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# Q NEWS



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## *Busy..Busy*

Sorry that I was not able to produce a March newsletter last month. Sometimes it just creeps up and the next thing you know the month is over. But no matter how busy I may be, I know all of you are just as busy with life and doing all the good things that we do in Quota. And for that I thank each and everyone of you for your dedication to make our club the great organization it is!!

*Jenn*

**Apr 27<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 – Dinner Meeting  
**May 5<sup>th</sup>-**,  
Board Meeting 7:30  
am

Donation for the month of April is items for Animal Shelter (see Board Notes for details of new committee & donations)

## District Dynamo Again!!

Once again we were awarded at the Quota District III conference with the District Dynamo Award. What an honor to accept the award on behalf of our club. We were awarded with the award because of our increase and retention of members. Congratualtions to all of us!! Overall the conference held in Duncansville and hosted by the Altoona Quota club was a huge success. We should all be proud of our very own Barb Peles ( District Governer ) for putting together an interesting and well attended conference. Thanks to Michelle Fryling, Diana Dickie, Megan White, Shannon Lawer, Connie McCardle and Stephanie Snyder along with Barb and myself for attending the event and representing our club. The weekend was filled with many fun activites including a Murder Mystery in which attendees dressed as celebrities ( who knew that our own club members could transform into Lucille Ball, Patsy Kline, Bob Marley and Janis Joplin ), inspirational speakers and good fellowship among other Quota members in our district. The conference also set some tentative dates for upcoming district events like Leadership Training set to be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> ( look for more details ) and next year's conference to be hosted by our neighboring Quota of Blairsville tentativeley set for April 21-23, 2006. All in all, what a wonderful weekend to spend with other Quotarians as well as celebrate the success of our own Quota of Indiana's club.

## Board News..

At the April Board meeting, it was decided to refocus our club's donation efforts to reflect the purpose of Quota on a local level but retain the national values of disadvantaged women and children as well as the hearing impaired. We have decided to change the Alice Paul House committee to the Charity committee effective immediately. The purpose of this new committee will be to collect and support several local charities that not only reflect the Quota values but have a personal tie to one of our members. There are so many charities in Indiana County in need of support, I feel that we will best serve the community by supporting many charities instead of focusing on only one. Alice Paul House will still be a donation for us to consider as we move forward on a monthly basis. In April we have chosen to collect items for the Animal Shelter, who is responsible for housing local animals from families that find themselves in shelters and/or are unable to take care of their pets. As always if it is more convenient for you to provide a cash donation, those can be accepted the night of the meeting or by sending them to the Quota mailbox. Please indicate the donation on the memo of the check for Diana's records. Items that can be donated are -

Paper towels, Bleach, Laundry Detergent, Collars, Leashes, Toys, Rawhide Bones, etc. However they do not need Food or Treats because they are donated from Science Diet.

If any member has a question in regards to the new committee and its purpose, please feel free to contact me.

## Board News...

Congratulations to the following nominees for the new slate of officers. Remember we will be voting on the new officers at the April meeting with instillation being held at the May meeting. The slate of officers chosen by the nominating committee are – Shannon Lawer ( President Elect ), Connie Violi ( Treasurer ), Diana Dickie ( Board member to replace Megan White ) and Stephanie Snyder ( Board member to replace Shannon Lawer). Thank you to these member for their willingness to serve our club.



**Happy  
Birthday  
to...**

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Karen Surma  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – Lauren Williams  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – Connie McCardle  
April 12<sup>th</sup> – Becky Farren  
April 18<sup>th</sup> – Ginny Allison  
April 20<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Sarokan  
April 28<sup>th</sup> – Jenn Myers  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cate D'Amico  
May 9<sup>th</sup> – Ellen Ruddock  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – Stacy Long  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – Anna Marie Riscinto

## Board News...

The Charity Run committee (anyone who volunteered for the original date and anyone interested in helping) are holding a meeting on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. The meeting will be at Barb Peles's home. All members should have received a postcard with all the details. Remember the Charity Run is being held on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> rain or shine!

Congratulations to our own Michelle Fryling for being named Female Civic Leader of the Year. Also, Carol Fry from ICTC was named the Athena winner and was our nominee this year. Rich Fiscus, our nominee for Male Civic Leader did not win but was a wonderful and gracious nominee the night of the awards ceremony. We will be honoring these nominees at our May meeting.

Mentoring Committee had a wonderful bowling event on March 31<sup>st</sup> with children from ICCYS. Thank you to all the members that donated time. The next event will be the Media Tour at IUP and will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4pm. Watch for a separate e-mail that details the event coming soon. Also remember the dates for future mentoring events –  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – Stand for Children  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Business Tour  
July 13<sup>th</sup> – Summer Fun Day  
Any member that is interested in participating in any one of these events, please contact Tina Semon.

We still are seeking volunteers for Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> for the Indiana Mall's Deaf Awareness Day. If we are unable to have support for the table we cannot attend this year. Please contact Connie McCardle by Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> if you are able to volunteer.