

## A special note from Shannon...

I can not tell all of you how much fun I have had this past year. Well...yes I can...I had a blast! I am so sorry that I am unable to fulfill my duties as President due to my new work commitments, however I know that I have left it in very capable hands, and I want to thank Connie for jumping in immediately, ready to rock and roll!

I look back on this past year and all I can say is "WOW"! I am so proud to tell people that I am a member of this wonderful group of dedicated women...I hope that I have served all of you well and helped in some way to make it a club you can all be proud of, too.

*Thank you all...*

*Shannon*

## Celebrating 50 years of Quota service!

Each August, at the beginning of our new club year, we recognize those Quotarians who are marking 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and beyond years of service at the "five" level.

Congratulations to the following Quotarians who are celebrating at these benchmark years of membership.

At the five-year mark: Stacy Long, president Connie McCardle, Carol McQuaide and Jenn Myers will be honored.

Two Quotarians will be celebrating 15 years: Ruth Sarokon and Karen Surma. We will be inviting the Gazette to come and take a photo of these special member.

As of today, Quota of Indiana is 49 members strong!

## Dates to remember

Aug. 1: 7:30 a.m., board meeting, Eat 'N' Park,

Aug. 22: 4-5 p.m. new member get-to-know-you event at PA Barbeque

Aug. 22: 5: regular meeting at PA Barbeque



## A message from President Connie...

First of all, on behalf of Quota, I want to offer our heartfelt thanks to Shannon Lawer for her wonderful service as president. I'm very happy to know that she will continue on the board... her advice and help will be very valuable to me.

It was so much fun going to Downtown Indiana's Taste of Indiana fundraiser this year. While sampling the good food at the many restaurants on a beautiful night was great, it was seeing so many Quota friends that really made the night. To be a part of an organization filled with such outstanding individuals who work together in the community to accomplish so much good is an honor. I look forward to being president and with everyone's help, I know it will be a great year.

One person who is already helping is Michelle Fryling. I opened my e-mail this morning to find out that she had written a summer newsletter for us. Keeping in touch is paramount to keeping our organization strong. The newsletter, working with each other on committees and fundraisers, and attending meetings are important ways to stay connected.

Our first meeting will be a special meeting held, as usual, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month starting at 5 pm. This meeting will not be at the Elks, but will be at PA Barbeque, where Barb will have prepared plenty of good food. All members are encouraged to bring a guest or two because this meeting is also our annual Meet and Greet, where we hope to start off the year by recruiting new members. During this meeting we will be honoring long-time members, signing up for committees, kicking-off fundraisers and programs, and generally catching up after the summer.

Even with all of the publicity that we get in the paper, all of us still get the question, "What does Quota do?" A good way to answer this is by sharing this newsletter. Please give it to a friend and encourage her (or him) to join. Where else can you have such a good time doing good works. I look forward to seeing you soon, and wish to thank Shannon once again, and all the members of the board for their help with the transition. We build on those that come before us, and I have tough acts to follow.

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Quota International's website is [www.quota.org](http://www.quota.org)

## Quota goes to the movies...

Thanks to the continued success of our annual St. Patty's Day event, Quota was able to donate \$1,000 to Downtown Indiana for the second consecutive year.

As a result of our donation, Quota of Indiana is the proud sponsor of Downtown Indiana's "Music and Movie" (M&M) Nights for July and August. July's event was held July 20 and the featured movie was *Harry Potter*, in celebration of the Roadster Factory British Car show event.

M&M nights are held on North Seventh Street and start at 6 p.m. and the movie screening starts around dusk (about 8:30 p.m.)

On Aug. 24th, M&M will have a "back to school" theme and Quotarian (and DI executive director) Betsy Lauber has arranged for us to have a Quota information table. We may also sell refreshments... stay tuned for more information! We're thinking about showing *Mr. Holland's Opus* to build awareness about hearing issues. If you have an information about deaf awareness.. suggestions about possible movies (think family and NOT Disney), email or call Connie and let her know your ideas ASAP. Also, if you can work that night, let Connie know ([clmcard@yahoo.com](mailto:clmcard@yahoo.com)) or 724-463-3295.

Plan to come out and support Quota and Betsy's good work with Downtown Indiana.



## Rolling out the welcome mat!

Welcome to the following new members who were initiated at our May meeting: Amy Taylor-Liboski, Cheryl Randall, Laura Rhodes, Cynthia McCormick Richberg and Patty Sterbini. Welcome! Congratulations to the following officers Connie McCardle, president; Stephanie Armstrong, vice president; Cindy Cantor, treasurer; Jean Stephens, treasurer-elect; Betsy Lauber, secretary, and board members Linda Brown, Meghan Foulk, Michelle Fryling, Mary Morgan and Tina Semon.

Thank you to Jenn Myers for her service on the board as past president, and welcome to Shannon Lawer, who will be in that role. As required by our Club bylaws, the board will fill the president-elect position at its next meeting.

## Don't forget about our New Member Event in August!

We will welcome potential new members at an informal "meet and greet" starting at 4 p.m. the evening of our meeting. We'll be at PA Barbeque this month!

# 2006-2007: It was a GREAT Quota Year!

It's absolutely amazing what 49 committed women can do in a club year! Whenever I think of the Indiana Quotarians, The old saying is certainly true in this case: if you want something done, ask a busy person...

First of all, in a time when club memberships are declining, and other local service clubs are folding, **Quota is stronger than ever.** New

## Update from District 3

Thank you *all* for your support to Barb and to me during our service as district secretary-treasurer and as district governor. I was truly honored by your participation in District Conference and was so grateful to all of you who took time to be part of conference. I LOVE my Quota flag bracelet and the charms from my club mean a great deal to me.

Anyway, the torch has been passed . . . while Barb and are now officially past district officers (Barb for the second time!) Indiana is up for District Conference! We will be the hosts for this year's event, which will be held in Indiana on April 25 and 26. Connie McCardle is heading the planning committee. A signup sheet for subcommittees was passed in May, but volunteers are still needed, so you can still volunteer at our next meeting(s).

While you're marking your calendars for upcoming Quota events, please plan to be part of our East Area meeting on Oct. 12-14 in Buffalo, NY (Wanda Fry Joiner's hometown!) We're going to be taking a Lodestar bus as a District to make the trip even more relaxing and fun. . . the Toronto bus trip was a BLAST, and I am certain this trip will be great. Barb and I will bring the bus signup sheet to the next couple of meetings.

District Governor Margaret Romaine-Johnson will be having her club visit with us in September. We will join with the Blairsville Club again and will be in Blairsville for the meeting.

Thank you, again, for a great year!

*Michelle*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . .

July 7	Carol Fry
July 22	Cindy Cantor
Aug. 19	Stephanie Armstrong
Aug. 25	Meghan Foulk
Aug. 26	Ilene Boughner
Aug. 28	Carol McQuaide
Sept. 1	Cynthia Cardiello
Sept. 4	Carrie Lingle
Sept. 6	Jane Putt
Sept. 19	Jean Stephens

members continue to join us throughout the year, our members agree to serve in leadership roles quickly, and everyone literally steps up to the plate in every possible way.

We started out our 2006-2007 club year with the **installation of new member Carol Fry and recognition of Tina Semon for five years of Quota membership, Sherry Clawson for 15 years and Kathy Honacki for 20 years.** We moved quickly into **Murder-Mystery Mode** and had a great time upstairs@theconey in November. Senator White was our very gracious murder victim, and Boy George is now in federal prison. I think we all agree that Jenn Myers and Megan White were **ROBBED** this year by not being recognized with the screenplay of the year Oscar! It was a totally fun event, and well received by the community.

While other clubs would have been completed satisfied with just this ONE fundraising event, you know Quota. . . we were off and running in the planning and presenting the **Alice Paul House fundraising event** in conjunction with The Coney Island in February. Because of the generosity of the McQuaide and Snyder families, there is NO COST incurred for this event, so we were able to donate every penny raised through ticket sales and the 50/50 raffle right to the Alice Paul House. Now in its fourth year, this event has raised more than \$20,000 for the APH. These funds have permitted the APH to build a playground for the children as well as buy needed items. Of course, Quotarians continue to be generous to the APH throughout the year, **faithfully bringing toiletries and other special items for the shelter each month.**

Again, while many groups would be content with these two events, Quotarians are overachievers. In between these two events, we hosted a **special bowling outing** with children from Big Brothers-Big Sisters and the Independent Living and Learning group at the Indiana Elks in January. And don't forget those hardy Quotarians who **rang bells for Salvation Army and who manned the gate at the Festival of Lights**. . . despite the cold, it was a lot of fun.

In January, we welcomed **new members Meghan Foulk, Carrie Lingle, Kelly Sacco, Jean Stephens and Chara Thomas.** Already, several of these new members have taken leadership roles in Quota, and all have been active in many service projects.

After our APH event, it was full speed ahead planning for the Second **Annual St. Patty's Day golf outing.** Based upon the great success of the event in 2006, we knew we had a winning idea, and co-chairs Megan White, Jenn Myers and Carol McQuaide were committed to making this year's event bigger and better. . . and they did not disappoint! We had twice as many teams this year (and I think the teams may have had twice the fun, too) and raised more than \$9,000! Talk about a hole in one!

In March, we hosted a table at the annual **Leader's Circle event** and nominated two special women for these community awards: Ann White for Athena and Patty Evanko for Civic Leader of the Year. We also sponsored, for the first time ever, Mrs. Bonnie Bell to **provide signing for the event.** It was a very proud moment to have her there to not only provide signing for a member of the audience who was deaf, but to bring awareness to the needs of deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

In April, Barb Peles organized a **donation event for the Eastern Orthodox Foundation.**

Again, Indiana Quotarians gave generously. We will be presenting our donations to the Foundation early this fall. Quotarians also were generous in their donations for the **District Conference** fundraising baskets. Our theme was "wine cellar," and the baskets were beautiful, put together by Kelli Sacco.

At April's meeting, we enjoyed a great presentation about our newest **SoundField Amplification system purchase,** which will be placed at Purchase Line High School for the fall 2007 school year. This is the fourth system we have placed in for area schools: we purchased one for Indiana, Homer City, and Penns Manor districts. We also had 11 Indiana Quotarians attend some or all of our District Conference hosted by the Hermitage Club. . . an excellent showing from our club and an illustration of our club's commitment to Quota International. We also committed funding to the May **"Deaf Awareness Days" event** at the Indiana Mall.

In May, we enjoyed a wonderful **powerpoint show** done by Kristen Raykes that caught us in various moments during the Quota year events. Kristen has been terrific as our Quota photographer all year long! We also welcomed our **new members Amy Taylor-Liboski, Cheryl Randall, Laura Rhodes, Cynthia McCormick Richberg and Patty Sterbini.** We also elected our officers (as mentioned on the front page of this newsletter). We also recognized our 2007 Speech and Hearing scholarship recipient from IUP, who will come to our September meeting to talk briefly about herself.

On June 1, Quota was the only service club invited to participate in the **Stand for Children proclamation event.**

Our active mentoring program also continued that month with a **career exploration event** hosted by S&T Bank Training Center. Because Quotarians definitely believe in a balance of work and play, President Connie was kind enough to host the mentoring group for an afternoon pool party on July 18, but the weather just won't cooperate. We had a rainout for the fourth year in a row, but the youth enjoyed an **afternoon at the movies** with *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.*

Our donation to Downtown Indiana funded the **July and August M&M nights** (more on this in the next newsletter) and we'll be talking about presenting our Gold Scholarship recipient this fall. . . I think you'll agree. . . it was a GREAT Quota year! We are very fortunate to have a great and supportive community newspaper in the *Indiana Gazette.* The newspaper was wonderful to us again this year, with photos and news stories running almost every month.

We'll be celebrating Quotarians for **years of service** at the August meeting, and also welcoming some potential new members at the pre-meeting get-together. . . and I'm sure preparing for a great next year in Quota!

Remember, any person is welcome to be our guest at any meeting. . . just let Stephanie or a member of the calling committee know that you'll be bringing a guest when they email or call for your dinner reservation.

*See you all soon!*