

QUOTA FLASH

Quota International of Waterloo

Quick Bits

T-Shirts to Diapers

Hopefully you remembered to bring those t-shirts you never wear any more to help support this month's speaker, Patty Cutts, with her women's group service project that turns t-shirts into diapers for third world countries. We'll hear more about this project at our meeting tonight. If you have forgotten to bring the t-shirts you wish to donate, please contact Vicki Grimes at 233-3346.

Email Etiquette

Food for Thought – Now that we are using email more often to communicate, please consider when responding if your response needs to be a "reply to all" or can just simply be a "reply" to the sender. With our membership continuing to grow, we do not want to bog down everyone's email with responses that don't need to go to everyone. Thank you.

Presidents Message

Brrrr....it's been cold out there! Hope you are staying warm during this deep freeze of a start to the new year. First of all, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for naming me volunteer of the year. I was so surprised and shocked by the honor that it rendered me virtually speechless.



Please know that the joy I receive by volunteering would not be there if I didn't have such a great group of ladies to volunteer with. Thank you again and I hope that I can continue to do you all proud.

Secondly, I want to recognize some of our members who are celebrating special anniversaries this year:

- * Linda Nielsen and Teresa Sterrett are both celebrating 5 years of service.
- * Sandy Lawry is celebrating 15 years of service.
- * Jean Appleby is celebrating 25 years of service.

Congratulations to these outstanding Quotarians! We appreciate all that you do to give back to your community!!

-Deanna Rustad

We're Nutty Over Nut Sales!

Quota's "Annual Fall Nut Sale" has broken another record! Marcy Hartleip and Carol Wagner would like to thank all of those Quotarians who made possible a profit of almost \$15,000. Forty-seven club members sold 6,732 pounds of nuts, candies and apricots during October, November and December. Gummy Bears moved into first place (1,000#) as the top seller, with Cashews a close second (945#). The future looks bright for the Chocolate Covered Almonds (600#), selling as quickly as they were bagged!

Kudos to those Quotarians and their spouses who helped unload three different shipments. And, not only did Eileen Gunderson not

Mark Your Calendar

From the Brunch Committee – The BRUNCH is **Sunday, April 6, 2014**. We will be serving the public from 9:30 to 12:30. Set-up for committees will be on Saturday at a time to be announced. Everyone is asked to help with the Brunch in some way. We are always in need of volunteers. The chair for this major club fundraiser is Deanna Rustad.

District 7 Conference
May 2-4, 2014
Host Club: Kirksville, MO
Registration information will be sent out soon.

Birthdays

Chris Lorenz (Jan. 12th)
Carol Wagner (Jan. 24th)
Deanna Rustad (Jan. 25th)

Anniversaries

Dolly Maier (Jan. 3rd)
Mary Twaites (Jan. 30th)

Congratulations

President Deanna Rustad has been recognized and honored as our club's Volunteer of the Year. Deanna is an outstanding member! She will receive a personalized letter from Quota International and be included in a special feature on the Quota Website for worldwide recognition.

skip a beat keeping our books balanced, she and Mary Sandberg kept on top of bagging the nuts: Eileen at 43 hours and Mary 32 hours. On December 31st, 233 pounds remained and were donated to the Salvation Army and our Kimball Ridge maintenance/custodial help. Rob McMahon and his crew were always ready to assist us. We are so grateful to Covenant Medical Center and the Kimball Ridge staff!

A big "wow" to our **top five sellers**: Chris Lorenz (\$6,421); Mary Sandberg (\$4,306); Monica Haag (\$3,766); Deanne Damro (\$3,145); Marcy Hartleip (\$2,629); Sandy Lawry (\$2,377). Congratulations to all of the Quotarians who made this our biggest fundraiser, yet!

Wrapping Up Holiday Happiness!

The **Service to Disadvantaged Women & Children Committee** was very busy this fall and winter.

The members met four different times to complete 18 fleece tie-blankets for the children residing at House of Hope in Waterloo. Co-chairs Ann Tippett, Oletha O'Donnell and Sandy Lawry purchased colorful patterned material that was matched for gender and age of each child. The blankets were given as part of the sponsored Christmas delivery our club makes to the House.

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time in making the blankets! With the help of some donated items from Quotarians and funds donated by the committee, we also provided individual stockings to 22 kids from House of Hope. The kids were excited to receive their own stocking which was filled with items they requested plus apples, oranges and peppermint sticks! We are again thankful to the generous spirit of our Quota sisters!!



Jo Slickers lends Robin Engelking a helping hand with wrapping presents...at least one hand



Marge, Lynne, Oletha, and Rose are done creating another 'warm and fuzzy' for the House of Hope.

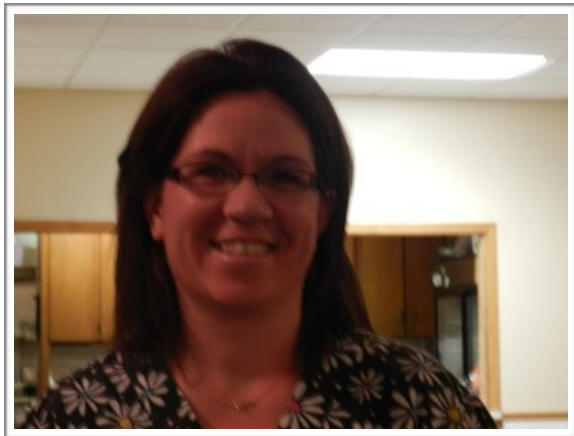


Santa's Quota elves busy wrapping up surprises for the 3 Christmas families the SDWC committee sponsored.

Meet New Quota Members

Eileen Dudys

Quota is very pleased to welcome new member Eileen Dudys! Deanna Rustad sponsored Eileen as she knows her from working together at Covenant Hospital where Eileen is an RN in the Rehab Clinic. Originally from Southern California, Eileen and her husband, Tony, moved to Iowa in 2006 two weeks after getting married. They wanted to start a solid life in the Midwest and say they love it here EXCEPT for winter driving!! Tony and Eileen now have two boys, Anthony (age 4) and William (age 1). Sounds like a very busy household! Eileen is active in their church and enjoys growing as a family and getting more involved in the community. She is looking forward to getting to know Quotarians better. We're anxious to get to know Eileen as well!



Ginny Salkeld

Jo Moon was happy to sponsor Ginny Salkeld for Quota membership. Ginny retired about a year and a half ago from AEA 267 where she was a Speech-Language Pathologist for 30 years. Ginny has a degree from Edinboro State University of Pennsylvania and has her M.A. from the University of Northern Iowa. Her husband also retired from AEA 267 where he was a Special Education administrator. Tom and Ginny have two daughters. Marci and husband Justin live in Minnesota and have 3 children. Ashlie and husband Chris have 1 son and live in North Liberty, Iowa. Ginny volunteers at her church, is a member of Tri-T Society, and likes to Jazzercise. She enjoys keeping busy visiting friends, cooking, baking, and reading. Please introduce yourself to Ginny when you have the chance.



About Quota

Organized in 1919, Quota International, Inc. is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization that links its members of all ages, occupations and nationalities in a worldwide network of service and friendship. Quota International of Waterloo was chartered in 1926.