

QUOTA FLASH

Quota International of Waterloo



Dear Quotarians....

I want to wish all of you and yours a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

I also hope you enjoy a great New Year!

Mary Twaites



Quota Elves Make Merry!



December Birthdays

Linda Nielsen (12/10)
Ann Tippet (12/23)
Niki Maas (12/25)
Linda Butler (12/31)

January Birthdays

Chris Lorenz (1/12)
Carol Wagner (1/24)
Anne Parkhurst (1/25)
Deanna Rustad (1/25)

Winter Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Covenant Medical Center
Rooms 10 & 11
5:30 Social/6:00 Dinner

No Program

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Covenant Medical Center
Room 11
5:30 Social/6:00 Dinner

Program
Yoga

Mary McGinnis Meyer, Instructor

Special Thanks

Thanks to everyone who supported the sponsorship of the Christmas families this year through donation of money and gifts, and with the shopping-wrapping-loading-delivering of packages. We appreciate your willingness to help with this project and for making the lives of 12 people brighter this Christmas season.
Merry Christmas!

Christmas Committee: Sandy L., Kathy B., Marge M., Liz P., Marsha S., Angie M.

QUOTA BRINGS CHRISTMAS TO OTHERS



Dusky at House of Hope has a big smile with the delivery of 17 Quota stockings.



Staff representatives, Caryn Cowger with student teacher Jessie, accept our Christmas gifts at River Hills School. They were overwhelmed by the club's generosity! Each family was given a food card to WalMart, a gas card to Casey's, a box of paper products, a sack of apples, a sack of oranges, a box of candy, a container of popcorn and peppermint sticks in addition to the gifts that were purchased by the members. Thank you, Quotarians!

Christmas projects are favorites of many of our Quota members. One of these ongoing projects is providing individual stockings for each child at the House of Hope for the last 5 years. This year, the club provided 17 individualized stockings, one for each child there. In addition, Quota brought Christmas to three local families — a family from River Hills; a family from Lowell Elem in Waterloo; and a preschool family served by AEA267. All of these families provided wish lists and Quota members fulfilled the wishes. We also gave many new items to Bremwood, a special school program in Waverly. Many of the students live at the school and don't have a chance to shop for their families for Christmas. These students earn points for good behavior during the year in various ways. At Christmas time, the students are allowed to trade their points for gifts for themselves or gifts for their family members.

Oletha O'Donnell, Sandy Lawry and Marge Maurer (pictured below left to right) enjoyed delivery of member donations for the Bremwood students to purchase with points they have earned for good behavior. One boy gave Oletha a hug and earned some more points!



NUTTIN' MUCH LEFT! JUST THE WAY WE LIKE IT!



Marcy Hartleip (center) and Eileen Gunderson survey leftovers in the Nut Room. Many of the remaining nuts were sold at a reduced rate offered to Quotarians only. Other were divided among the Kimball Ridge staff who helped throughout the sale. An amazing job by all!

On December 15th the “Nut Room” was closed bringing an official end to the 2015 Nut Sale. Marcy Hartleip, Eileen Gunderson, Sandy Lawry, Chris Lorenz, and Mary Sandberg put away leftover supplies in the kitchen cabinets, cleaned tables and floors, recycled boxes, and helped find homes for the remaining delivery pallets in preparation for the 2016 sale. It makes you wonder — do these women ever rest?? All kidding aside, another great job, ladies!!

On behalf of the Nut Committee, Marcy thanks everyone for their support during the sale. Assuming that all outstanding money is turned in, profits will be another record breaker at over \$20,000!! She was also pleased to report that we were right on target with most of the nut order with the exception of pecan halves and chocolate amaretto almonds. An update of profits and amounts of total sales and top-sellers is forthcoming at the January meeting. Comments and suggestions for next year’s sale are always welcome and will be placed on file for timely consideration.

FOOD BANK HOURS AT 62

On December 2nd, Quotarians worked at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo helping fill backpacks from 5-7 p.m. This added 10 more hours to our lofty goal of clocking 90 service hours there before our 90 Year Celebration in May 2016. As of December 31st, our club total stands at 62. Here is the breakdown of our hours to date: September 16th - 40 hours; October 21st - 12 hours; and December 2nd - 10 hours. Watch your email for upcoming opportunities to volunteer at the Food Bank in January. Marge Maurer is the contact person for this project. Keep up the positive response Quotarians and we’re sure to meet our goal!



Ginny Salkeld, Sandy Lawry, and Marge Maurer were among the Food Bank volunteers in December (not pictured Eileen Gunderson and Doug Lawry).

Wishing Peace & Goodwill to all ...

Those simple words can have very different meanings, as I found out this year when visiting girls and women at a shelter in Kuala Lumpur. As International President of Quota International, I have visited with many members from across the globe, heard the stories of how their service has changed the lives of disadvantaged women and children, witnessed the incredible mark Quota projects have had in empowering women and children, and I stand tall in pride of our achievements. Collectively, Quotarians are creating sound beginnings for children, and safe havens for women...around the world. So, at this festive time of year as we continue to focus on Christmas service (Quota Signing Santa, Christmas gifts for special women and children, Quota Hampers for the needy, and more) and focus on Christmas fellowship (parties with our many Quota friends!), may I also wish you peace and goodwill from our home in Australia, to your home across the world of Quota. Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all!

Karen Murphy
President, Quota International Inc.