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QUOTA OF INDIANA HONORS MEMBERS FOR YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP, RECOGNIZES NEW PRESIDENT

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Quota International of Indiana honored six members for years of service to Quota during its August meeting at Pennsylvania Barbecue and formally recognized new president Connie McCardle.

McCardle, who has been in the president-elect position, took over the position from Shannon Lawer, who completed a year term as president.

Stacy Long, McCardle, Carol McQuaide and Jenn Myers were honored for five years of membership. Ruth Sarokon and Karen Surma were honored for 15 years of membership.

Quotarians also brought items for the Salvation Army's "Back to School" supply drive.

Prior to the meeting, Quotarians welcomed potential new members during an informal "meet and greet" event.

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 for a dinner meeting August through May. Quota of Indiana will celebrate its 52th anniversary in September 2007.

Over the past four years, Quota and The Coney have together raised almost \$18,000 to support initiatives for women and children at the Alice Paul House, including a new playground at the facility. Quotarians also collect specific items of need throughout the club year for the Alice Paul House.

In June, Quotarians held a special mentoring event for young men and women in the community at the S&T Bank Training Center. The program was designed to offer information on interviewing and answer questions by the youth about possible careers and professionals from throughout the Indiana community representing a number of careers presented during the day-long event. Mentoring program events continued in July with all-day recreational event with the student group.

Quotarians raised almost \$7,000 during the second annual St. Patty's Day Open in March 16, an indoor nine-hole golfing event in Downtown Indiana to raise funds for the club's service projects.

Quota International representatives also took part in the community's June 1 "Stand for Children" event in Indiana County and the August "Circles of Influence" event showcasing women's groups in Indiana County.

Quota of Indiana also recently purchased a classroom amplification system for children who are hard of hearing for the Purchase Line School District and collected items for the Eastern Orthodox Foundation.

For more information about Quota of Indiana, persons may contact Connie McCardle, Quota president, at 724-463-3295.

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