

QUOTA FLASH

Quota International of Waterloo

Quick Bits

Winter Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Cedar Falls Library

Large Meeting Room on 2nd Floor
(Use elevator or stairs)

5:30 Social/6:00 Dinner

Menu

by Caterer Patty Gaede

Baked Potato Soup

Tossed Salad with Toppings

Homemade Bread & Crackers

Bottled Water and Ice Tea

Hostess Committee Desserts

Cost: \$8.00

Program

Quotarians Share Their Crafty Talents!

No Meeting in December

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

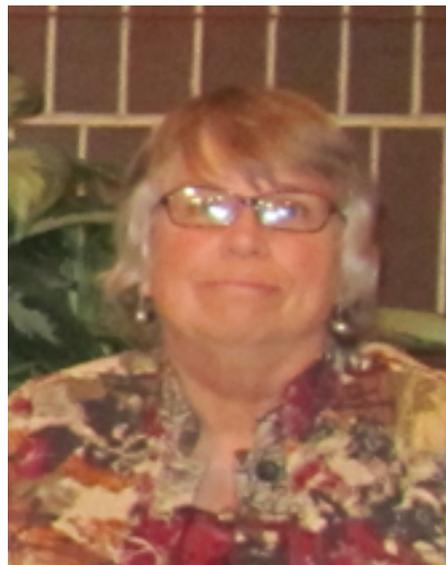
Program

Yoga

Mary McGinnis Meyer, Instructor

President's Message

Thanksgiving...a time for giving thanks and counting our blessings. I want to say THANK YOU to everyone for a very productive year in Quota. We are doing many good things for people. I am immensely grateful for all the work that you do! That being said, there have been several resignations this year. I wish those people the best and want them to know that they are always welcome if they choose to come to a meeting, rejoin, or participate in other ways. These resignations also sparked interesting discussion at the November board meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to address some of the issues we talked about at the board meeting and promote further discussion among our membership to help combat some of these challenging feelings.



1. *Longtime members don't feel appreciated.* They feel they are not being heard and the changes being made are not necessarily for the better. I apologize if I have made any of you feel that way. I'm not much into change either but when it seems that the majority of the members are favorable to ideas, that's the way it should go.
2. *Newer members are getting lost in the "jargon shuffle".* We don't explain some of the activities we do in enough detail that they have a clue about what's going on. The bake sale is an example. I was asked why we do it. Does it benefit Covenant? I (We) need to give a little more information about some of our events. Maybe we should add a page to the Yearbook that tells about our major events and fundraisers explaining such things as what the activity is, what are the members' responsibilities and where the funds go, if any are raised.
3. *There was quite a bit of discussion about fundraising.* It does appear we have our hands out a lot. Unfortunately, to do the things we do, we need money. I wish we could find a Quota "sugar daddy" who would give us a large sum of money every year, but until that happens, we have to keep raising our own funds.

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November Birthdays

Vicki Grimes (11/22)
Linda Woock (11/27)

December Birthdays

Linda Nielsen (12/10)
Ann Tippett (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)

NUT SALES ENDING AT COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

Kimball Ridge Family Market
December 5
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Important Notice

There has been a change in the hours that Kimball Ridge is open. Since Nov. 2nd, the main door is open from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday thru Saturday. It will not be open on Sundays. If you need to get into the Nut Room after these hours, you may enter through the Wellness Center in the back of the building during their hours, which are:

Monday - Thursday 5:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 5:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We have a little more than 3 weeks to reach our goal. Remember, the sale needs to be finalized by **December 15th!** Please keep selling! Have you met your sales from last year? Thanks for all of your efforts!

— Marcy Hartleip

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4. *Members are starting to feel overwhelmed by the amount of things we do.* Why do you sign up to do more than you really want to? Someone said it is women's guilt. Get "unguilty"! We need help but you can only do so much. Also, maybe those who don't help should step up. I realize many of us have jobs and families but try to help when you can and don't feel guilty if you can't.

5. *Apparently there has been conversation about people not getting to know others in the club.* We have always asked people to send short bios to be put in the FLASH. We'll be starting this process again. Along with this, if the hostess committee "assigns" seats occasionally at our business meetings, leave your name tag where it is placed. It's an easy way to meet some of the other members and get to know them.

6. *As a group, we don't seem to have much fun anymore.* All our meetings consist of a meal, business meeting and a program. Next year I would like to suggest that the program committee have some fun meetings and/or events. This might require the friendship committee to step up and help with some ideas. I keep trying to streamline the business part of the meeting but that might be counter-productive for newer members trying to learn what is what. A serious look needs to be taken at this. What do you think?

In closing, I want to wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. Since there will be no December meeting, I also want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to 2016!

— Mary Twaites

Casserole Count Climbs to 54!

In the Carter household, everyone gets into the Quota action! Pictured at left is Gail Carter and 4-year-old grandson, Matthew, receiving casseroles for the Catholic Worker House (CWH) that were delivered to Gail's home prior to the donation day of November 7th. Currently, we have donated another 18 meals bringing our total to 54 casseroles so we are over halfway to our goal of 90! The CWH casserole drives have been a great way for many Quota members to get involved with a service project.



COPS N KIDS Benefit the Burmese with Book Donation



Waterloo Police officer, Steve Newell, enjoys interacting with the preschoolers at Sacred Heart School during a recent COPS N KIDS book giveaway event. The children were all engaged in looking at the pictures in their new books. So COOL!! This was a very positive and fun experience for the children, teachers, police officer and Quota. 42 books were distributed among 3 classrooms.

Ann Tippett and Ginny Salkeld recently delivered books to Sacred Heart School in Waterloo as part of the Cops N Kids service project. The main emphasis of this giveaway event was to present Burmese books to the teacher of the preschool students to enable the teacher and the parents to have books to read to their children. However, the Cops N Kids committee decided the entire school should benefit from the books as well. As a result, some of the dialect books were sent home and some were kept in the classroom. The teacher is using the books to teach the children the equivalent English word for the items shown in the books. An additional highlight of the event saw Waterloo police officer, Steve Newell, attending the morning and afternoon sessions of the preschool class to read to the children. Great job by Ann with organizing the day's interaction and thanks to the Cops N Kids committee for purchasing the books.



At left, the children love listening to the stories read aloud by Officer Newell. They also ask him many questions about being a policeman and are especially curious to see everything carried on his belt!

At right, Ronald McDonald House Charities awarded Quota \$2,000 for our Cops 'n' Kids project. Ginny Salkeld and Mary Sandberg attended the awards lunch in Cedar Rapids on November 18th where they received the check. Kudos to Eileen Gunderson again for her grant writing success with this project.





CHRISTMAS PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please bring your unwrapped gift to AEA 267, 3712 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls on **December 10** beginning at 4:00 P.M. If you wish to help wrap that night, supplies will be provided for you. If you prefer to bring a wrapped gift, please make sure the ornament you chose at the meeting tonight is attached to the gift.

If this time is inconvenient for you, you may call Sandy at (319) 415-7912 or Marsha at (319) 493-8582 to drop off your gift another time prior to December 10th; or call Sandy to pick up your gift. We appreciate your willingness to help 3 families have a Merry Christmas. **Please remember this project is voluntary and it is okay if you cannot participate this year.**

Marge, Angie, Liz, Kathy,
Marsha and Sandy

Resume Nut Bagging

It looks like the last 2 weeks have been very busy for many of you. We are now out of Apricots, Party Snack, Raisin/Cran and Honey Roasted Peanuts. There are only 18 bags of pecan pieces left, but 125 bags of pecan halves. English Walnuts are down to 36 pounds. You can start thinking about bagging again. Grab a friend or two and head for the nut room! The chocolates are going quickly and some bagging is needed soon. The only thing that I wouldn't bag quite yet are the pecan halves. Otherwise, there are mixed, cashews, HR cashews and I believe one box of walnuts left to do. We're almost there!

— Marcy Hartleip

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign-Up to Work at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank

1605 Lafayette St.
Waterloo

Wednesday, December 2

from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Sign-up sheet will be available at the business meeting on November 24th

— Marge Maurer

"Our Hearts Are In Quota" Celebrating 90 Years of Service

Anniversary News

We will be participating in the Waterloo Days Parade this year in early June and in the Sturgis Falls Parade in late June. Waterloo's theme will be "Back to the Future" and the Sturgis Falls theme will be "Let The Good Times Roll". Do you have any ideas for decorating a float for either of these themes? We will have pens and magnets to give out to the crowds and of course candy! We still do not have a truck for the float so if you have any ideas, please let Sandy or Kathy B. know!

— Sandy Lawry

Scarf Project

The Services to Disadvantaged Women and Children are conducting a Scarf Project to support many people in need within our community. If you have any winter scarves that you are no longer needing and are willing to donate to this project, please bring them to our next meeting. Oletha, Ann, Sandy and Angie will be collecting them at our meeting on Tuesday 11/24/15. We are hoping to get 90 scarves in honor of our 90th Birthday! This scarf project has been discussed and granted permission from the Waterloo Parks Department. Thank you Oletha! If you have any questions please contact the committee chairs or ask at the meeting on Tuesday.



Giving Tuesday is a worldwide movement to harness the collective power of philanthropy during the holiday season. On Tuesday, December 1 2015, organizations, businesses, and communities come together to celebrate and encourage giving. Quotarians across the globe have embodied the spirit of Giving Tuesday for nearly a century. Read more on the [Team Quota Blog](http://TeamQuotaBlog) about how Quota members have improved the lives on children around the world in 2015. Giving Tuesday donations can be made by visiting www.quotainternational.org. Help to create sound beginnings for children in over 260 communities worldwide.