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A photograph of two women embracing warmly. The woman on the left is wearing a vibrant green and blue sari with a gold border and a red bindi on her forehead. The woman on the right is wearing a red traditional Chinese qipao with a floral pattern. They are standing in front of several flags, including the Canadian flag and the United Kingdom flag. The background is dark, making the women and the flags stand out.

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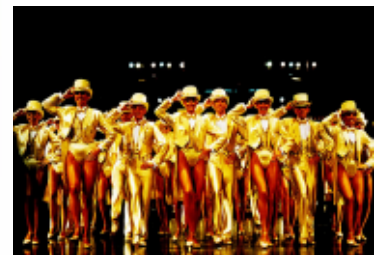
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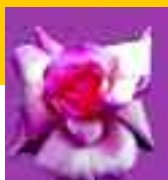
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ON THE COVER: *Share Quota's Heart Around the World.*

President Nicôl Lea of Cupertino, California, U.S.A., enjoys a special Quota moment with Indu Punj of Quota's New Delhi club in India. President Nicôl was installed at Quota's first biennial convention in Toronto in July 2004, noting, "When I saw all of us together in our dedication and passion as Quotarians, it was truly magical."

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About Quota International

Organized in 1919, Quota International, Inc., is an 86-year-old service organization that links its members of all ages, occupations, and nationalities in a worldwide network of service and friendship. Quota's members in 14 countries around the globe are committed to serving their communities and their world. With a motto of "we share," Quotarians are known especially for their service to deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech-impaired individuals and disadvantaged women and children. Serving and encouraging others, developing friendships, and promoting international understanding are values shared by all Quota members.

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Dear Fellow Quotarians,

As 2004 came to an end, the most powerful earthquake in 40 years struck deep beneath the Indian Ocean off the west coast of Sumatra, triggering massive tsunamis that destroyed villages and seaside resorts in more than ten countries. Well over 226,000 people from countries around the globe have died, and we continue to grieve in the aftermath of such incomprehensible destruction.

As shock resonated throughout the world, Quota members confirmed the caring hearts that define our international organization of fellowship and service. Members and clubs throughout the world—including my own—contacted international relief agencies, collected donations in Quota's name, and remembered victims in their prayers. Truly, we shared our Quota hearts around the world when the world most needed us to do so.

Quota International has helped those in need since 1919. The response of kindness and goodwill from caring members like you emerged in the face of the devastation wrought by the tsunamis. The spirit of compassion we know so well in our own organization remains alive and well—86 years after Wanda Frey Joiner founded Quota International, Inc.

Quota's mission is vital in today's unpredictable world, and this issue of the *Quotarian* magazine demonstrates the many wonderful ways your Quota service restores hope and brings comfort amidst uncertainty. Let these stories of the many ways you have already made the world a better place lift your caring hearts and encourage you to carry on with the work you do so well.

You are needed more than ever.

With love,

Nicôl Lea
International President



Norfolk Island Postage Stamps Feature Quota International

Quota International of Norfolk Island in the South Pacific is the first Quota club in the world to be featured on postage stamps. A set of three stamps issued in August 2004 marks the club's 25th anniversary in the close-knit island society. The club chartered in 1979, just two days after Norfolk Island became a self-governing territory of Australia, and maintains a respected role in community service leadership.

In addition to the significant public honor afforded by issuing the stamps, the island government donates a percentage of the sales to the club for local service projects. "This was a very generous gesture," noted Quota's



South Pacific Area Director June Young, who, along with 53 other Australian Quota members and leaders, attended the official stamp launch ceremony.

QUICK FACTS about Norfolk Island

- 1774** Captain Cook discovers uninhabited island
- 1788** Great Britain establishes penal colony (ends 1814)
- 1825** Second penal colony (ends 1855)
- 1856** Descendants of H.M.S. Bounty mutineers and their Tahitian wives arrive
- 1979** Norfolk Island becomes independent Australian territory
Quota club charts
- 2004** First postage stamps featuring Quota

Economic Boon

Club president Joyce Dyer said the large Quota crowd was a boon to both club and island: "We were ecstatic when such a distinguished group arrived to share our silver anniversary, including the instigator of our club, Past District Governor Phyl Meredith. Plus, it was a really great boost to the island economy!"

"Australian members who attended this special celebration thoroughly enjoyed Norfolk Island's hospitality and the chance to visit local shops," added SPA Director June after touring the three-by-five mile subtropical paradise.

Because Norfolk Island stamps are relatively rare, they generate great interest among philatelists. Distributed worldwide, stamps have become a good source of revenue for this self-supporting territory—and now for Quota service.

To order copies of the first-ever Quota postage stamps...

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Service to Youth Energizes Clubs

Two clubs along the United States East Coast—QI of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and QI of Coral Springs-Parkland, Florida—tapped into abundant energy by recruiting young people to help them serve other youth. Club members are rejuvenated by youthful enthusiasm when young helpers discover that service addresses their own deep-seated desires to make a difference.

Hooked on a Feeling

Beverly Bradley is a dynamic presence in the Bethlehem Quota club. A relatively new club member, Bev was recruited into Quota soon after retirement from 30 years as a high school teacher. Now an adjunct college professor, Bev spearheads a mammoth Cops 'n' Kids program that has amassed some 30,000 books for kids in need and attracted the interest of many segments of the community, including young people. "We have a lot of kids in need, but we have more kids who can help," Bev explained. "Our Cops 'n' Kids program is a great way to introduce students to service and provide a way for members to mentor them to become service leaders. When a project is finished, I tell the kids, 'Now you know what it feels like to help someone.' And they get hooked on that feeling."

The Bethlehem club recently collaborated with the local Girl Scout council to provide books for schools in



Two boys enthusiastically help QI of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., prepare books for distribution through the club's Cops 'n' Kids program.

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—Beverly Bradley, QI of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.



Florida that were devastated by the 2004 hurricanes. The girls collected more than 4,000 books and got a special reward—Bev arranged a conference call for them with Cops 'n' Kids Founder Julia Burney. "The girls were so moved by her encouragement, knowing they were part of something big," noted Bev. "This project is great to use with young people because it is a simple way to help. Every book has potential to change a child's life—in receiving or giving it."

Cops 'n' Kids provides police officers with books to distribute to disadvantaged youth. The program builds relationships between cops and kids and encourages literacy as a route out of poverty.

The Bethlehem club works with many local schools to collect books for their literacy project and to introduce young people to the joy of service.

When One Member Goes Above and Beyond

Bev Bradley heard about the Cops 'n' Kids program and hoped to lead a drive to collect a thousand books for disadvantaged kids in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley. Her enthusiasm was contagious, sweeping beyond Quota meetings into the entire community. Collections in Bethlehem now total more than 30,000 volumes, providing abundant materials for local police as well as food pantries to distribute to kids in target populations. Bethlehem Quota club president Edith Gliem called Bev nothing short of marvelous. "She is small in stature, but full of energy. Everywhere she goes, people get swept up in her enthusiasm. Because of her, this project has invigorated our club and the whole community. We've gotten great publicity and recognition for the first time in our history—and that brought in new members and the possibility of club branches in our area."



Junior Quota Club

When a Florida teen drawn to working with deaf children attended a meeting of the Coral Springs-Parkland Quota club, members recognized great potential for service in tap-



Michelle Browett, President of the QI of Coral Springs-Parkland junior Quota club, finishes a holiday service project.

ping into youthful energy. They helped the young woman organize a Junior Quota club in her high school—a new Quota concept that is gaining interest and popularity.

Junior club president Michelle Browett attended elementary school with deaf students and gained a keen understanding of

the needs of hard-of-hearing children as well as a strong foundation in sign language. She learned about Quota through a club-sponsored contest for American Sign Language students and decided to attend a meeting. Rather than turn away the curious youth, the club tapped into her energy and worked to create a solution that benefits everyone involved.

The junior club focuses on helping their deaf peers by raising money for scholarships and providing fellowship

and fun through gatherings and outings. "Hearing teens take for granted a deaf teen's basic adolescent need for parties," said Michelle.

The juniors enjoy encouragement from adult members, and their youthful zeal inspires the adults to give more. Cheryl Harter, Quota liaison for the juniors and mother of two deaf children, said the teens are "energetic and willing to try. We try to give them a sense of how a service organization is structured and encourage them to make their own decisions. They're a great group of kids."



Many hands make light work. Junior and senior club members created these holiday baskets for families in need.

2005 Club-to-Club Projects

A record number of projects—nine in all—were approved by the We Share Foundation as 2005 Club-to-Club World Service projects. Several endeavors continue from previous years, others are new; but all projects are organized by Quota clubs to address needs in their own local communities. For detailed information, visit www.wesharefoundation.org and click the "Club-to-Club World Service Projects" link.

FIJI

QI of Ba *HART Village*

The Ba club continues to support HART Village with hearing screenings, hearing aids, and educational support. In addition, the club encourages self-sufficiency among village women through a sewing and dress-making training program. In 2005, the club plans to install a kitchen where the women can prepare food to sell.



INDIA

QI of DLF City *Dispensary and Vocational Training*

The DLF City club strives to improve health care for rural disadvantaged families and migrant workers through their Dispensary, offering free medical care and hospitalization in urgent cases. Last year, the club added a vocational training center to help local women gain skills and find work.

QI of New Delhi

Quota Home Cancer Screening

Now housed in two large buildings, the New Delhi club's successful Quota Home continues to provide shelter, education, job training, and medical care for women and children from the Faridabad slums. This year, the club plans to offer free cancer screenings and to finance treatment for up to four patients diagnosed with the disease.



QI of Sainik Farm

Home for the Aged and Quota Playschool

This two-fold project offers ongoing service to the Home for Aged and quality daycare at the Quota Playschool. The club provides compassionate care for elderly persons to meet basic nutritional and medical needs and cares for disadvantaged children while parents work. In 2005, the club will add resident rooms to the Home and expand the school's facilities.



THE PHILIPPINES

QI of Cebu

Sawang Calero and Guba Daycare Centers

The Cebu club continues to provide quality pre-school education, nutrition, and medical care for children from the poorest parts of their city. The centers have been lauded throughout the Philippines as model daycare centers. Donations provide teachers' salaries plus food, clothing, medical care, and vitamins for students.



QI of Cebu

QI of Davao City

Mindanao Neonatal Hearing Screening Center

In this new service project, the Davao City club partners with a local maternity hospital to provide free infant hearing screening for indigent families in conjunction with the launching of an extensive information campaign about early detection and prevention of hearing loss.



QI of DLF City

QI of Iloilo

Teacher Scholarship Program

For many years, the Iloilo club has supported two schools for the deaf that they founded. Recognizing a pressing need for qualified teachers in these schools, the club has launched a scholarship fund to prepare educators wishing to work with hard-of-hearing children and young adults in these facilities. Club-to-Club donations will be added to this fund.

QI of Manila

Battered and Abused Women

While assisting disadvantaged women through Quota service, the Manila club recognized signs of pervasive abuse. In response, the club offers food, shelter, and medical and psychiatric care for battered women who leave home. The club cares for these women and offers them classes to develop needed job and social skills before they strike out on their own.

QI of Manila South

Deafness Resource Library

This library, to be built in 2005 at an existing school, will house materials needed by teachers, parents, and professionals in working with hard-of-hearing persons. In addition to books, magazines, and manuals, the club will purchase shelving, furnishings, and building materials with Club-to-Club donations.





Quota Receives National Award in Australia

Quota International received a national award from the Deafness Forum of Australia. The 2004 Special Captioning Achievement Award recognizes efforts by the Quota clubs of Cessnock, Tweed Heads-Coolangatta, Leisure Coast, Liverpool, Murwillumbah, Nambour, Redcliffe, and Districts 24, 26, and 28 to provide captioned medical videos for hospital patients, who are hearing-impaired, in these communities. According to the Captioning Center, which nominated Quota for the honor, Quota has provided more captioned videos than any other group in Australia. QI President-elect Carolyn Rice accepted the award on Quota International's behalf at a celebration in Euchua, Victoria.



Brian Rope, Chief Executive of the Deafness Forum of Australia, presents QI President-elect Carolyn Rice with the organization's 2004 Special Captioning Achievement Award.



Friendship is a language even the deaf can hear.

At the Leganes Resource Center for the Deaf in Iloilo, the Philippines, supported by the local Quota club, two girls, one deaf, one hearing, share a quiet moment after school.

New Ideas Benefit Rotorua Community

The annual antique fair sponsored by the Rotorua Quota club in New Zealand brought in record profits in 2004, when a past club president infused new ideas into the project. As fair chair, Mandy Hunt led her committee to include more dealers, a coffee/lunch bar throughout the event, and an extremely popular "antiques road show" component that provided guests a chance to bring in "treasures" for valuation. The event benefited the community when the club donated N.Z.\$7,500 to St. John Ambulance for four pulse oximeters, which indicate amounts of oxygen getting to vital organs.

Traverse City Quota Club Offers Quota MOOSE!

In an organization known for donating teddy bears (see the back page of this *Quotarian*), QI of Traverse City, Michigan, U.S.A., offers a fresh variation with the Quota Cares Moose. The club began donating Quota Cares Bears to local emergency services and hospitals in 1991 to com-

fort kids in crisis, but recently switched to moose as a unique gesture in their Great Lakes Basin region. In 2004, the club proudly celebrated its 2,004th donation to a local medical center.



Reluctant Cowboys Accept Quota Earplugs

In “cowboy country” on the plains of Colorado, U.S.A., shindigs are a might noisy, what with demolition derbies, tractor pulls, and country western music blaring. In no time, hard-headed wranglers who won’t protect their ears become hard-of-hearing. In response, QI of Sterling recently began distributing ear plugs at their noisy local events, employing more than a little cowpoke charm to convince attendees to cooperate. Club president Karen Bargell said, “Some people were reluctant, but we encouraged them to take ear plugs. We distributed 4,000 pairs at the Logan County Fair. And many people who didn’t get a pair, came back to ask for them!”



Past International President Frances Landry • 1919-2004



Growing up behind the Governor’s Mansion in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A., Past International President Frances Leggio Landry had her eye on politicians. Exceptionally bright, she planned a career in law and, after skipping several grades, graduated from high school at 14 and Louisiana

State University at 17. Too young for law school, she worked at the state legislature, where, in 1929, she witnessed controversial Governor Huey Long surface from the “round robin” that averted his impeachment.

Frances graduated from LSU Law School in 1934, first in her class, and received a fellowship for Yale. By then, she was smitten with Jules Landry, turned it down, married, and launched a law practice with Jules in Baton Rouge. When she was sworn into the bar in New Orleans, her picture graced every paper in Louisiana—a woman taking the oath!

In 1935, a Quota International representative approached Frances, who gathered 35 women to charter QI of Baton Rouge. In 1942, she was elected International President and, since war canceled Convention ‘43, served two terms. She traveled extensively during her term to encourage clubs to support the troops and their communities and was invited by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to attend a prestigious gathering of national civic leaders in Washington, D.C.

Grabbing a cab with two military officers, Frances told the driver to take her to the White House. When he asked, “Are they expecting you,” Frances replied, “Yes, they are.” In front of the famous presidential residence, the officers leapt to salute her. Noted PIP Bobbie Carey, “They didn’t know who she was, but they knew she was important.”

Frances maintained her youthful spirit and vitality with a full life—devoted wife, mother, attorney, Quotarian, and community servant. One of Quota’s first Wanda Frey Joiner Founders, Frances was a model of style, elegance, professionalism, and intelligence—and her influence reached round the world through Quota International.



Quota's Public Servants

Dedication to community service often leads to political involvement. The Quotarian takes a look at some Quota members with noteworthy roles as public servants.

United States

First Lady Gayle Manchin



The new First Lady of West Virginia is a member of QI of Fairmont. Gayle Conelly Manchin, whose husband of 37 years, Governor Joe Manchin, was inaugurated in January 2005, plans to use her high profile to promote causes dear to her. "I have a voice that will be heard now, and I'm passionate about education, community service, and the needs of children," she said.

Gayle holds a B.A. degree in language arts and two master's degrees—one in reading and one in educational technology leadership. She taught in public schools and at Fairmont State College, where she was director of FSC's first Community Service Learning Program. "Service organizations like Quota International are so important to the vitality of a community," she added. "As First Lady, I plan to encourage partnering among national, state, and local organizations to provide support and resources for children and families across West Virginia."

State Representative Jane Smith

Educator and former school board leader Jane Smith speaks for Bossier City in Louisiana's House of Representatives. First elected in 1999 and nicknamed "General Jane" for her commanding presence and ability to mobilize people into action, Jane is a member of the Bossier City Quota club.



Curaçao

Commissioner Zita Jesus-Leito



The Lieutenant Governor of Quota's 42nd District is also Interior Minister of Curaçao. Zita Jesus-Leito serves in a high-profile political role during a very important phase in the island's history: Curaçao, the largest of the Netherlands Antilles' five islands, will hold a referendum in April 2005 to

decide whether to sustain constitutional ties to the Netherlands—to maintain the status quo, accept home rule or provincial status, or seek total independence. Zita is also an accomplished triathlete.

Australia

MP Liz Kernohan

Dr. Liz Kernohan, a past president of the Camden Quota club who passed away suddenly in October 2004, spent 30 years in public service. The agriculture professor, animal husbandry expert, and director of the University of Sydney Farms served as a local councilor for 18 years, including seven years as mayor, before winning election in 1991 to the New South Wales Parliament as the MP (Member of Parliament) for Camden. She was known for abundant enthusiasm and passion. A colleague said of her death, "We have lost a unique individual who called it how it was, put Camden and its people first, and truly stood by what she believed."



The Philippines

Mayor Imelda Aguilar

The mayor of Las Piñas, the Philippines, is a member of her local Quota club. Imelda Aguilar initiated a cooperative effort among local food service businesses to provide healthy and affordable meals to improve nutrition among the community. In local neighborhoods, the city runs 65 feeding programs in which the mayor's Quota sisters volunteer to help.

Congresswomen Cynthia Villar & Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz

Two Quotarians serve in Congress in the Philippines. Dr. Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz, member of QI of Mandaue, is a physician-turned-representative for the country's Sixth District. In 2004, she sponsored a bill to provide breast care centers nationwide. Cynthia Villar, member of QI of Las Piñas, represents her city in Congress, while husband Manny Villar serves as senator. Cynthia works vigilantly to improve education in her country.

Judge Presides Over Cinderella Trial

Monroe Quota member Sharon Marchman, a judge in Louisiana, U.S.A., recently presided over the case of Cinderella. After brief deliberation, the jury awarded the fairy tale icon back wages from her father's estate for work imposed by her mean stepmother and stepsisters. The delighted damsel exclaimed, "I've been vindicated! All my hard work has been rewarded."

The mock trial, sponsored by the Monroe club, called a jury of second graders to give Cinderella her day in court and help students understand the need, purpose, and importance of societal rules. Following the verdict, Judge Sharon talked to students about the case and its implications in their lives.

Sharon was elected district judge in 2000 and is currently assigned to juvenile court and adult drug court. The former senior partner in a well-established law firm, Sharon said her role on the bench is both rewarding and frustrating. "It is a wonderful opportunity for service to others, such as giving words of encouragement to someone who has never heard any encouraging words, helping parents understand their roles and the effect of their actions on their children, and helping a drug court client stay sober and obtain employment or education. It can be frustrating to see so many people living in poverty, using drugs, and abusing children. My position is a constant reminder to find joy and success in the small things!" she noted.

Judge Sharon Marchman, member of QI of Monroe, Louisiana, U.S.A., shares her judicial robe with a second grade mock trial juror.







The Hand of Quota Friendship

Karen Murphy of the Beenleigh Quota club in Queensland, Australia, and Lieutenant Governor of District 30, captured “the hand of Quota friendship” in her image of Quota leaders touring a Club-to-Club Project in India.

The photo, submitted to the 2004 We Share Foundation International Photography Contest, depicts Past International President Mary Cotter extending her hand to an elderly resident of the Sainik Farm Home for the Aged to help her rise to welcome the delegation. Past 30th District Governor Karen Leitch, a member of QI of Brisbane South, dressed in colorful Indian attire, chats with the lady.

The Home for the Aged is maintained by QI of Sainik Farm. The club has renovated the once squalid, dilapidated facility into a clean, pleasant place for elderly residents to live their lives in dignity. This white-haired resident told the visiting delegation of Quotarians, “I am living in paradise.”

U.S. President George W. Bush’s official White House photographers served as contest judges and awarded Karen’s photo the Grand Prize—a cash award of U.S.\$500 for the Club-to-Club World Service project of her choice.



Clubs Focus on Children's Needs

Kent Valley Quota Cares

The Kent Valley Quota club in Washington, U.S.A., performs a variety of service projects for kids. At the local Children's Therapy Center (CTC), the club has provided furnishings, equipment, scholarships, a wheelchair-accessible van, and an interactive wall in its new building. Founded 25 years ago in a doctor's waiting room by Dr. Gay Lloyd Pinder, CTC has grown, thanks in part to Quota, to serve 500 kids a month in its dedicated facility.

In a remarkable twist of fate, Dr. Pinder became deaf five years after launching CTC. Kent Valley Quota members said her dedication and enthusiasm inspired them to support the program. She was honored in 1995 as District 14's Deaf Woman of the Year, saying deafness broadened her perspective as a speech therapist. Her great facial expressions help children learn to chew, swallow, and speak.



PAM CLARK, QI OF KENT VALLEY

Past District 14 Deaf Woman of the Year, Dr. Gay Lloyd Pinder, runs the Children's Therapy Center, where Kent Valley Quota members support a number of projects.

Kent Valley Quota also supports a local program for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The club recently treated 40 kids to an experience of Bunraku, an ancient Japanese art in which adult puppeteers dressed in black operate large puppets on stage. "It was amazing to see how the children understood the storyline and reacted to the puppets," said past club president June Moody. "Our goal was to benefit the children, but, as always, it gave us such joy to see their happy reactions."

Hard-of-hearing children enjoy Japanese puppets.

Iowa Club Creates Deaf Camp

The nearest summer camp for deaf kids around Sioux City, Iowa, U.S.A., was far away and far more expensive than many families could afford, so the local Quota club created Camp Q. In 2004, Goodwill Industries donated use of their nearby camp, and Sioux City Quota provided the rest—food, activities, t-shirts, and sign interpreters. The children enjoyed a full camp experience, including signed storytelling, hikes, and campfires. "The simplest things were their favorites," said Shay Gebauer, club member and District 7 Lieutenant Governor. "One girl loved making s'mores for the first time. Others enjoyed swimming with a deaf lifeguard—another first because they'd never been in public pools because of their hearing aids."

The Sioux City club is now at work on an expanded Camp Q program for 2005.



COURTESY THISTLE THEATER



Tulsa Clubs Rescue School

Quota clubs in Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A., in Quota International's 16th District, saved a local school for hard-of-hearing kids from shutting down when the health department condemned its unsanitary flooring.

The Quota clubs of Tulsa, Metro South, and Sand Springs worked together to provide U.S.\$1,700 needed for the new tile floor that kept the Happy Hands Early Childhood Center open for hard-of-hearing students, who are admitted regardless of family financial resources. The school operates almost entirely on donations, and no student is turned away.

Three-year-old Jeremiah and his peers continue to attend their deaf school, thanks to quick work by Tulsa-area Quota clubs, who provided new flooring to help the school avoid condemnation by the health department.

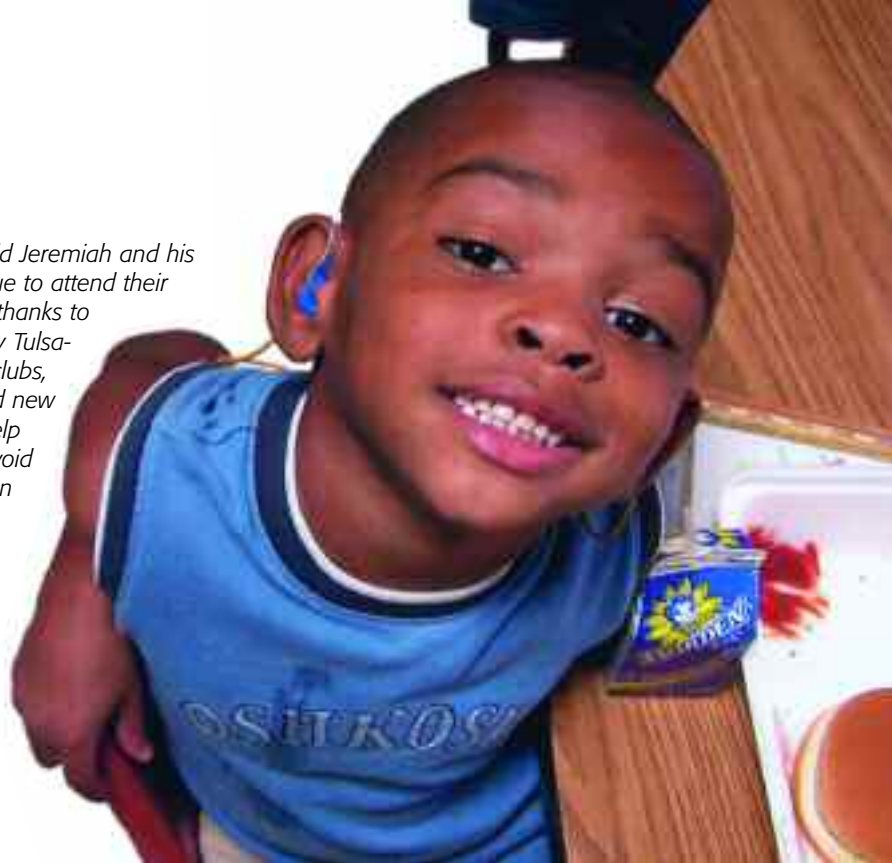


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Canadian Clubs Close Government Gap

Government cutbacks in 1996 forced Canadian schools to stop hearing screening programs for schoolchildren. Since 2000, clubs in District 18 worked together to close that gap in their region. In the 2003-2004 academic year, Quota's Early Assessment Referral (EAR) program provided screenings

for 460 kindergarteners in 16 schools, using funds generated from a variety of events. Each screening costs Quota about Can.\$6. Administered by a registered nurse, the five-minute procedure checks hearing at seven frequencies. Kids with possible hearing problems are referred to physicians for further testing.

In Iowa, U.S.A., deaf children enjoyed their first summer camp experience last year at Camp Q, a project of the Sioux City Quota club. The highly successful effort led the club to expand Camp Q 2005 to include even more children.



In Ontario, Canada, Quota clubs in District 18 sponsor the Early Assessment Referral (EAR) program to screen kindergarten students' hearing in their region. This photo was taken by District 18 secretary/treasurer Ann M. Keating-Morrison, during an EAR assessment provided by her club, QI of Collingwood.



SHAY GEBAUER, LT. GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 7



Quota Grows On



From top to bottom:
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Branch, Cowra Branch.



Four New Clubs Chartered in 2004

Quota International welcomes:

Quota International of Calcutta

India

Chartered July 22, 2004

Quota International of The Silver City

New South Wales, Australia

Chartered August 6, 2004

Quota International of Legazpi-Mayon

The Philippines

Chartered November 5, 2004

Quota International of Hermitage

Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Chartered December 12, 2004

Quota 'Branches Out'

Quota offers a new category of membership—Club Branches. In communities where chartered clubs of 15 members are difficult to organize, existing clubs can flourish by forming "branches" with five or more members. Branches meet and perform service apart from the mentoring club, and they enjoy their own brand of Quota fellowship. We are proud to celebrate our inaugural Quota branches:

Tagum City Branch of

Quota International of Davao City

The Philippines

Launched January 2005

Central Florida Branch of

Quota International of Plantation

Florida, U.S.A.

Launched October 2004

Melbourne Eastern Suburbs Branch of

Quota International of Moorabbin

Victoria, Australia

Launched October 2004

Myall Branch of

Quota International of Forster-Tuncurry

New South Wales, Australia

Launched August 2004

Carolina Piedmont Branch of

Quota International of Greensboro

North Carolina, U.S.A.

Launched August 2004

Cowra Branch of

Quota International of Parkes

New South Wales, Australia

Launched August 2004

2004 *Projects that Shine*

Winners Showcase

Quota Cares Month Competition and Excellence Awards Celebrate Outstanding Projects

Winning entries are posted on Quota's Web site at www.quota.org.

Click "For Clubs" and then links under "Annual Public Awareness Campaigns, Awards, and Contests."

2004 QUOTA CARES MONTH COMPETITION TOP WINNERS

Quota Cares Month winners balanced service, fun, fellowship, and membership success during newsworthy service projects carried out in March—Quota Cares Month. We congratulate our five winning clubs.

Quota International of Andover *Massachusetts, U.S.A.*



This club's antiques appraisal fair generated major news coverage, brought in U.S.\$4,200 for service, and led to new club publicity tactics and new members. The club concluded that their 2004 project strengthened bonds in their membership and community.

Quota International of Bathurst *New South Wales, Australia*

Bathurst Quotarians created three, high-profile, service events ("The Bathurst Triple"): International Women's Day Celebration; Seniors Week Luncheon; and Bride of the Year Quest. The club generated service dollars and publicity and landed five new recruits.



Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos *California, U.S.A.*

Using its annual fashion fund-raiser to highlight Quota service, the club attracted a sell-out crowd, earned more than U.S.\$10,500 for service, and recruited ten new members. Local firefighters gallantly served as model escorts during the fashion show.

Quota International of Rockford *Illinois, U.S.A.*

Using their signature fund-raising fashion show, hosted by a local TV personality, to increase visibility and share information about Quota, this club enjoyed increased media coverage and attracted new members. Event profits funded several newsworthy projects.

Quota International of Tacoma *Washington, U.S.A.*

Long devoted to helping homeless women and teenaged mothers, this club chose to improve a Faith Home facility. Before starting, members and recruits gathered to celebrate Quota's birthday and share information about the event.



2004 Quota Cares Month Honorable Mention Winners

Quota International of Alstonville/Wollongbar, New South Wales, Australia • Quota International of Beckley, West Virginia, U.S.A. • Quota International of Campbelltown, New South Wales, Australia • Quota International of Fairbanks, Alaska, U.S.A. • Quota International of Parkes, New South Wales, Australia

2004 *Projects that Shine*

Excellence Award Winners

Quota International's annual Excellence Awards recognize superior efforts in specific areas of club operations.

We celebrate the success of this year's top winners in service, membership, fund-raising, and fellowship and fun.

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE— DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Quota International of Baton Rouge *Louisiana, U.S.A.*

Baton Rouge members continued a favorite project: creating newborn kits for needy babies at the Earl K. Long Hospital. Members accumulate items and then meet to assemble kits in a festive evening event.



Quota International of Ruston *Louisiana, U.S.A.*

This club relieves holiday stress for abused children through their "Quota Christmas Store." The club gathers



goods and invites kids served by the local Domestic Abuse Resistance Team to "buy" presents for family and friends with "Quota money."

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE— HEARING AND SPEECH

Quota International of Baton Rouge *Louisiana, U.S.A.*

A winner in both service categories in 2004, this vibrant club treated teachers and staff at the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation to a "gift from the heart" on Valentine's Day—an appreciation luncheon of delicious southern fare plus a substantial donation of toys and books.

Quota International of Parkes *New South Wales, Australia*

Captioned medical videos on a variety of health-related topics, including heart problems, diabetes, radiation therapy, breast cancer, and mental illness, are available to the entire Parkes community through the local library, thanks to this club's outstanding service effort.



EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Quota International of Andover *Massachusetts, U.S.A.*

This club develops a sense of community in many ways. At meetings, they celebrate noteworthy member events; in times of member need, they provide assistance. A successful "big sister" program reaffirms established members as it encourages new ones.

Quota International of Weyburn

Saskatchewan, Canada

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, Weyburn Quotarians created a retrospective video and music presentation to highlight the club's achievements. The presentation launched the club's popular annual fund-raiser, the Weyburn Carol Festival, a favorite member project.



EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

Quota International of Bathurst

New South Wales, Australia

When this club turned 50 in September 2003, they knew their proud history would be lost without a significant recruitment effort. A community awareness blitz helped attract eight new members and another seven prospects.

Quota International of Cambridge

Maryland, U.S.A.

Each January, prospective Cambridge members attend a luncheon and receive information about Quota. In February, each prospect is then paired with a "senior partner" who gets to know her. This "Partners" plan brought in 11 members in 2003, followed by 18 in 2004.



EXCELLENCE IN FUND-RAISING

Quota International of Cambridge

Maryland, U.S.A.

This club snagged a second award for its successful Derby Days, a premiere social event on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Centered around the Kentucky Derby horse race, the fund-raiser includes cocktails, betting, and a dinner dance. Profits topped U.S.\$17,000!



Quota International of Papakura

Papakura, New Zealand

QI of Papakura doubled its profits for their 14th Annual Antique Fair. Forced to find a new location, pressure mounted as unknown factors challenged organizers. But the end result was record crowds and profits of nearly N.Z.\$19,000 to support at-risk youth in Auckland.

EXCELLENCE IN FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

Quota International of Manila

The Philippines



A "Fellowship & Sunshine Committee" ensures that this club never becomes "all work and no play" by creating a theme for each meeting that invites members to wear special clothes and vie for prizes, celebrating birthdays, and more.

Quota International of Beenleigh

Queensland, Australia

The Beenleigh club celebrated 30 years of service with a grand celebration that attracted more than 100 guests in formal attire. A 1970's Fashion Parade set a festive mood for remembering the time of the club's charter.



2004 Founders, Benefactors, Friends

2004 Wanda Frey Joiner Founders



Wanda Frey Joiner Founder pin/pendant.

Special thanks go to Wanda Frey Joiner Founders whose generous contributions strengthened Quota's outreach, thereby enriching our communities and our world. View the names of all Founders who have joined the program since 1996 on www.quota.org (click "Donors").

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2004 We Share Foundation Benefactors



We Share Foundation Benefactor pin/pendant.

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Since 1999, Quota International and the We Share Foundation have earned more than 20 prestigious international awards for membership and service programs and publications. We are proud to announce our latest honors:



MarCom Creative Awards 2004

The MarCom Creative Awards 2004, a new international media competition, recognized the 2004 *Quotarian* magazine by awarding it the prestigious Gold Award as a magazine that exceeds marketing and communications industry standards. The Quota Web site also received accolades

with the awarding of the competition's Honorable Mention Certificate. Entries came from almost 3,544 advertising agencies, corporations, educational institutions, government entities, and other media-related businesses worldwide.

2004 Communicator Awards

For the third year in a row, the Communicator Awards recognized the 2004 *Quotarian* magazine by awarding

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For a fourth year, the We Share Foundation was listed on the Association's Advance America Honor Roll of outstanding programs resulting in significant benefit to society. The honor was awarded for the Foundation's World Net Service Program, known inside Quota as our Club-to-Club World Service Program.



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