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# Q NEWS



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## *Getting Busy*

With each new board meeting we have, the calendar seems to be filling up with new events and activities. And with the many new guests and potential members from The Coney event and the August meeting, it looks like we will have many new faces and talents to accomplish our goals in the upcoming year.

*Jenn*

## Dates to remember

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>  
5pm – Social  
5:30 – Dinner Meeting  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup> -,  
Board Meeting 7:30 am  
– Rouki's  
Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> – East  
Area meeting, Pittsburgh,  
PA

Donation for the month  
of September is gas and  
phone cards for the Alice  
Paul House

## Charity Run Postponed

The first Christmas Tree Classic Sponsored by our own, Barb Peles's PA BBQ and Tom's Cycle of Indiana was postponed due to the uncertain weather caused by Hurricane Ivan. As of Thursday the pre-registered riders were not enough to have the businesses risk the possibility of a wash-out. Since the t-shirts were not dated it allowed the committee to make a decision to postpone the event until next spring. We will choose two dates at that time ( an event date and a rain date ). Thank you to the many volunteers and donors of Quota that were willing to help out at this event. I am sure we will be looking for you come Spring. . .

## District East Area Meeting Set

Our East area director Kelly Palmer has decided to have an area meeting on October 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. This meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Pittsburgh. As a member of this district, we are allowed to send as many representatives to the meeting. I have received all the information to register as well as the agenda. The weekend kicks off at 3pm on Friday and ends with a Business session from 9am-12pm on Sunday. As an attendee you will be able to register either Friday or make a shorter weekend by attending Saturday and Sunday only. If you are interested in learning more about our East area district and meeting Quota members from other clubs, please contact me for all the details. I would love to see as many members as possible attend!! Remember, the chapter will reimburse any club member attending 50% of their costs.

## Board News..

Invoices have been sent from Diana to all members who were not in attendance at the August meeting. The new dues structure is to allow Diana to collect all the dues prior to the January deadline for International dues. You can mail your checks to Quota of Indiana, PO Box 932, Indiana PA 15701.

We are looking forward to a publicity photo at the September meeting for a new induction of Quota members from The Coney event and the August meeting. Make sure to introduce yourself to any new faces at the September meeting. There are going to be quite a few...

Any Quota member who is interested in purchasing Quota merchandise, we will be selling items like t-shirts, sweatshirts, mini-totes at the monthly meetings at a reasonable "Quota" discount.

## Happy Birthday to...



Oct 18 Suzie Pickering  
Oct 23 Sherry Clawson  
Oct 25 Diana Dickie

## International Update

Thank you to Quota of Indiana for electing me to serve as your delegate to Quota International's International Convention in Toronto this past July. It was a great experience – including the bus trip with 21 other District 3 Quotarians. I wanted to share some highlights and news about the Convention.

First of all, I want to confess that I NEVER attended the 6 a.m. aerobics workout held each morning! Seriously, the meetings were very well organized and gave us a better understanding of the scope of Quota International.

I was proud to represent QI of Indiana during the Friday night opening ceremony, in which we were recognized as a District Dynamo for membership recruitment. I got to accept our award from incoming QI president Nicol Lea. Saturday, President Mary Cotter gave a state of the union address. She mentioned that we are losing members and clubs, so it felt good to know that QI of Indiana is growing. We heard from the nominees for Area Directors, Treasurer-Elect and President-Elect. We elected Enid Croes-Marugg (from Aruba) as the Treasurer for 2004-2005.

I attended a session on "Create Your Club's Own Best Future" presented by Daryl Perrine, Central Area Director. The main theme of the program was to know and understand your club and its members, and act accordingly – you must listen to your members and be responsive to programs and events they are most interested in doing.

Sunday, we had a bylaws session. The membership defeated a motion to move a description of the Quota logo and emblem to the rules of procedure from the bylaws – members clearly feel very strongly about the logo! The membership also defeated a motion to add a new position to the International officers, the position of Vice President.

The membership approved unanimously a motion to have the president-elect, as well as the other officers and executive director, to present a written report at each convention. The membership approved moving the standing administrative committee description to the rules of procedure and out of the bylaws. Other items moved from bylaws to rules of procedure included a section of use

of staff assistants; a section on committees/task forces; alternative methods of conducting convention and other International meetings (perhaps via videoconferencing); a section on disbursements; a section on club membership; and a section on district officers and vacancies in district offices. An amendment on changing bylaws deadline to Feb. 15 also was approved. Barb and I also attended the East Area meeting and met a representative from a Massachusetts club that is interested in running for East Area director. Kelly Palmer, our East Area Director, presented a program on service with a panel of different club representatives discussing different service projects they held in their area. (None of the projects was as exciting as Spa Day!)

I enjoyed the opportunity to meet Indu Punj from QI of New Delhi, India, who explained how our world service funds have allowed their home for destitute women to grow to twice its size. Charlotte Schamadan, past international president from California, explained how QI's donation through Research Grants enabled research on a new device that may cure otis media (ear infections) in children, which is a leading cause of deafness and hard of hearing in children.

Our donations of school supplies were gratefully received by the Canadian Hearing Society, the largest direct provider of service to deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Canada. The keynote speaker this year was incredible. She is from McDonald Marketing of Texas, and did a presentation about knowing your demographics and population as you recruit new members. All in all, it was a very informative and enjoyable opportunity for me, and I thank you for your support. I also appreciate the opportunity to have my daughter, Garnet, accompany me – she especially loved the opportunity to see a musical at the Princess of Wales Theater (even though we were in the upper, upper, upper level balcony seats!)

I will be turning over my convention notebook to President Jenn – it has a lot of the written reports in it, and anyone is welcome to review it. Thank you, again, for electing me your delegate.

-Michelle