

QUOTA FLASH

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF WATERLOO

FROM PRESIDENT

DEANNA RUSTAD



Here it is again... the start of a new fiscal year for Quota International. We are in great stride coming off of another tremendous year of fundraising with our nut sales, brunch and other sponsored events. I look forward to seeing how each of our service committees will work to give something valuable back to our community and to help advance the fine purposes of this organization.

As you know, we added **9** new members during 2012-13 so I am hoping that we can try to add **10** new members this year and at least one Junior Quota Club. We are a phenomenal group of women! Who wouldn't want to join our fun bunch!!

We have several upcoming projects and events that will capture your attention including:

Quarter Auction - September 18

Guest Night at the September Meeting - September 24

Remember you don't have to wait until then to invite a friend to a meeting. Anytime is a good time!

Bake Sale - Toward the end of October

Nut Sales - October thru December

This year we will not have an auction in November but rather do something fun and special in December. As always...looking forward to another great year in Quota!

Deanna

SERVICE TO DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

A Mother's Day event was held on the porch of the main House of Hope home in Waterloo on May 9th. Eleven children, ranging in age from 6-14, participated in making gift items for their mothers with the assistance of nine Quotarian volunteers. Everyone enjoyed pizza and juice for supper before taking turns to decorate delicious roll-out sugar cookies generously baked by Vicki Grimes. Fun was had by all! Those involved with the project (listed below) want to do it again next year. They feel it was a beneficial and worthwhile event.

Kudos to Ann Tippett who coordinated this project in conjunction with two workers from the House of Hope and the following Quotarians: Pat Hagerstrom and Deanna Rustad (cookie frosting); Jo Moon and Doug Lawry (sun-catcher painting); Rose Quirk and Marsha Stroh (flower-making); Ann Tippett (cards); Robin Engelking and Jo Slickers (gift bags); and Sandy Lawry (photographer). Several pictures were taken at this event but may not be published on the web. Please ask to see the pictures. Later they will be added to the club scrapbook.



CLUB NEWS

SPEECH and HEARING COMMITTEE

Quota International of Waterloo is a strong supporter of aiding the hearing-impaired or those with speech difficulties. Each year Quota awards scholarships to students who are hearing-impaired or who are pursuing a degree in speech-language pathology.

This year the Waterloo Quota club has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Mikhail Chabela, a hearing-impaired student at the University of Northern Iowa. In addition, seven scholarships of \$650 each were awarded to the following UNI speech-language pathology graduate students: Bethany Fischer, Amber Melchert, Katelyn Schuit, Sydney DeMaris, Lindsay Ellis, Audrey Walker and Manaswita Dutta.

All of the students have placed high academically through excellent grades, show leadership skills, demonstrate good citizenship through many community volunteer activities as well as having a positive attitude and work ethic.

MAY IS SPEECH & HEARING MONTH !

Installation of Officers for 2013-14

At our April meeting, the officers for the new fiscal year were announced to the membership and installed according to the club's Standing Rules. Officers were elected in March at the Business meeting. The election was held by voting for the entire slate of candidates at one time. Many thanks to the individuals who completed their term over the past year and who are not returning to an official position for 2013-14 and to those who agreed to serve.

President: Deanna Rustad

Vice President: Sandy Lawry

2nd Vice President: Mary Twaites

Secretary: Pat Hagerstrom

Treasurer: Gail Carter

Directors:

Oletha O'Donnell Jo Moon

Mary Sandberg Monica Haag

SERVICE TO DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE cont.

Oletha O'Donnell, Kathy Buzynski, and Sandy Lawry met on Thursday, May 23rd and completed 4 blankets for Hospitality House and 12 Sexual Assault kits for Seeds of Hope. These items will be delivered by Oletha and Pat Hagerstrom to the two facilities. And thanks to Oletha for bringing such good and healthy treats too!

First Impressions: 77th Annual Conference for 7th District

By Kathy Buzynski

The District 7 Annual Conference was held at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids on May 3-5, 2013. I attended the conference on Saturday for one-day only. It was a warm and welcoming touch to be identified as a “**First Time Attendee**” and to receive this special recognition along with a friendly and tasty bottle of wine for participating....cheers to Quota! No matter how brief my visit, I found it was a full and fun day, well worth the experience of expanding my view of what Quota club is all about. This was a great opportunity to hear what the four clubs in our district (i.e., Cedar Rapids, Kirksville, Sioux City, and Waterloo) have contributed to their *communities* and the *world* during the past year.

It was impressive to see ‘our own’ **Marsha Stroh as Governor** presiding over the conference agenda keeping all business matters moving ahead with thoughtful efficiency. Also present was the Lt. Governor, Sue Gwin. whose job it is to promote growth and development for the clubs in the 7th District. It was interesting to hear that the District 7 total membership was 160 on March 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2013 the District 7 total membership stood at 163 which is an overall net change of +3. The four clubs lost 22 members but gained 25 new members over the past year. This is considered positive growth in these days of dwindling membership seen in many service organizations throughout the country

I felt a little disappointment having missed the finale to the “**Give Me Five Challenge**” on Friday night. I heard that Gov. Marsha looked very beautiful with her locks dyed Quota Blue, fulfilling her promise to dye her hair if the membership challenge was met. What a fine sport she is! Congratulations to Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, and Sioux City who initiated more than 5 new members to each of their clubs this year.

The four club Presidents also shared their Quota experiences and successes during 2012-13. I enjoyed hearing about the different projects and events that each of the clubs sponsored to advance their fundraising efforts, service, and to promote growth in membership. Linda Woock presented a thought-provoking piece titled “**The Lazy Leader**” which described a leadership style encouraging teamwork and collaboration, realizing that people will support what they help to create.

On the conference social scene, I wrapped up the day on a high note by attending the **Kentucky Derby Party** with a lively group of Quotarian ticket holders. And even though I preferred a Bloody Mary to a Mint Julip, and wore a borrowed hat to sing unfamiliar verses of “My Old Kentucky Home”, I had the winning horse “ORB” in the race! Lady Luck was with me again following the banquet, when I won a loaded picnic basket in the 7th **District Auction**. All-and-all, I had a wonderful time at District Conference and hope to see more of you there next Spring !

Sandy Lawry June 16 Deanne Damro July 5

Marge Maurer July 24

MEET OUR

NEW MEMBERS

Barb Burns

(watch for photo next month!)

Please welcome Barb Burns to Quota! Barb knows about Quota through her sponsor, Rose, and our other active members who work at Covenant where Barb is an Environmental Services Supervisor. She's been married to Jim for 38 years, and they have 2 children. Son, Chris lives in Dubuque and daughter Kelly is in Waterloo.

Barb is active in several other organizations and is currently learning how to garden to attract hummingbirds. What fun! We hope you're successful with that Barb! Does that mean lots of red and yellow blooms in your yard?? Reading is another pastime.

Barb says she joined Quota because she was finding herself “spending too much time doing nothing, and decided there were better ways to spend her time”. She wanted to find a group that was involved in volunteer work and Quota was just the ticket. We're glad you found Quota, Barb, and know you will be an asset to our group.

Eileen Dudys

(watch for photo next month!)

Quota is very pleased to welcome new member Eileen Dudys! President Deanna Rustad sponsored Eileen as she knows her from her work at Covenant where Eileen is an RN in the Rehab Clinic where Deanna also works.

Originally from Southern California, Eileen & her husband, Tony, moved to Iowa in 2006 2 weeks after getting married. They wanted to start a solid life in the midwest, and say they love it here EXCEPT for winter driving!! They now happily have 2 boys, 4 and 1 years old, Anthony and William. Sounds like a busy active family!

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, and Eileen, we're anxious to get to know you as well!

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS!