



Quota International of Indiana, PA

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QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF INDIANA, PA PURCHASES SOUNDFIELD
AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM FOR PURCHASE LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Quota International of Indiana has purchased a Sound Field amplification system for the Purchase Line School District. The system will be placed at South Elementary School.

Funding for the system comes from the club's fundraising activities. The Club recently raised funds through the Second Annual St. Patty's Day Open and through its Murder-Mystery Event.

Club members heard a program about the system during the April meeting in celebration of national better speech and hearing month in May.

Quota International of Indiana has already purchased and installed systems at Homer Center Elementary School and Horace Mann Elementary School in previous years.

The FM Sound Field Amplification System provides uniform amplification system throughout the classroom. The teacher wears a wireless microphone and the classroom has the speaker system. This system benefits children with hearing loss, but also benefits all children in the classroom by allowing for clearer and more distinct classroom instruction.

Teachers using this system report less strain on their voices and notice that children have better focus on lectures and classroom discussions and directions. Many studies have shown that students with hearing loss benefit from this device in the classroom, and a 1996 study of third graders WITHOUT hearing loss in a classroom with the system showed significant improvement in test scores when teachers used the Sound Field system to present new information.

The Club continues an active schedule of community service in addition to its speech and hearing initiatives, including financial support for the Alice Paul House and a mentoring program for girls and teens.

Quota International of Indiana funded a sign language interpreter for the recent Leader's Circle event. Members of the speech and hearing committee plan to fund interpreter services for other upcoming community events.

Quota International Inc. is an 88-year-old international service organization that links members of all ages, occupations and nationalities in a worldwide network of service and friendship. With a motto of "we share," Quotarians are known especially for their service to deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech impaired individuals and disadvantaged women and children. Quota International of Indiana, with 50 active members, meets monthly at the Indiana Elks August through May. Quota International of Indiana, Pa., is 52 years old.

Membership in Quota is open to all. For more information on Quota International of Indiana, contact club president Lawer at 724-422-1528.

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PHOTO INFORMATION: Quotarians Barb Peles and Michelle Fryling, Quota speech and hearing committee members and Quotarian Karen Stein, speech and hearing committee chair, and Connie Bence, Quotarian and Purchase Line graduate, look over a system to be installed in the Purchase Line School District with Gary Robinson, classroom amplification consultant with LightSPEED Technologies Inc. of Akron, Ohio. Robinson provided a program on the system for Quotarians at the April club meeting.