in the meantime...

My apologies to **Jane Putt** for listing her two sons as her grandsons. Incidentally, she is the Quotarian with the most children — six. Tina Semon's home (preferred) phone number is incorrect in the yearbook. It is 724-349-0425.

If you have corrections or updates for your yearbook listing, please let Michelle know (mfryling@iup.edu or call at 724-357-2303 (work).

QBits... QBits... QBits...

Congratulations to Tina Semon for all her hard work to present the Indiana County "Living Flag." She persevered through a rain-out in June and through drizzle and lots of mud in August to make this happen for Indiana County. Thank you, Tina!

Happy Birthday to...

Sept. 6 Jane Putt
Sept. 15 Clarice Reber
Sept. 17 Debbie McCombs
Oct. 4 Nancy Sherry
Oct. 18 Susie Pickering
Oct. 23 Sherry Clawson
Oct. 25 Diana (Trunzo) Dickie

