

# THE Quotarian

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**Picture This!**  
**Generations Connect**  
**through Quota**

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### **The Quotarian**

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**Front Cover:** Four generations serve together through the Quota club of Fargo, North Dakota, U.S.A, and its JQ (junior) club: from Dolly Strand (standing, left) to daughter Paula Kelly (standing, right) to granddaughters Heather Moritz (sitting, left) and Traci Nelson (sitting, right) to great-granddaughter Jazmin Kelly (sitting, center), a junior member. For more about successful multigenerational clubs, see our cover story on page 2. Photo Copyright 2011 Portrait Innovations™.

### **ABOUT QUOTA INTERNATIONAL** **We Change Lives**

In Quota International, members serve our local communities and our world. Founded in 1919 as the first international service organization for women, Quota today includes men and women in clubs throughout North America, South America, the Caribbean, the South Pacific, Asia, and Europe. Our motto, "We Share," leads us to help and encourage others, while developing friendships and promoting international understanding. We are known especially for our service to disadvantaged women and children and to people with hearing loss and speech disorders.



## **Pool Party in Parañaque**

**(PHILIPPINES) For Quota Cares Month 2011, the Parañaque Quota club invited 35 children with speech and hearing disorders for a day of water play. Sure, the children had a good time, but no more than our fun-loving Quotarians (from left to right), Ester Buenaventura, Imelda Lajada, and Nellie Feliciano. Splash on!**

# Dear Quota Member,



Have you noticed that it's the quality of our connections that keep us in Quota? As we work together in our communities, our bonds of friendship develop. Adding fun to the mix strengthens our commitment to caring...for each other as well as our communities. Joyful moments enjoyed together—just as Parañaque Quota members in the Philippines are sharing in this beautiful photograph—keep our

connections vital and strong. A balance of serious service and lightheartedness is the secret to membership success.

This issue of *The Quotarian* highlights the wonderful ways Quota members treasure experiences together. One heartwarming example, from the Whakatane club in New Zealand, is featured in “My Turn” on page 15. I won't give away the story, but in my photo (above), you will see that during the District 37 Conference last May, I was privileged to wear “the Necklace”—which figures prominently in the plot. This is a tale that reminds us: *Through Quota, We Can!*

Yours in Quota,

Chris Tracey-Patte  
International President



## COVER STORY

# Generations Connect, Care through Quota



Dynamic Dolly Strand (red boa) created a Quota Dynasty in the Fargo club in North Dakota, U.S.A. Dolly's enthusiasm for her Quota club experience enticed her progeny to join the caring and fun—from daughter Paula Kelly (pink boa), Quota's District 22 governor; to granddaughters (white boas) Heather Moritz (left) and Traci Nelson (right); to great-granddaughter Jazmin Kelly (blue boa). *Photo Copyright 2011 Portrait Innovations™.*

**(USA)** While Quota International attracts members of all ages, most clubs focus member recruitment and retention within a common age range—Silver Q seniors, Baby Boomers, or Next Gens, for example. A few notable clubs, however, thrive with members of all ages who come together through their common dedication to making a difference. These clubs benefit from youthful energies coupled with a richness of wisdom and know-how that enhances all members' Quota experience.

A great example is the Quota club of Fargo, North Dakota, chartered in 1925. Over the years, many members have followed older friends and relatives into the club—and many members

have recruited daughters, nieces, and younger friends to keep Quota strong. Perhaps no family in the club more successfully recruited younger generations than the one featured on our cover, the Strand family, with four generations of current members.

### It's All in the Family in Fargo

The family trend in Quota membership began with the dynamic Dolly Strand, a bank vice president, now retired, who joined the Fargo club in 1983 and remains an active member. In 1997, Dolly's daughter, Paula Kelly, followed in her mother's footsteps to become a bank vice president and a

member of Fargo Quota. Now District 22 governor, Paula recruited her two daughters: Heather Moritz in 2000, who later became club president, and Traci Nelson in 2008, who now serves as a JQ mentor. In 2009, Traci's daughter, Jazmin Kelly, joined the Fargo club's JQs, based in the Fargo suburb of Halstad, Minnesota, and known as "The Quotations." (See story, page 6.)

According to Dolly, her progeny's membership in Quota grew from participation in club activities. "Paula modeled in our annual style show fundraiser—and then Heather and Traci modeled for us. Now, Jazmin models, too. And they've all helped with our



JQ Jazmin Kelly, a fourth generation Quota member, enjoys helping her community along with her teenaged peers, The Quotations of Halstad, Minnesota, a junior club established in 2009 by QI of Fargo, North Dakota.

Signing Santa parties over the years as well as other club projects. They discovered that Quota is a passion. We all feel so strongly about what we're doing. Our kids see that and want to be part of it. Enthusiasm is what makes it fun."

"Recruitment is an ongoing effort in the Fargo club," noted Heather. "We supply information about Quota at every event. We have received very positive press through the local paper that led to follow-up from people who were interested in joining. But, in my family, I guess recruitment begins at home!"

## Ongoing Recruitment in Indiana, Pennsylvania

The multigenerational QI of Indiana, Pennsylvania, chartered in 1955, also recruits constantly, and the result is a membership ranging in age from 21 years to—well, let's not mention it. Whether retired or young adult, potential members find in this club a welcoming place to enjoy fellowship and carry out acts of community caring. While the club rarely holds specific recruitment events, the roster remains healthy (currently at 47 members), because the club invites friends and relatives to join the fun at all club projects and fund-raisers. One of the more youthful Indiana Quota members, President Brenda DiCicco said, "We ask everyone to bring people to our activities, so we get people of all ages. One member just recruited her mother to join. We have a wonderful mix of people in the club, so we feel we're a special group. We do a lot of good, we help one another, and we have a lot of fun together."

One membership magnet for the club is their annual St. Patty's Open, a nine-hole indoor golf tournament to support Downtown Indiana's Renaissance. The event, now in its seventh successful year, attracts great publicity and participation from the community, raising tens of thousands of dollars and facilitating recruitment efforts. "We invite people to volunteer during the event, and then we recruit those volun-



QI of Indiana, Pennsylvania, is a multigenerational club whose members share a love of helping their community. Members, at a district-wide collection of underwear for homeless children, are, from left, Club President Brenda DiCicco, Betsy Lauber, Meghan McMeans (the club's youngest member), Connie Minich, District 3 Lieutenant Governor Meghan Foulk, and Kathy King. *Photo courtesy Kris Mellinger/Curly Bear Productions.*

teers for membership in our club—no matter what age group they are in!" said President Brenda.

## Youthful Energy in Minneapolis

The Quota club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, chartered in 1930, keeps friends and family informed of club activities and always accepts helping hands. This open communication encourages new members to join because they feel warmly welcomed and needed.

The club strives to choose activities that attract youthful energy but still leave room for more settled members and guests to assist. "Our members range in age from women in their 90s to women in their 20s," said Past Club President Mary Dworsky. "In any endeavor, they participate in a way that is most comfortable for them. This way, we generally have 100 percent participation—and we have increased our member numbers. This always helps to enhance morale."

Minneapolis Quota solicited the help of family and friends for

a clothing drive to help homeless and impoverished locals. "The support was nothing short of amazing!" said Mary. "Of course, in our communication to them, we included a description of our club service and fellowship activities and invited interested people to contact a member for more information. We gained three new members this way!"



Youthful community projects, like the Minneapolis club's dance for deaf and hard-of-hearing teens, pictured here, attract the interest of younger members in Quota clubs but still leave room for the participation of more seasoned members.

## Celebrating Our Winning Ways

Quota International shined in 2011, receiving seven international awards.

Quota's first virtual issue of *The Quotarian* magazine, published in February 2011, was honored with four awards last year. For the ninth time in a row—but the first time in the Web Magazine category, it received the APEX Award of Excellence. Our magazine also received the Hermes Creative Gold



Award, for excellence in magazine concept, writing, and design; the 2011 Communicator Award of Distinction for exceeding industry standards

in quality and achievement; and the 2011 MarCom Gold Award for quality, creativity, and resourcefulness. The October 2011 issue was also honored with the MarCom Gold Award.

Quota's Hand-in-Hand World Service program received two awards in



QI of Ba, Fiji, has been a long-time participant in Quota's Hand-in-Hand World Service Program. Hand-in-Hand won two major awards in 2011.

2011, including the "Power of A" Gold Award from the American Society of Association Executives. Quota was the only gold-level recipient in the Better World category. In addition, for the second year, Hand-in-Hand World Service was selected as a winner of the Communitas Award for a program which honors community volunteerism and philanthropy.

## Guess Who Came to Lunch?



Quota staffers received a friendly wave from U.S. President Barack Obama when he dined in a restaurant located in the Quota headquarters building in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Staffers

knew something was up when they arrived at work one Friday in January to find a swarm of Secret Service agents surrounding the four-floor brownstone.

Not permitted to exit the building while the President dined, staff peering out the window snapped this photo of his limousine to share with you. Working for Quota does have its perks!

## Quota Grows On

Since the last issue of *The Quotarian* was published, Quota welcomed two new branches:

### New Quota Branches

**The Twigs Branch of Cupertino, California, United States**  
Launched November 2011

**The Negros Oriental Branch of Cebu, The Philippines**  
Launched December 2011

## Oh, the Webs We Weave

Quota is celebrating the first anniversary of the launching of its new Web site on [www.quota.org](http://www.quota.org). Stop by and visit! We're more than a Web Site...we're an online community. We've added some exciting new features to our site:

- Convention 2012 Planning Tools
- Hand-in-Hand World Service Program News Board
- Hand-in-Hand Public Awareness Campaign Resources and Tools
- Quota World Service e-Magazine
- Volunteer of the Year Profiles (upload your club's nominee!)
- Quota International Membership Brochure (download or order copies)
- QI Letterhead Template for Clubs and Districts



# Tech-Savvy JQs Connect Virtually

**(USA)** JQ club members bring renewed energy to their host club, QI of Fargo, North Dakota. The club members consider the formation of the JQ club “their greatest recent accomplishment,” said Past Club President Heather Moritz. The ten JQs, known as “The Quotations of Halstad, Minnesota,” a suburb of Fargo, help the club with certain events, such as their popular annual fashion show and silent auction and Signing Santa party for deaf kids. The girls also take on projects of their own—from providing layettes for mothers in need and breast pillows for local, recovering mastectomy patients to a fund-raiser for a schoolmate who lost his home in a fire.

The Quotations also connect virtually and conduct most of their business through text messages, e-mails, and Facebook. But JQ Jazmin Kelly, a fourth-generation Quota member (see cover story, page 2) “went old school” for recruitment with a paper pamphlet stating the Quotations’ mission, objectives, and membership benefits alongside a membership application.



The Quotations of Halstad, a JQ club sponsored by QI of Fargo, assist at the Quota club’s annual Signing Santa party for deaf and hard-of-hearing children. The group also plans and carries out their own projects, organized among members through virtual meetings.

## Beenleigh Doubles its JQ Fun



Beenleigh JQ and Loganlea JQ, both chartered by QI of Beenleigh, Queensland, collaborated for a fun Halloween event, the Big Box Sleepout, to raise awareness and funds to help the homeless.

**(AUSTRALIA)** The Beenleigh Quota club recently organized a second JQ club when a local teen, inspired by the QuoCKa reading program, sought to volunteer. The new Loganlea JQ meets twice monthly during their school lunch break. They also serve weekly as QuoCKa readers and raise funds to buy books to distribute.

The original Beenleigh JQ began in 2009, when the Quota club’s World Service Ambassadors asked, “How can we do more for Quota?” The club provides monthly training sessions for the JQs in areas such as public speaking, running meetings, and organizing events. Once a month the JQs meet on their own, and they carry out numerous fund-raising and service events that they plan throughout the year.

For Halloween, the Loganlea and Beenleigh JQs worked together on the Big Box Sleepout, a lively event to raise awareness about homelessness that includes fun, food, costumes, and a spooky night sleeping in a box on a tennis court. Through sponsorships, the JQs raised over Aus.\$1,100 and collected clothing and other goods for local shelters.



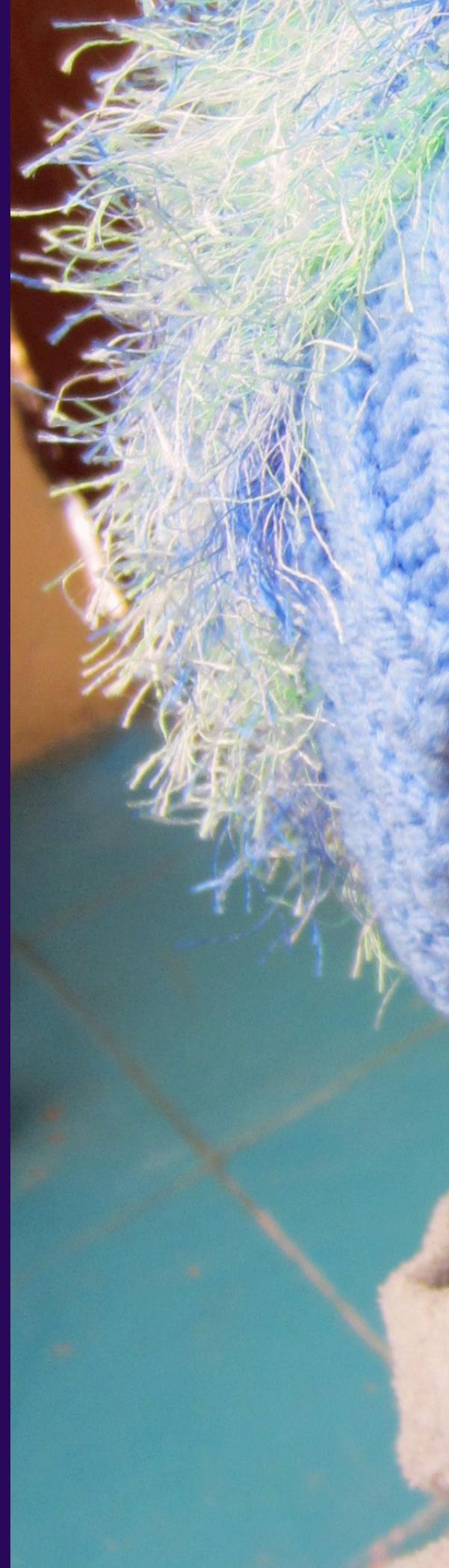
# “Need Exists Near and Far”

**In the haunting gaze of an abandoned child, the ancient words of Saint Jerome ring true—that “the face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes, without speaking, confess the secrets of the heart.”**

**This little girl resides in a South African orphanage that houses 29 children, from infants to teens, many HIV positive, most abused, all forsaken by their parents. The Bristol Quota club in Connecticut, U.S.A., recently began supporting the facility. In addition to restoring electricity there, the club provided personal care kits for each child, including soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, and a hairbrush. Toys, candy, mittens, and hand-knit hats (as worn by this little girl) were also given to the children.**

**The image, captured by club member Diane Ashworth, received the 2011 Grand Prize in the We Share Foundation’s annual International Photography Contest, judged by former White House photographers Jodie Steck and Joyce Boghosian. Noted Jodie, “This image is a powerful portrait. The eyes of this child say so much.”**

**The Bristol club donated their U.S.\$500 prize to the Hand-in-Hand project sponsored by QI of Cebu.**





# Quota Provides Hearing and Speech Technology and Education

Quota International addresses needs in speech and hearing with efforts as varied as the communities we impact. Through equipment, treatment, programs, and education, Quota changes lives with vital help.

## Sound Technology

Quota clubs employ the latest technology to meet local needs. Many clubs, like these in the U.S., provide hearing screening to identify hearing loss—whether for newborns, like QI of Batavia, New York; or school children, like QI of Ruston, Louisiana; or adults, like QI of Salem, Ohio. Some clubs, like QI of Estevan, Saskatchewan, Canada, install sound amplification systems in schools, while others provide systems in community venues, like QI of Eureka, California, U.S.A., which provided a new public address system for their local zoo—Sequoia Park.



Quota clubs also target individuals. In the U.S., QI of Charleston, West Virginia, collects, reconditions, and redistributes hearing aids, while in Ohio, QI of Massillon gives hearing aids and assistance to deaf children. Also in Ohio, QI of East Liverpool donated a special transmitter to a deaf vocational student and an auditory assistance kit to a first grader to help them in class,



QI of Iloilo, the Philippines, addresses many aspects of hearing health. At a club-sponsored ear clinic for 140 students at a special education school, little Donita stood patiently as the doctor examined her.

and QI of Canton provided a local resident who stutters with Delayed Auditory Feedback devices.

## Cochlear Implants

Some clubs help cochlear implant patients through direct assistance to recipients; others, such as the Gold Coast and Boonah Quota clubs of Queensland, Australia, support local hearing centers. QI of Liverpool, New South Wales, Australia, invited an implant recipient to share about her life at a club meeting.

## Education

Many clubs educate their communities about hearing and speech health. In the U.S., QI of Alliance, Ohio, sponsored a seminar on coping with hear-

ing loss, while QI of East Memphis, Tennessee, presented an exhibit on deafness at a local children's museum. In Michigan, QI of Grand Rapids provided kits to aid communication between deaf patients and hospital caregivers, while QI of Traverse City partnered with their fire department in a high-profile project to provide strobe light smoke detectors for deaf residents. In Australia, QI of Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, sponsored a presentation on Meniere's disease, a disorder of the inner ear, while, in the Philippines, QI of Iloilo sponsored training for teachers, health care professionals, and social workers to recognize hearing loss in children. On the Caribbean islands of Aruba and Curaçao, Quota promotes hearing health through nationwide awareness campaigns.

## WE SHARE



QI of East Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A., provided assistance at a local children's museum, where the club recently sponsored an exhibit on deafness. Here, volunteers Rachel Elkins (left) and Laura Martin teach characters in the "Bugs" exhibit to sign: "I love you."

### Schools

A number of clubs support schools for kids with special needs. Many U.S. clubs, including the West Virginia Quota clubs of South Charleston and Beckley, host holiday parties with Signing Santas. In Australia, QI of Thuringowa, Queensland, supports a school and helped create a small lending library of

books adapted for children diagnosed with hearing loss. Each book is accompanied by a DVD that includes simplified visual communication symbols for each page plus a voice-over of the text and sign interpretation, which allows parents to read to their children at home and also to learn to sign.

### Scholarships

Quota clubs also invest in scholars. In the U.S., QI of Rome, Georgia, offers an annual scholarship to a graduate of the Georgia School for the Deaf, while in New Mexico, QI of Albuquerque and QI of Santa Fe each provide annual scholarships for deaf students. QI of Blairsville, Pennsylvania, grants two annual scholarships and recently assisted a deaf college student, while QI of Bossier City, Louisiana, provides an annual scholarship for a student entering the speech-and-hearing field. QI of Campbelltown, New South Wales, Australia, supports a deaf university student.



Many Quota clubs host Signing Santa parties for kids, like this one, sponsored by QI of Beckley, West Virginia, U.S.A.

## Walcha Quota Raises Funds for Cochlear Implant



**(AUSTRALIA)** Kirsten, a two-year-old girl born with bilateral hearing loss, received a government-funded cochlear implant in one ear, but insurance did not cover a second.

The Quota club of Walcha, New South Wales, was assisting the family with travel expenses for medical appointments when they learned the family planned to borrow Aus.\$65,000 for the needed surgery. The club organized Help Kirsten Hear, a community-wide fund-raising dinner and auction with guest speaker Nick Farr-Jones, Aussie rugby star and captain of the 1991 World Cup-winning Wallabies.

More than 100 items were donated, and event tickets sold rapidly at Aus.\$50 a head. That evening, Aus.\$40,000 was raised. Donations continue to trickle in to "Help Kirsten Hear."



## QUOTA CONNECTIONS

# Whitsunday Quota Cooks Up Unique Program



QI of Whitsunday's Chef de Quota program united club members with local teens for adventures in cooking. Club members sported costumes (in photos above and below) to spice up the culinary theme. The club presented each graduate with kitchenware; at right, participant Natalie Mason was delighted with her treasures.

**(AUSTRALIA)** Inspired by the television series "MasterChef," the Quota club of Whitsunday, Queensland, created a cooking program for teenagers with special needs. Attired in chefs'

jackets and hats, ten students learned how to budget, shop for, and prepare healthy food. Club members, dressed for the culinary theme of the day, cheered them on throughout the six-week endeavor. "We did not imagine the impact the costumes would have on the students," noted club Service Director Jill Farinelli. "It helped make them feel more at ease, and they looked forward each week to seeing the outrageous outfits we would wear."

For the final cook-off, the club flew in MasterChef runner-up Callum Hann, 20, to serve as judge in a high profile event attended by local dignitaries, chefs, and residents. Winners received prizes, and all program participants received kitchenware, donated in part

by a local shop. Each teen also received food-handling certification from a hospitality school and had the chance to autograph cookbooks featuring their very own recipes.

Enthusiasm generated by the event brought new members into Quota and boosted club morale. "Watching the students grow and become more confident gave all of our members the greatest feeling of satisfaction. We planned a fun learning experience that could change participants' lives," Jill said.



### GREAT IDEA

**(USA)** The Sand Springs Quota club in Oklahoma kicks back to kick off their new club year. Members meet in June for their "Quota Retreat"—a less formal gathering aimed at fostering fellowship. In the relaxed atmosphere, the club floats ideas and begins planning service and fund-raising for the season, which begins in September.

## QUOTA CONNECTIONS



Fairbanks Quota members, from left, include Bernie Hall, Patty Weaver, and Shannon Stone.

### Q-Caring in Alaska

**(USA)** The Fairbanks Quota club in Alaska spreads the word that Quota Cares. While keeping the local Red Cross stocked with comfort bags for fire victims, the club provides Quota Cares teddy bears for the local hospital, celebrates birthdays at a nursing home, and encourages kids to learn about Quota by sponsoring a prize in the local science fair for “Best Project Related to Speech and Hearing.” The club engages their community regularly with a banner ad in the local newspaper, beginning “Quota Cares About...,” followed by one of the club’s community impact goals, and they regularly post information about Quota on local Web sites.

## Q is for Quirky

**(USA)** Tennessee Williams had “Night of the Iguana.” The Quota club of West Monroe, Louisiana, has “Night of the Cake.” Now in its third year, this fabulous fund-raiser features an auction of cakes contributed by popular local leaders, who must tell the audience a story before their cake is auctioned. An entertaining yarn is known to drive up the price of a single confection to U.S.\$1,000 or



Above: Night of the Cake Committee members enjoy the results of their planning and hard work: (from left) Amy Johnson, Lila Strode, Tamara Spurgeon, and Chair Joanne McFarland. Below: Mr. Chicken entertains. Photos courtesy Focus Photography Team ([www.focusphotographyteam.com](http://www.focusphotographyteam.com)).



more. Now a highlight of the Monroe-area social calendar, participants ask for reservations a year in advance! The event attracts many local celebrities, including the always engaging and colorful Mr. Chicken, left.

**Quota Quirky Quotient: QQQQq (4.5 Qs)**



### Perennial PR

**(USA)** Quota is blossoming in one club community. The Quota club of Holyoke, Massachusetts, keeps their name in front of their neighbors with a flower garden members tend at a local intersection, part of a city-wide “adopt-an-island” program. The club also hosts a multicultural holiday dinner for local residents.

**Karen's Vision:**  
**To have Quota clubs in every**  
**city, suburb, and town...**  
**offering the gift of Quota to all**



**Karen Murphy**  
 International President-elect  
 2012—2013

Will you join me,  
 hand-in-hand,  
 as we take Quota forward?

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# Sparkling Memories of a Dear Friend

**By Lorna Subritzky**

My Mum always said that every woman should have an older woman as a friend. Joan Robinson was mine. We shared a special magic within Quota. When Joan was first diagnosed with cancer, I gave her a book, *The Necklace*, by Cheryl Jarvis. I felt it reflected the support and fellowship of our Quota members and how Quota helped me when I moved into Whakatane, newly single, looking for a job and a friend. She loved the story.

When Joan was traveling hours for radiation treatments, our Quota girls, in true Quota fashion, organized to take her to Hamilton each Monday and bring her home again on Fridays. Joan was overwhelmed with the amazing support and love she received from Quota members. She wanted to thank them all but didn't know what would be appropriate. The book held the answer. A regular stop on the way to and from Hamilton was Tirau, for a cuppa and a stretch. A jewelry shop was her favorite destination, and there Joan found her treasure—a dazzling Swarovski crystal necklace! When the owner heard Joan's story and who the necklace was for, she offered it at a special price and presented it in a beautiful velvet case.

As Joan was unable to thank everyone individually, she gave Quota *the necklace* in gratitude. She wanted to share it with each member who drove



*“As Joan was unable to thank everyone individually, she gave Quota the necklace in gratitude.”*

her back and forth and, over time, with all Whakatane Quota members. She presented it to me along with the book. We named the necklace “*Joanie*”—and there began an incredible journey. Each month, Joan and I would draw the name of a member who, for the next month, would receive the book to enjoy, *the necklace* to wear, and the task of recording in a diary the experience of *Joanie's* Journey for Joan to read while she was receiving treatments.

*Joanie* traveled overseas with Governor Karla for the 2010 Quota International Convention in Vancouver and marveled at the glaciers on an Alaskan cruise with Jan. She climbed the Blue Mountains in Australia with Paddy and Sheryl, stopping for a drink at Whangamomona Pub. *Joanie* met the Governor General of New Zealand at Bonnie's investiture for

her Queen's Service Medal, and she enjoyed being part of the staff at the ANZ Bank. She was sported by Joan's great-grandson, age three; spent Kiwi Week with Lorraine; and sparkled in Robyn's car with the reflections from the glistening snow on Mount Ruapehu.

Before Joan passed away, three of us Quotarians took turns wearing *Joanie* for our leg of a duathlon. We won three prizes that day: our division; oldest team present (173 years combined); and most deserving. Most importantly, I told the story of *the necklace* to the crowd that was cheering us on. Joan's Quota Jewels had done well! Even though Joan was unable to speak, her eyes and hands told me that she was very, very proud of us all.

*The necklace* was the drug that kept Joan's spirits up throughout her illness. *Joanie's* Journey is a memory that will sparkle forever in our Quota club as we draw a new recipient out of the hat each month. With 48 members, it will take more than four years for everyone in our club to have a turn wearing *Joanie*. Nevertheless, all our members quietly wait to experience the special magic that comes with this very special legacy.

*[Editor's note: please turn the page for pictures of Joan Robinson and Whakatane Quota members with necklace “Joanie.”]*

Lorna Subritzky is Past Club President of QI of Whakatane, New Zealand.



# A Story of Sharing



**American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote: "All the means of action, the shapeless masses, the materials lie everywhere about us. What we need is the celestial fire to change the flint into the transparent crystal, bright and clear. That fire is genius." The Quota club of Whakatane, New Zealand, tapped into such genius when they shared a string**

**of crystals to honor Joan Robinson (pictured above, left), a member suffering from cancer who passed away in November 2010. Their story of true fellowship, found inside this back cover and depicted here in photographs of various members, will warm your caring heart.**

