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The Gold Coast offers fantastic shopping experiences, from resort and themed shopping villages to designer boutiques, elegant arcades, and beachside art markets.



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COVER: A tattered American flag links President Carolyn Rice and Biloxi Boys and Girls Club Director Greg Gipson as they stand amid Hurricane Katrina ruins—the club's destroyed building.



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BACK COVER: This glittering Q pin once belonged to Grace Joseph of QI of Owen Sound, Canada. Joseph's daughters later presented it to Judy Juniper, left, who embraced Wanda Frey Joiner's message of love, devotion, and service with the same enthusiasm as their late mother.

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About Quota International

Organized in 1919, Quota International, Inc., is an 87-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,

The destruction and poverty I encountered during my 2005 travels as Quota International President were overwhelming. In South Mississippi, U.S.A., Hurricane Katrina destroyed 91 percent of buildings on the state's Gulf Coast.

Families in India were destitute, living in makeshift dwellings. Women in the Philippines struggled without the skills to support themselves and their children.

However, more awe-inspiring was the realization that the outreach of the local Quotarians in these places actually represented the response of clubs around the globe. Through donations of money and supplies, Quota clubs worldwide built a foundation of hope beneath the Gulf Coast's homeless shelters, crushed homes, and destroyed buildings, such as the Biloxi Boys and Girls Club (pictured at left). More than U.S.\$45,000 has been collected by Quota's We Share Foundation, and these funds supply everything from blankets to housing for victims of nature's violence. In the Philippines and India, your Club-to-Club donations, totaling over U.S.\$35,000 in 2005, have provided job skills training, improved facilities for young and old, critical health services, and much more.

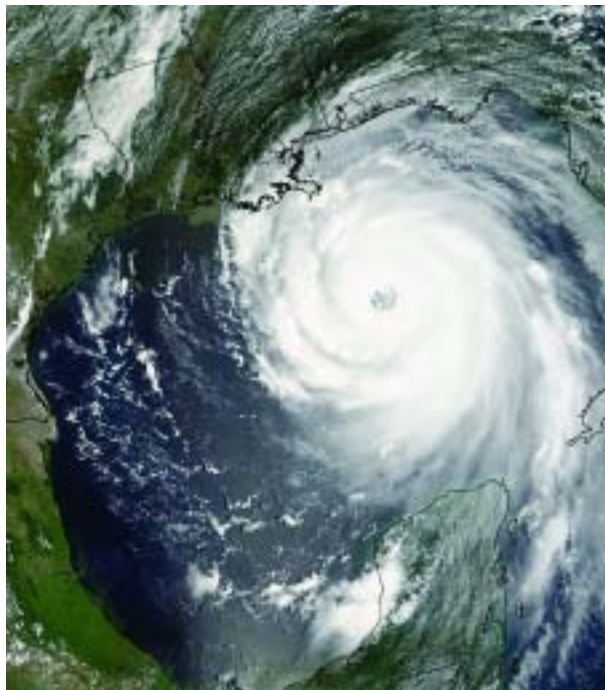
You have given hope to those who need it most, answering the call to reach out together, not only as individual clubs or districts, but also as a worldwide community. Your ceaseless commitment to service, whether in your hometown or on the other side of the world, shows that in its 87th year, Quota International is stronger than ever.

As we continue to support one another around the world, please take advantage of the opportunity to come together for Convention 2006, July 21-24. Every Quota member is invited to answer this official "Call to Convention." While Australia's Gold Coast promises sun, sea, and sights, it also presents an opportunity to reflect on this year's tragedies and triumphs, while also bringing us to one place to plan for the year ahead and further strengthen our ability to reach out—together.

Yours in Quota,

Carolyn Rice
International President

A Tale of Two Hurricanes



"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."
—Charles Dickens

Destroying lives, decimating towns, and flooding an estimated 90,000 square miles, Hurricane Katrina certainly brought "the worst of times" upon America's Gulf Coast. Not since September 11, 2001, has the United States been so overwhelmed by tragedy. There was no time to recover. Just weeks later, Hurricane Rita ravaged Texas, affecting the lives of Quota's Southeast Texas members who were already engaged in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"The worst of times" yielded "the best of times" in terms of Quotarian generosity, as members around the world contributed over U.S.\$45,000 to the We Share Foundation's Hurricane Relief effort. Their donations have funded the 12 relief projects being carried out by District 21 members at Hurricane Katrina's "Ground Zero" and beyond.

Mississippi Quotarians Survive Wrath of Katrina

Only nine percent of every structure in South Mississippi survived the worst natural disaster ever to befall the United States. Currently, 25,000 people still live in shelters. Most have only a slab of concrete to call home. Some will never return.

The devastated members of the Mississippi Gulf Coast club found comfort and inspiration in the care and concern of Quotarians around the world. Through the worldwide Web, QI's Katrina evacuees were able to contact family, friends, and fellow Quotarians, while e-mails of concern from Quotarians across the globe flooded Quota's International office in Washington, D.C. These messages of hope and caring were posted immediately.

While the worldwide Web and television revealed to Quotarians the disturbing graphic images of Hurricane Katrina's destruction, the experience at "Ground Zero" was overwhelming, as Quota International's President, Carolyn Rice, discovered when she visited the Gulf Coast. She



Mississippi Gulf Coast Quotarians purchased computers and sports equipment for the Biloxi Boys and Girls Club, now operating in temporary locations since its destruction in Hurricane Katrina.



This destroyed house in D'Iberville, Mississippi—the childhood home of District 21 Lieutenant Governor Vicki Miller—floated for eight hours before landing. Since this picture was taken, the house has been completely razed.

watched in astonishment as she toured the crumbled pieces of asphalt and acres upon acres of destroyed homes and businesses that once lined the sugar-white beaches of Biloxi. Club members served as tour guides, taking her through the streets where, for 20 years, they had celebrated the annual St. Patrick's Day Shenanigan's Parade with the city of Gulfport. All of their stories were prefaced with the words, "That used to be..." and, "That slab was..."

A Heartbreaking Loss for the Children

Carolyn's visit to the Biloxi Boys and Girls Club was the most heartbreaking. Just two nights prior to the storm, QI of Mississippi Gulf Coast had hosted a very successful literacy program kickoff at the club. Now, all that remained was a roof supported by a few twisted beams. Its steps led nowhere. The club's director, Greg Gipson, somberly greeted Carolyn and her tour guides.

"This is all we have left," he quietly said.

Carolyn and the small group of Quotarians discovered a tattered

American flag, gently folded and placed on a brick column. She and Gibson held the flag (*featured on this cover*) while discussing the desperation of the situation.

The Deaf Community Experiences Unique Challenges

The De Lepee Deaf Center, which serves the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast, was one of the few buildings untouched by Katrina's wrath. As a result, it could open its doors to the public, explained Quota member Peggy Bosma, the center's interpreter. The center served as a temporary shelter for a few families and even a food and bedding distribution center. Unfortunately, this "Good Samaritanship" depleted the center's entire food pantry.

Although the building was spared, the center's members and programming were not. Many students had evacuated, and eight families with deaf members lost their homes, all of their belongings, and their TTY machines, making communication extremely difficult, if not impossible. Because so many

students were displaced or had lost jobs and couldn't pay tuition, the De LEpee's mentoring program for deaf interpreters (partially funded by Mississippi Gulf Coast Quotarians) was put on hold indefinitely.

Quota International Fulfills Its Service Mission

The tasks of reconstruction and recovery in the Mississippi Gulf Coast are daunting. Citizens from Louisiana to Alabama to Texas have



President Carolyn Rice visits the De LEpee Deaf Center, which served as a hurricane shelter and food distribution center.

clubs in these communities responded by using We Share Foundation hurricane donations to provide emergency housing and food, cover the costs incurred by the evacuation of 110 developmentally-disabled individuals, sponsor job fairs, and purchase school uniforms and supplies.

"Our lives have been changed forever, but one thing remains constant – the hope perpetuated by Quota. We have hope. We have love. And we have each other. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

lost homes, jobs, and, sadly, hope. Local budgets have been slashed. Programs have been eliminated. It has become apparent that outside sources will have to provide relief funding for many service programs.

Thanks to the generosity of Quotarians all over the world, many of these programs will not be neglected. In Mississippi, funds have already

replenished the food pantry at the De LEpee Deaf Center. Eight deaf members and their families have received complete sets of linens, and TTY machines have been procured for them. The Biloxi Boys and Girls Club has received grants in their efforts to continue giving children "a home away from home." In Quota's Southeast Texas club community, where the homes or businesses of every member were affected by Hurricane Rita, Quotarian donations are housing the disadvantaged.

Quotarians also responded to communities impacted indirectly by Katrina. Although residents of Ruston, Bossier City, and Shreveport, Louisiana, didn't face hurricane destruction and flooding, their communities experienced an influx of the displaced evacuees. Quota

Hurricane relief donations enabled the Mississippi Gulf Coast Quotarians to purchase equipment, food, and supplies for the De LEpee Deaf Center, which members supported prior to the hurricane.

Hope Emerges

On October 8, a weary group of Quotarians met in the home of Paula April, past club president of QI of Mississippi Gulf Coast. Six of the club's 27 members were present.

"Remaining Mississippi Gulf Coast members are determined to stay together and help continue the many programs for which Quotarians on the coast have become known," says Vicki Miller, District 21's Lt. Governor. "Our lives have been changed forever, but one thing remains constant – the hope perpetuated by Quota. Thanks to the generosity of Quota's members, we are making a difference in the rebuilding of our beloved home. We have hope. We have love. And we have each other. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

Special thanks go to Vicki Miller, Lt. Governor of District 21 and member of QI of Mississippi Gulf Coast, Mississippi, U.S.A., for her significant contributions to this story.





2006 Club-to-Club World Service Projects

Quota International's worldwide network of service will continue growing in the year to come, as the We Share Foundation approved a record 14 Club-to-Club projects in 2006. Read more about new and continuing programs on www.wesharefoundation.org (click the "Club-to-Club World Service Projects" link).

New Club-to-Club Projects



QI of Manila, The Philippines

Quota International of Bacolod, The Philippines **Char-wood Fuel Project**

By instructing women in an impoverished area to produce and sell char-wood, an inexpensive cooking fuel, the Bacolod club's 2006 project will allow citizens to support themselves while making available an alternative, lower-cost energy source. Club-to-Club funds will support equipment, gloves, masks, supplies, and transportation for the training seminars.

Quota International of Iloilo, The Philippines **Interactive Library for Hard-of-Hearing Individuals**

Iloilo Quotarians will give hard-of-hearing children the gift of a lifetime by providing an interactive library. With books, videos, and computers, these youngsters will be able to open new worlds of opportunity. The library will strengthen family connections through parent participation. Quotarian donations will fund books, computer equipment, furniture, and air conditioning.

Quota International of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia **Empowerment Development Program for Disadvantaged Women**

QI of Kuala Lumpur is working with the Women's Aid Organization to combat discrimination and violence against Malaysian women. Their program provides victims of abuse and domestic violence with self-help and self-determination curricula. Donations pay for food, printing, supplies, transportation, and an honorarium for program facilitators.

Quota International of Legazpi-Mayon, The Philippines

Stitch for a Living

By giving women access to sewing machines and offering training in dressmaking, Legazpi-Mayon Quotarians will help 10 deaf and hard-of-hearing women feed their families today and every day. Sale of their dressmaking projects will generate revenue to replicate the initiative and purchase hearing aids for local children. Donations will be used for equipment, supplies, and marketing.

QI of Iloilo, The Philippines





QI of DLF City, India

Quota International of Mandaue, The Philippines **Providing Vocational Skills at the Special Education Center**

The Quota club of Mandaue's program is a sure-fire recipe for success, supplying to deaf, hard-of-hearing, speech-impaired, and developmentally disabled individuals cooking equipment and instructional training to build their self-esteem, develop good work habits, and expand their professional opportunities. Donations will support a vocational teacher salary and cooking equipment.

Quota International of Suriname, Suriname **Stuka Prisiri ("To Learn With Pleasure")**

In support of their belief that well-educated people make a strong nation, QI of Suriname's three-year program exposes children to business and the arts, broadening their base of knowledge and building their self-esteem. Donations fund supplies, food, shirts, transportation, and facility and training fees.



QI of New Delhi, India

Continuing Club-to-Club Projects

These projects have flourished with the help of Club-to-Club funds, but more is needed. Read descriptions on www.wesharefoundation.org (click "Club-to-Club World Service").

Quota International of Ba, Fiji Audiogram Project and Educational and Vocational Support for HART Village Residents Offers hearing aids, the services of a trained audiometrist, and programs to improve life in the HART village.

Quota International of Cebu, The Philippines Sawang Calero and Guba Day Care Centers and Feeding Programs Provides children of two impoverished fishing villages with daycare, medical care, and academic programs.

Quota International of Davao City, The Philippines Mindanao Neonatal Hearing Screening Center Promotes universal hearing screening, outreach, and legislation.

Quota International of DLF City, India Charitable Dispensaries and Vocational Training Center Offers underprivileged residents free medical care, medicine, and funds for educational and vocational training.

Quota International of Manila, The Philippines Empowering Women through Livelihood and Skills Training Teaches disadvantaged women skills so they can support themselves and improve their children's educational opportunities.

Quota International of Manila South, The Philippines Deafness Resource Library Serves teachers, parents, and caregivers of deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech-impaired individuals with resources on hearing-related issues.

Quota International of New Delhi, India Quota Home for Abandoned and Destitute Women Provides a women's shelter, a home for elderly women, a job and literacy training program, a school for children of the Faridabad slums, and medical assistance.

Quota International of Sainik Farm, India Home for the Aged, Preschool, Dispensary and Orphanage Houses seniors and provides preschool for children; expanding to include an orphanage and a dispensary.



New Zealand Quota Clubs Lead National Infant Hearing Effort



New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark announced a national program of free hearing tests for all newborns.

In New Zealand, the average age for identifying hearing loss is 45 months—3 1/2 years more than the internationally recommended age of three months. Such late detection can have a significant impact on a child, delaying development of speech and language.

Quota Leads the Way

As soon as they identified the discrepancy, New Zealand's Quota clubs sought to resolve it. In 1998, QI of Whakatane and QI of Opotiki purchased an Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) machine and worked with local organizations to pilot a hearing screening clinic. Of the 1,200 children screened, two were diagnosed with profound deafness, and several others with hearing difficulties.

A newborn undergoes a hearing screening, one of thousands granted access to these services through Project HIEDI.

The clinic's success encouraged the founders. However, after 18 months of negotiation with government officials, they were denied additional funds from the District Health Board. The OAE machine and the clinic's services were no longer available to the children who needed them most.

The Grassroots Acts

In 2002, Project HIEDI (Hearing Impairment Early Detection and Intervention) was established by a private group advocating for a national New Zealand newborn hearing screening and early intervention program. Margaret Cooper of QI of Takapuna became a member of the group's steering committee.

Quota clubs have played an important role in Project HIEDI's growth. Clubs have supported the project financially by donating over \$5,000, and increasing public awareness by mailing informa-

tion booklets to professionals and others working with hard-of-hearing children, parents, medical administrators, officials, and politicians.

A Hopeful Future for Hearing

The future looks hopeful for New Zealand's youth, thanks to Quota and other local organizations. In August, Project HIEDI gained crucial agreement from the government for a \$13 million project that will offer free hearing tests to all newborns and children before starting school and more frequent screenings for school-age children.

As the need for awareness, equipment, and service grows, Quota International remains committed to working with the government to achieve a common goal: healthier children, and a healthier future, for New Zealand.





Healthy Hearing Campaign Spreads Awareness About Hearing, Speech, and QI

Promoting QI membership and spreading hearing- and speech-awareness: each sounds like a complicated task on its own. However, a tiny ear plug can do both, as District 6 Governor Linda Morton, chair of Quota International's Hearing and Speech Committee, proved when she developed the Healthy Hearing Campaign.

The campaign is simple in concept: at fund-raisers, members pass out earplugs with QI contact information attached. Before implementing the program, clubs receive kits with floppy disks and a Power Point presentation to understand goals and procedures.

"I tried to think of every avenue to make this as easy as possible. A club can have this up and running in two weeks," says Linda, pictured here at right.

Thanks to Linda's enthusiasm, the campaign's impact has been

profound: 13 clubs in District 6 distributed over 30,000 earplugs. So far Districts 7, 20, and 22 and many other clubs and branches have requested information.

"I believe in Quota and the service we give to the world," Linda says. "We are a winning organization, and people like to be associated with a winner. We need to get the message out!"

Please contact Linda at LMorton623@aol.com if your club is interested in learning more about her Healthy Hearing Campaign.



Quota Grows On

Since the last issue of the *Quotarian* magazine was published, Quota International celebrated the launching of two new clubs and three new branches in four Quota countries:

Quota International of Parañaque

The Philippines
Chartered March 12, 2005

Quota International of Grey-Bruce

Ontario, Canada
Chartered May 28, 2005



Sint Eustatius Branch of Quota International of Curaçao

Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles

Launched May 2005

West Salem Branch of Quota International of Wooster

Ohio, U.S.A.
Launched August 2005

Tamworth Branch of Quota International of Quirindi

New South Wales, Australia
Launched December 2005



Quota's Youthful Spirit

Eighty-six years separate the subjects of this portrait, but they have one thing in common: their Quota spirit! Six-month old Breanna Donnelly is introduced as the youngest member of the Glen Innes club during 2005's District 24 Conference in Kyogle, Australia. Accompanying her is Ursula Mundstock, and one of Breanna's honorary grandmothers. Born in 1919—the same year that Quota International was founded—Ursula is considered the club's senior member.

Quota Trailblazers

Two Walks of Life Traveling the Same Path

Men from two different walks of life are traveling the same path through their leadership in Quota International. Orlando Failla, a florist by trade, and Dr. Ron Kath, a biomedical engineer, are both following the same avenue of service as Quota International's first male governors.

Orlando Failla



Orlando Failla, Governor of District 16 in Oklahoma, U.S.A., joined Quota nine years ago to network with others inter-

ested in volunteering. Orlando found that Quota was much more than a club. "It's a family. Everyone is concerned about everyone else,"

he says. "We're all very close friends, and we get to see each other every month."

Orlando is proud of his district's service projects, many related to assisting children, who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Quota has provided hearing aides for these youngsters and even hosts an annual Christmas party. Orlando finds these activities very rewarding. "The members get more out of it than the kids," he comments. "What you put into it is what you will get out of it."

Since becoming governor, Orlando has attended every meeting of every club in his district, encouraging clubs to get together to work on various enterprises. Orlando is also committed to expanding District 16's presence by organizing a new club.

Orlando reflects on the highlights of his experience as governor. "Meeting so many wonderful people from all over the world through Quota and its conferences has certainly been gratifying."

Ron Kath



Dr. Ron Kath, a 20-year employee with IBM, brings an enthusiasm and energy to his present career as teacher. He

joined his wife as a member when her club, QI of Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., opened its doors to men. What first attracted Ron to Quota was the spirit he saw in the Atlanta group. With his natural ability to organize and manage, Ron quickly rose through the ranks and is now one of Quota's first male governors.

In an interesting twist of events, Ron became involved in a teaching program in the Ukraine through his church. With the support of his wife and his employer, Life University in Marcella, Georgia, Ron made numerous trips to instruct the Ukrainians in the free enterprise economic system. Through his

friendship with the students, he introduced them to his work with Quota International. Now they are eager to start a club in their country. "If you stay positive, you can get something done."

When asked about the benefits of belonging to Quota, Ron replies, "That's easy. There is satisfaction in helping people."

An 'Excellent' Club in Canada Breaks an 'Excellent' Quota Record

Whether holding a menopause symposium, sponsoring Kidcheck Clinics, or strengthening its Quotarian spirit, one thing can be said about Quota International of Orillia's work in 2004-2005: it was excellent. This Ontario club's streak of distinction began with their third prize photograph of a Quotarian fingerprinting an infant during the club's Kidcheck Clinic to promote safety in the 2004 International Photography Contest.



They followed up the event with a successful service and fund-raising project: a menopause forum that attracted 450 attendees and generated \$9,000 for a local hospital. Amid their service efforts, they also worked hard to build member fellowship and ensure retention.

These efforts culminated in a Quota record: three 2005 Excellence

Awards, one each in membership retention, fund-raising, and service. These Quotarians aren't basking in the spotlight, though. They're hard at work, as their submission to the 2005 International Photography contest (*above*) indicates—they collected over \$2,200 to purchase the equipment that the schoolchildren in the photograph are enjoying.

Quota Mourns Death of PIP Dorothy Milligan



With great sadness, Quota International announced the death of Past International President Dorothy Milligan on August 28,

2005. Dorothy was a member of Quota International of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

During her 1972-1973 tenure as International President, Dorothy expressed a desire to bring Quota's fellowship to others worldwide, establishing the theme, "Zoom Ahead Together in Fellowship and Service." She realized this goal in presenting Quota International of Auckland with its charter, the first in New Zealand, in 1973.

Dorothy modeled service and enthusiasm throughout her 91 years, a desire fueled in part from a significant health event. Miraculously regaining her sight after having been blind for almost two

years, Dorothy reported, "I feel that I must 'pay my debt' by using my energy where I can be useful..." Named a senior officer of the Federal Public Service Commission and first non-American of the U.S. President's Council on the Handicapped, she was also a founding member of the Council on Aging, and received Care International's first annual award for service.

Serving as Quota International President was a highlight of Dorothy's life, and although she was unable to participate in Quota activities during her later years, her spirit continued to influence those seeking to spread Quota worldwide.



Andover Legacy of Caring Lives On

The Andover Quota club in Massachusetts, U.S.A., changed the life of one very brave young man, who in turn, helped others with his own legacy of caring.



In 1990, Anthony Torres was born without ears. As a result of many reconstructive surgeries, and with the help of hearing devices donated by QI of Andover, Anthony developed nearly normal hearing and speech.

Anthony never considered himself different because of his lack of ears or trouble with hearing. He was an excellent student and an outstanding citizen in his community, and his dream was to be able to give back to the many people who had helped him.

Tragically, when he turned 14, Anthony died in a car accident. But his dream did not die with him. Anthony's parents donated a portion of the boy's life savings to QI of Andover to provide grants for hearing devices for other children.

Thanks to Quota International of Andover's initial act of caring, Anthony's legacy lives on today.

Quota Cares with Quota Bears

QI of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A., presents Quota Bears at the club's Shatter Silence Poster Contest, a program geared towards deaf and hard-of-hearing children at Tamarac Elementary School. These fifth graders pose with bears received at their last poster contest before graduating to middle school. "The Quota Ladies," as Fort Lauderdale members are known, enjoy their year-round involvement with the children, including holidays and special occasions.



Howdeeeeee!

Kathy Slagal's welcoming smile is as bright as the flowers adorning her hat and dress. Upon donning the hat, she assumes the role of her alter ego, Minnie Pearle, who shares warmth, caring, and a terrific sense of humor as the mistress of ceremonies for District 20's 2005 conference—it's 60th annual meeting—held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A. "Minnie" hosted the evening's western dance and song competition and entertained with her special stories and humor. Kathy is a member of QI of Grand Rapids and a past District 20 Governor.





A Big Check For A Big Cause

QI of Estes Park, Colorado, U.S.A., presents a \$60,000 check to the ambulance crew of the Estes Park Medical Center to purchase a new emergency vehicle. Club members have donated a total of 13 ambulances to their community at the rate of two to three a year—an amazing fund-raising and service feat!

In the Saddle with Indiana Quotarians

When the Indiana club in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., rolled down “the big road” (the interstate) for a “run” (a charity ride) with “skid lids” (helmets) in hand, the Christmas Tree Capital Classic became a 117-mile motorcycle adventure. The June 5 rally raised over \$2,000 for Quota’s Indiana club, which benefited disadvantaged women, teen mentoring, and speech and hearing pro-

jects. Club members attended “Bikers Nights” at area bars to promote the event. Awaiting all bikers at the end of the alcohol-free Christmas Tree Classic run was a delicious barbecue dinner at PA BBQ, a local restaurant owned by District 3 Governor Barb Peles, a member of QI of Indiana.

Enjoying their “tour” of kitchen duty as the motorcycles roared in were Indiana club President-elect Shannon Lawer (left) and club board member Diane Trunzo Dickie (right).



Celebrating at the rally’s end are (from left): Jeff Bacha, sales manager, Tom’s Cycle in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and a sponsor; QI of Indiana member Connie Bence, owner of Helwig Insurance, the prize sponsor; Greg Foster, winner of “best hand” for the charity run; and Greg and Barb Peles, owners of PA BBQ, where the run ended. Barb is an Indiana Quota member and Governor of District 3.

Council Tells Australian Quotarians, "Take Off Your Bras!"

A little lace—and a lot of enthusiasm—was all it took for the Alstonville/Wollongbar Quota members in New South Wales to make headlines across Australia last August. In

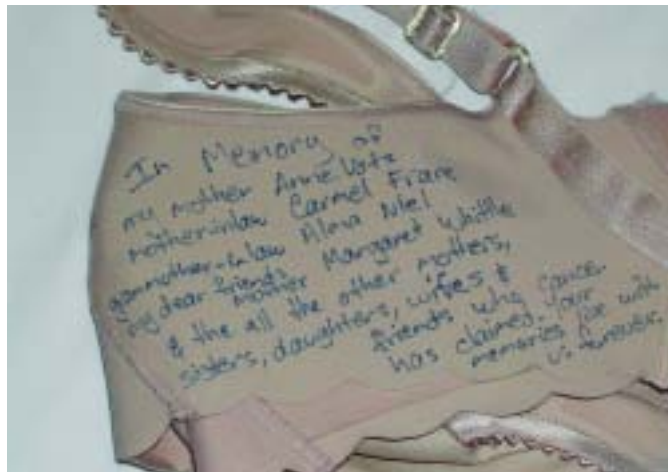


an effort to raise community awareness about breast cancer, the group worked with a local cancer survivors group to string bras along a barbed wire fence on a major highway.

From the beginning, the support was overwhelm-

ing. Past Alstonville/Wollongbar President Dorothy Edwards took the cause seriously, collecting nearly 1,400 of the 2,000 bras on display. As impressive as the quantity of bras were their quality: there was a bacon and eggs bra, a pancakes bra, and a tickled pink bra (*center*).

"It just got bigger as people put in more entries and talked about it. It has become quite a big highlight," says Alstonville/Wollongbar member Diana Cooper. She entered her own bra dedicated to a friend who died in June after a seven-year battle with cancer. She also noted another special bra in the crowd (*pictured above*), dedicated by a woman to her four friends who had lost the battle with cancer. "She did a 'brasaurus' in strong colors because of the strength and courage that her friends went through in their fight."



"Your memories live with us forever." One anonymous donor remembers friends and family who died from breast cancer with a poignant handwritten message penned on her bra.

The community responded with equal enthusiasm. The bras stopped traffic. People were blowing their horns, whistling and waving. Some drivers even pulled over to hang a bra on the fence.

Past Governor and fellow club member Diane Parker says, "We spent the day putting the bras in place, with local media getting what they thought was a great story."

However, the story got bigger. By that afternoon, the Ballina Council asked Alstonville/Wollongbar Quotarians to remove the bras. Newspaper headlines read, "Council Orders Charity Ladies to Unhook Bras," "Storm in a D-Cup," and "Hands Off Bras."

Both Marilyn Perkins, President of the Alstonville/Wollongbar club, and Rod Willis, Ballina Council's Regulatory Services Group Manager, believed the group had obtained all the necessary permissions and approvals to set up the display during Quota's Annual Arts and Craft Fair. It may be that neither the council nor the club expected the overwhelming support from the surrounding communities.

Alstonville/Wollongbar Quotarians remained adamant about the display, agreeing to remove the signs that read 'Bras on the Bruxner,' but not the bras.



'Bras on a barbed wire fence,' 'Brasaurus,' and 'Tickled Pink' images by Jane Munro and reproduced by permission of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and ABC Online. © 2005 ABC. All rights reserved. The story is available at: <http://www.abc.net.au/northcoast/stories/s1442328.htm>



Shoeboxes of Love

This past holiday season, District 21 Lieutenant Governor Vicki Miller, pictured here, organized the "Shoeboxes of Love" project to provide children affected by Hurricane Katrina with their first new things in Katrina's aftermath. Filled to the brim, these boxes included toys, school supplies, food, and toiletries. Quota members throughout the United States and Canada enjoyed selecting and packing these little boxes to bring holiday cheer and hope for the New Year!

"We felt strongly that this was a statement as we realized that the 2000 bras that were donated represented the number of women who died in Australia last year of breast cancer," says Diane.

In response to the community and media reaction, the Ballina Council quickly issued a press release saying the bras could stay, and public interest continued to grow. At a promotion in October, Conrad Jupiters Hotel and Casino (which will host Quota International's July 2006 Convention) gave \$1.00 to breast cancer research for every bra Quota's Alstonville/Wollongbar club collected, proving that a little lace can go a long way: the bras not only generated breast cancer awareness, but almost \$2,000 for research.

Way to Grow!

Morro Bay Quotarians in California, U.S.A., share their Quota pride at a Fourth of July parade. The club has much to celebrate with an 18 percent membership increase since the start of this Quota year!



Quotarians Provide a "Flood of Relief" to Those in Drought



When the worst drought in twenty years began creating havoc in Australia, the Quota clubs of Forster-Tuncurry and Taree stepped into action. This drought, which caused severe deficiencies, has had a ripple effect on the economy. It is estimated that it will take at least four years to recover. With

small farms devastated and families reliant on trucked-in water, the Quotarians have arranged for some much-needed aid in the form of "Drought Relief Packages" of basic necessities.

QI of Forster-Tuncurry packed 280 large parcels (*below*), and QI of Taree (*above*) gathered 95 packages of toiletries, baby and children's items, and money. Quota received wide media coverage for this special project. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers of these clubs, life is just a bit easier for their fellow countrymen.







The Essence of Sharing

This boy's impish grin and his sibling's brown-eyed gaze alone are captivating. However, the image assumes greater significance when one learns that these are probably two of the 80 percent of children in the Philippines considered malnourished. The youngster's torn clothing and dirt-streaked skin are more likely the result of poverty than carefree children's play.

Suddenly, the boy's wide smile becomes even more remarkable; he is not only sharing what might be his one and only meal of the day, but he is doing so joyfully.

Quotarians around the world, including Quota International of Iloilo, which submitted this photo to the 2005 We Share Foundation International Photo Contest, work tirelessly to alleviate such poverty and hunger. Although it sometimes seems the resources have run dry, these children remind us that we always have something to offer, and that we can share it with a smile.

U.S. President George W. Bush's official White House photographers served as contest judges and awarded Quota International of Iloilo the Grand Prize—a cash award of U.S. \$500 for the Iloilo Club-to-Club World Service Project.

2005 Projects that Shine

Winners Showcase

Quota Cares Month and Excellence Awards Competitions Celebrate Outstanding Projects

Winning entries are posted on www.quota.org. Click "For Clubs" and then "Annual Public Awareness Campaigns, Awards, and Contests."

2005 QUOTA CARES MONTH COMPETITION TOP WINNERS

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

Quota International of Bethlehem

Pennsylvania, U.S.A.



A celebration for this club's successful Cops 'n' Kids program, above, brought together dignitaries, including the Governor of Pennsylvania, with other supporters in an unforgettable press conference and dinner that inspired \$67,000 in new donations.

Quota International of Gridley

California, U.S.A.

This club targeted childhood obesity with a high-profile walking and nutrition program for local kids called Step-Fit Gridley. The club distributed 1,000 pedometers and encouraged kids to log steps for weekly prizes.

Quota International of Morgantown

West Virginia, U.S.A.



In a rural area where emergency medical response time is more than 10 minutes, this club provided 20 defibrillators to schools and facilities. When club member Alan Lindamood died suddenly, community outpouring for this project he supported reached more than \$22,500.

Quota International of Paradise

California, U.S.A.

This club piqued community interest by convincing 16 local businessmen to dress in drag and compete for the title of "Mr. Paradise." The hilarious fund-raiser brought in \$12,400 for local service and attracted three new members.



Quota International of Weyburn

Saskatchewan, Canada

When a club member returned from breast cancer surgery with a cotton underarm support pad called a "comfort heart," the club recognized a unique community service opportunity. Members created "hearts," and then distributed them to local cancer centers, labeled, "Share Quota's Heart Around the World."

2005 Quota Cares Month Honorable Mention Winners

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A. • Davao City, The Philippines • East Liverpool, Ohio, U.S.A. • Kenosha-Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A. • Mackay, Queensland, Australia • Manila South, The Philippines • Morro Bay, California, U.S.A. • Parkes, New South Wales, Australia • Princeton, West Virginia, U.S.A. • Silver City, New South Wales, Australia • Taree, New South Wales, Australia • Whakatane, New Zealand

2005 EXCELLENCE AWARD CONTEST WINNERS

Quota International's annual Excellence Awards recognize superior efforts in specific areas of club operations: service, membership, fund-raising, and fellowship and fun. We celebrate the success of this year's top winners with special congratulations going to QI of Orillia, Ontario, Canada, the first club to win awards in three categories. See story, Page 11.

Excellence in Disadvantaged Women and Children Service

Quota International of Curaçao *Netherlands Antilles*



QI of Curaçao's motto of "Investing in the Future of our Youth" came to life by supplying one thousand students in need with backpacks filled with school supplies. As pictured above, the club also helps children celebrate the holiday season with gifts and a visit from Santa Claus.

Quota International of Orillia *Ontario, Canada*

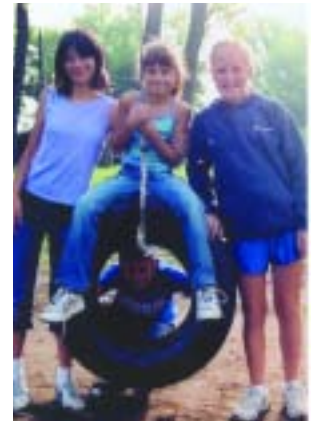
Helping women understand the physiological and emotional changes during menopause, which can present a disadvantage, became the impetus for an informational forum on women's health.

Quota's Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, club adds the personal touch to meetings by crowning two "Quota Queens" at each club gathering. The "Queens" then share personal news in a special "show and tell" presentation.

Excellence in Hearing and Speech Service

Quota International of Sioux City *Iowa, U.S.A.*

Childhood memories of nature hikes, story telling, swimming and s'mores are being created with QI of Sioux City's "Camp Q," the city's first overnight summer camp for deaf and hard-of-hearing children.



Quota International of Las Piñas *The Philippines*

The Las Piñas Quota club is paving the way for a successful future for deaf and hard-of-hearing children by creating literacy classes with teachers trained in sign language.

Excellence in Membership Retention

Quota International of Orillia *Ontario, Canada*

Facing the problem of membership retention head-on with open and honest discussions resulted in concrete solutions, such as encouraging fellow members to invite guests to meetings.

Quota International of Gold Coast *Queensland, Australia*

QI of Gold Coast found a sure-fire way to retain members: connect Quotarians through getting-to-know-you initiatives such as their monthly Quota Queens program and Secret Business Women's night.



Excellence in Membership Recruitment

Quota International of Davao City



The Philippines

QI of Davao City recruited 20 members with a plan that incorporated large doses of teamwork while promoting club service. Club member Dr. Veronica Magnaye, a major force behind the club's service success—the Mindanao Neonatal Hearing Screening Center—wears a Mindanao tribal costume at a dinner honoring President Carolyn Rice.

Quota International of Sioux City

Iowa, U.S.A.

Developing a multi-pronged strategic plan resulted not only in new members, but the strengthening of bonds and increased participation of existing club members in Quota's Sioux City club.

Excellence in Fund-raising

Quota International of Aruba

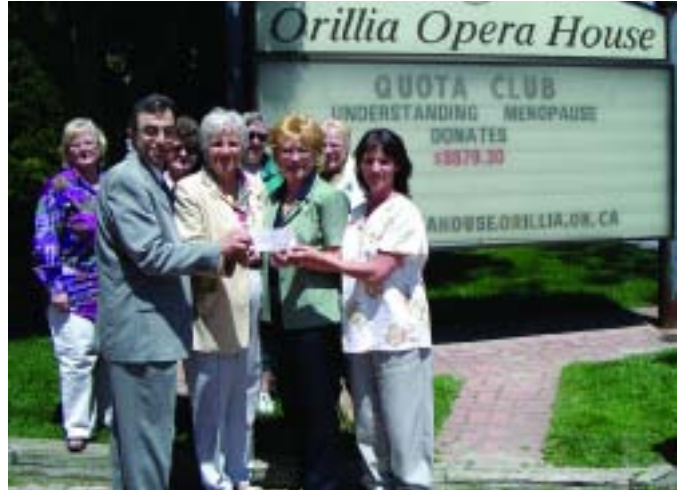
Aruba



The mysteries of the Far East provided a backdrop for QI of Aruba's highly successful dinner dance fund-raiser featuring exotic decorations, Asian gourmet delicacies, and a raffle prize of a ticket to ride the Orient Express.

Quota International of Orillia

Ontario, Canada



Understanding the physiological and emotional changes during menopause, which can present a disadvantage, became the impetus for an informational forum on women's health as well as a highly successful fund-raiser.

Excellence in Fellowship and Fun

Quota International of Manchester

New Hampshire, U.S.A.

Sumptuous soups in hand-thrown bowls in the company of friends were served up as a reminder of feeding the hungry in the community through QI of Manchester's Empty Bowl Project, a year-long initiative.

Quota International of Minneapolis

Minnesota, U.S.A.

Beating the winter blues in February was easy with QI of Minneapolis' "Fun in the Sun" Mexican fiesta celebrating Quota's anniversary, an event which also attracted new members.



GOLD COAST!

2006



July 21-24, 2006

It's hard to be a spectator
on Australia's Gold Coast.
Enjoy it all at the

Quota International Convention

Australia's glittering Gold Coast is a region of contrasts. Nature lovers will appreciate the beaches and rainforests that make the Gold Coast Australia's most biologically diverse city, while visitors can enjoy its open-air markets and shops. It also boasts the largest concentration of themed attractions in the Southern Hemisphere, putting roller coasters and wildlife shows at your doorstep. Wineries, casinos, golf, and fishing round out just the top of a long list of Gold Coast attractions.



Plenty to Do

A colorful twist on the great outdoors. Hand feed a rainbow-feathered lorikeet. Dip your toes in the Pacific's blue waters. Take a tour through the lush greens of the rainforest. The coast's natural beauty will astound you when you visit its beaches and World Heritage-listed national parks.

A rich history and culture. Once populated by Aboriginal people, then colonized by the British, the Gold Coast has a complex history preserved by museums and parks that you can explore.

Shopping, shopping. And more shopping! The Gold Coast shopping experience includes everything from Australia's largest duty-free stores to open-air markets and craft fairs. Capture the Australian flavor forever by picking up area-grown produce and preserves, antiques, paintings, pottery, and authentic Aboriginal art.

Wine and dine in style. More than 500 restaurants comprise the Gold Coast's international buffet, and local wineries offer tastings and tours of their Verdehlo, Merlot, and Shiraz vineyards.

A bustling nightlife. The Gold Coast doesn't sleep when the sun goes down. Experience a cabaret dinner, enjoy a local pub's music and dancing, or take in spectacular sights on a moon-lit cruise. You won't even have to leave the hotel for entertainment: Conrad Jupiters features its own stage show, night club, and 24-hour casino.



Convention Tours and Activities

The Gold Coast offers a rich mix of nature, history, culture, and shopping. Sample a little of each!

Sign up for all convention events, tours, and guest program activities (new this year!) on your convention registration form. Roundtrip transportation is included unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.quota.org and click **Convention 2006 Plans**.

SPECIAL CONVENTION EVENT

Convention 2006 Party Night at SeaWorld

Sunday, July 23, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
U.S.\$85.00 per person (includes dinner)



Tonight, Australia's best-known marine park is all ours as SeaWorld hosts a party exclusively for Quotarians and their guests. The night begins with a show at Dolphin Cove, one of the world's most environmentally-friendly lagoon habitats. From there, we'll head to Polar Bear Shore, a near-natural Arctic environment, and then, to the Plaza, which offers an authentic outdoor Aussie barbecue buffet including sirloin steak, grilled barramundi, chicken satay, beautiful tropical fruit, a dessert selection, and cheese board. Our evening includes one complimentary drink (additional drinks are available for purchase). After dinner, we'll visit the Top Terrace for the evening's finale—a spectacular fireworks display set to music. This Sunday evening event will be a highlight of the Gold Coast Convention—join us!

CONVENTION 2006 TOURS

Sign up on-site at Convention 2006 for one additional pre-convention activity—golf at Gold Coast's spectacular Hope Island Golf Course (scheduled for Friday morning, July 21, in the morning).

Australia Zoo— Crocodile Feeding

Wednesday, July 19, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
U.S.\$83.00 per person



Welcome to the Croc Express Tour—a fun-filled day of shows and demonstrations made famous by the antics of Steve Irwin (TV's "The Crocodile Hunter")! Spend three hours at this wildlife park, taking in the crocodile feeding and snake handling. Wish Harriet the Tortoise a happy 175th birthday, pat a koala, feed farm animals, and wander past camels, cassowaries, and dingoes. Enjoy lunch on your own.

Traveling to and from our destination, we'll drive the scenic highway along South Bank. We'll stop for morning tea, and the stunning views on the ride back are the perfect way to end a breathtaking day.

Gold Coast Canal Cruising— Afternoon Tea Cruise

Wednesday, July 19, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
U.S.\$43.00 per person (includes afternoon tea)

Some say the Gold Coast boasts more canals and waterways than Venice, Italy. This relaxing two-hour tea cruise aboard the Spirit of Paradise offers us the opportunity to see for ourselves. An experienced guide will reveal what lies behind the tourist strip as we explore the labyrinth of

waterways lined with homes ranging from modest villas to expansive estates.

St. Helena Island Historic Penal Colony Tour

Thursday, July 20, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
U.S.\$83.00 per person
(includes morning tea, lunch)

Operating from 1867 to 1932, St. Helena Island was Queensland's first major penal settlement, holding 300 convicts at its peak. Long before prisoners were incarcerated here, Aboriginal people visited the island to feast on flying-foxes and shellfish. We'll experience the island's tragic history, viewing Aboriginal artifacts and prison remains, and journey through the lives of prisoners. Morning tea, a delicious barbecue lunch, and spectacular views of the Port of Brisbane add the finishing touches.

Stradbroke Island Cultural Tour

Thursday, July 20, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
U.S.\$83.00 per person (includes lunch)



Steeped in Aboriginal history, Stradbroke Island is an ideal place to learn about the traditional ways of life of Australia's indigenous people. Who better to share their customs than "Aunty Margaret," Aboriginal elder of MINJERRIBAH? "Aunty Margaret" will describe how their lives were disrupted by the British arrival and construction of an institution for mental patients. We'll sample Aboriginal life as we make Johnny cakes, a traditional Aboriginal food, and participate in



boomerang painting, and Aboriginal plate painting. The tour includes time to stroll around Dunwich Township and enjoy the tour's included island lunch at Point Lookout.

Hinterland and Winery Tour

Friday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

U.S.\$43.00 per person

(includes morning tea, wine tasting)

Today we'll experience the good wine, fresh produce, and artistic talent nestled in the Hinterland. Our day begins with a visit to Canungra Valley Vineyards, where we will enjoy a Devonshire tea, sample wine, and tour the acreage that includes 4,000 vines of Chambourcin and Semillon grapes. Afterwards, we will travel to Tamborine Mountain, which features produce grown in the mountain's rich soil. We'll sample cheese and chocolates and visit local shops. Enjoy lunch on our own at one of the numerous cafes.



Brisbane City and Lone Pine Animal Sanctuary Tour

Friday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

U.S.\$43.00 (includes morning tea, pie tasting)

Today's journey begins with morning tea at a local landmark, Yatala Pies. Over the past century, this pie shop has grown from a modest bakery to a company selling 2,000 pies a day. After tea, we will tour Brisbane City, then travel to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. Here we can cuddle koalas, feed kangaroos, and watch the sanctuary's famous sheep dogs herd sheep. We'll enjoy a meal (on our own) in the sanctuary's alfresco café, and pick up jewelry, books, Aboriginal art, and other souvenirs to remember our travels.



Paradise Star Canal Cruise

Monday, July 24, meet 1:30 p.m.

(meet at dock near hotel) – 4:00 p.m.

U.S.\$34.00 per person (includes afternoon tea)

We'll cruise past some of Australia's most expensive real estate and the spectacular homes of the rich and famous on this afternoon cruise. The two-hour cruise includes informative commentary, complimentary tea, coffee, and cool drinks, and a tempting variety of biscuits (cookies).

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Monday, July 24, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

U.S.\$38.00 per person

We'll feed lorikeets, get close to crocodiles, and see the world's most venomous snakes when we visit Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, home to the world's largest collection of Australian native animals. Situated among the myriad of lakes on the southern Gold Coast, it provides a world-class wildlife experience for its visitors. With over 27 hectares of landscaped surrounds and bushland, and over 1,400

mammals, birds, and reptiles, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary offers visitors a unique natural experience.

Quota Friendship Tour: Gold Coast 'Country to Coast'



Depart Tuesday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m., and return to the Brisbane Airport on Saturday, July 29, at approximately 9:30 a.m.

U.S.\$730.00 per person, double occupancy (Add U.S.\$370.00 for single occupancy)

(Includes transportation, tour escort, first-class accommodations for four nights, activities mentioned, four breakfasts, two lunches, one morning tea, one afternoon tea, two dinners, hotel tax, baggage handling, and entry fees.)

This four-day, four-night tour of the Gold and Sunshine Coasts offers spectacular views, fine food and wine, and flexibility to relax and explore. We'll experience the region's flora and fauna, peruse a myriad of shops, and pamper ourselves in our hotels' luxurious accommodations. It's an Australian experience we won't forget!

Day 1

Our tour begins with a scenic drive through the Hinterlands. After we stop at the galleries and wineries of Mount Tamborine, local Quotarians will join us for a picnic lunch and wine tasting at Canungra Valley Vineyards. Next, we travel to Lamington National Park, the largest rain forest in Australia, for tea. Afterward, we can take a famous Tree Top walk, or enjoy our wonderful accommodations at O'Reilly's Rain Forest Retreat. O'Reilly's will provide dinner, after which we are invited to view the "Miracle of the Mountains," a documentary about Bernard O'Reilly, a humble Australian bushman.

Day 2

After breakfast and an optional early bird walk, our coach will weave its way to the



coastline, where we will board a ferry to South Stradbroke Island. Breathtaking views, world-class accommodations, and an Aussie fish fry await at the Couran Cove Island Resort. We'll enjoy the afternoon on our own, pampering ourselves at the resort's spa or exploring the island—its world-class sporting facilities attracted Olympic athletes from across the globe before the 2000 Games. We'll dine together this evening at the poolside bar.



Day 3

This morning's breakfast is followed with a trip to the Sunshine Coast via the spectacular Glasshouse Mountains. En route, Redcliffe Quotarians will join us for tea on the shore of Moreton Bay, a tropical playground of exotic beaches. Next, we will continue on to Noosa, a resort town that features Noosa National Park. The Sheraton Resort and Spa, which will host us for the next two nights, is located on Hasting Street, a boulevard lined with boutiques, galleries, cafes, and Noosa's Laguna Bay. Lunch and dinner are on our own, as we wine, dine, shop, or relax.

Day 4

Once we've enjoyed a delicious buffet breakfast, we might stroll along Laguna Bay, swim in the hotel's luxury pool, or take a boat through the Noosa Everglades, but a must is the breathtaking walk around Noosa National Park. Afterward, we may treat ourselves to total relaxation

at the hotel's award-winning spa or enjoy a cocktail at the hotel's swim-up pool bar. Lunch and dinner are on our own.

Day 5

We'll rise early Saturday morning for a breakfast buffet and 7:00 a.m. departure for Brisbane Airport (please schedule flights for after 11:00 a.m.).

GUEST PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

New at Convention 2006, we are offering a comprehensive guest program with activities scheduled to take place during official Quota meeting sessions. Guests can sign up at Convention 2006 to participate in two golf outings—Royal Pines Resort Golf Course (Sunday, July 23, morning) and Paradise Springs Golf Course (Monday, July 24, morning).



Adventure Duck Water and Land Adventure

Saturday, July 22, depart 9:45 a.m., return on your own
U.S.\$43.00 per person

This one-hour plus tour provides a great land and water adventure to get a duck's eye view of the Gold Coast. We'll enjoy the 'splashtacular' ride while traveling the Gold Coast's roads and beachfront through Surfers Paradise and the magnificent waterways—home to the millionaires



who live in 'Venice in Paradise.' We'll taxi together to the tour start (included in the tour fee) and return on our own.

Gone Fishing—Reef and Game Fishing

Saturday, July 22, 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.
U.S.\$89.00 per person

This tour offers five big hours of off-shore reef and game fishing—suitable for beginners and experts. Courtesy bus pick-up. On-board rest room; free refreshments; bait and tackle supplied; shade or sun fishing; highly trained skippers.

Pacific Star Canal Cruise

Sunday, July 23, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(meet at dock near hotel)
U.S.\$34.00 per person (includes morning tea)

We'll cruise past some of Australia's most expensive real estate and the spectacular homes of the rich and famous on this morning cruise. The two-hour journey includes informative commentary, complimentary tea, coffee, and cool drinks, and a tempting variety of biscuits (cookies).

Catch-a-Crab Oyster Farm Tour

Monday, July 24, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
U.S.\$88.00 per person (includes lunch)

Catch-a-Crab Oyster Farm tour offers a unique adventure, from the moment passengers step on board. We'll trap for crabs and fish while our captain cooks a delicious crab lunch for us. We'll catch our own bait—yabbie pumping (tide permitting), and we'll visit local oyster leases. We'll enjoy viewing nature, bird, and marine life, which are abundant along the river.

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PLANNING FOR GOLD COAST

Register Early!

Register for Convention 2006 before May 1 to be entered in a drawing for one of three U.S.\$100 shopping sprees in Gold Coast. You'll also save on your convention registration fee if your paid registration form (Page 27) is postmarked by May 15.

Convention Hotel

With sweeping views of the bright blue Pacific to the east, and the rugged hills and valleys of the Hinterlands to the west, Conrad Jupiters is a Gold Coast landmark. In addition to its luxurious guest rooms, it boasts five world-class restaurants, a 24-hour casino, gym, swimming pool, and a walking track through 15 acres of tropical gardens. Quota's room block will be held until June 20, 2006. A hotel reservation form is located on Page 26.

Getting to the Hotel

Conrad Jupiters is approximately 90 minutes by coach from Brisbane Airport. Coaches run from outside baggage collection to the hotel every 30 minutes and currently cost Aus.\$35.00 (approximately U.S. \$26.00) each way. Purchase tickets at the Coachtrans counters located opposite luggage carousels at domestic and international terminals.

International Dateline

If you are flying from North America, please remember that you lose a day when flying across the International Dateline.

Tax and Tipping

A goods-and-service tax is included in all Australian prices before marking. There is no add-on tax. Tipping is not expected and solely at the discretion of the patron.

New! Convention 2006 Guest Program

See Page 24 for descriptions, dates, and times of activities for your convention guests—two golf outings, reef and game fishing, Adventure Duck water and land adventure, Pacific Star tea cruise, and Catch-a-Crab Oyster Farm tour.

For More Planning Tips...

Visit www.quota.org and click Convention 2006 Plans. Or, contact Ingrid Miller at (202) 331-9694 or ingrid@quota.org; in the South Pacific, please contact Beris Pritchard at (07) 3283 3006 or berisp@worldoptions.com.au.

CONVENTION 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

Get ready for friendship, fun, and information. And why not bring a musical instrument or two to donate to this year's Service-on-Site project. Complete convention details and the latest schedule are located on www.quota.org; click Convention 2006 Plans. See Page 24 for additional Convention 2006 Guest Program activities.

Wednesday, July 19

Australia Zoo-Crocodile Feeding Tour (9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
Gold Coast Canal Afternoon Tea Cruise (1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, July 20

St. Helena Island Historic Penal Colony Tour
(8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
Stradbroke Island Cultural Tour (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Friday, July 21

Governors Seminar/Leaders Meeting (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Golf Outing – Hope Island Golf Course
(morning—sign up at convention)
Hinterland and Winery Tour (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
Brisbane City and Animal Sanctuary Tour (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
First-Timers Orientation (4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)
Governors Reunion (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
Silent Auction/Reception/Opening Ceremonies Banquet
(5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) Smart casual resort attire.

Saturday, July 22

General Session (morning & afternoon)
Lunch on Your Own (12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.)
Workshop Series (2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, July 23

International Officer Elections (7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)
Club Presidents Breakfast (7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.)
General Session (morning)
Lunch on Your Own (12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)
Area Meetings (1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)
Secrets of Success Panels (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
Convention Party Night at SeaWorld (6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

Monday, July 24

General Session (morning)
Paradise Star Canal Cruise (1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Tour (1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
Installation Ceremony and Banquet
(6:30 p.m.) Elegant evening attire.

Tuesday, July 25

Quota Friendship Tour (Four nights—Departs Tuesday, July 25, 9:00 a.m.; returns to the Brisbane Airport on Saturday, July 29, at approximately 9:30 a.m.)

Hotel Registration Form



Conrad Jupiters Hotel, Gold Coast Quota International Convention July 21-25, 2006

Please return your completed reservation form directly to **Conrad Jupiters Hotel** via fax or mail or make your reservation via telephone or e-mail (information below). Hotel rooms will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Quota's block of rooms is reserved until Tuesday, June 20, 2006. If the block becomes full before then, reservations will be taken on a space available basis only. Rooms reserved after June 20 will be accepted only on a full payment guarantee.

Conrad Jupiters Hotel, located at the heart of Australia's favorite holiday playground, the glorious Gold Coast, offers luxurious guest rooms designed to take in either beach or Hinterland views. Just steps away from the hotel's famous doors is an exciting mix of activities and attractions that will leave you exhilarated. From the theater and 24-hour casino, to shopping, sightseeing, and world-class golf, Conrad Jupiters truly is at the center of it all.

Check-in time is after 2:00 p.m. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. Maximum 3 adults per room. To include a third person in a room or to request a rollaway bed incurs an Aus.\$40 charge per room per night. No charge for children 13 years and under sharing room with parents. Maximum 2 adults/2 children per room using existing bedding. Reservations both before and after June 20, 2006, may be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to arrival. A charge, equal to one night's accommodation will apply in the event of a non-arrival or late cancellation. Guests will need to leave an additional Aus.\$200 surety on arrival if paying by cash or a \$100 credit card authority.

Please PRINT NEATLY or TYPE the following information:

Name _____

Address _____
Street, Apt. #

City/State/Province _____ Zip Code/Country _____

Daytime phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please reserve _____ room(s) for _____ adults and _____ children
for arrival on _____ and departure on _____.

Name(s) of person(s) sharing accommodations:

Please list any special room needs:

Please choose one

Standard Room

- ☐ **Single**—Aus.\$180* (approximately U.S.\$132)
☐ **Double** (one king-size bed)—Aus.\$180* (approximately U.S.\$132)
☐ **Twin** (two double beds)—Aus.\$180* (approximately U.S.\$132)
☐ **Triple** (two double beds; additional rollaway bed available upon request only)—Aus.\$220* (approximately U.S.\$161)

Would you like a smoking room?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Rate available through July 25, 2006. Reference for room type and non-smoking are only a request basis and are not guaranteed. Rates include all taxes. U.S. rate approximations may change at the time of final payment due to exchange rate fluctuations.*

Guest Room Amenities:

Personal temperature controls, voice mail, iron and ironing board, coffee/tea maker, refrigerator, mini-bar, cable TV with On-Command pay movies, videogames, Internet access. The hotel offers five restaurants, a great swimming pool and spa, complimentary fitness gym, gift shops, 24-hour casino, a live performance theater, and complimentary monorail transportation.

To Guarantee Room

Credit card type ☐ American Express ☐ Visa
☐ MasterCard ☐ Diners Club

Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____

Name on credit card _____

Signature _____

Mail your reservation form to:

Conrad Jupiters, PO Box 1515,
Broadbeach Island, Broadbeach,
Queensland 4218, Australia

Or contact the hotel:

Fax: 61-7-5592-8219
Telephone: 61-7-5592-8294
Australia-Only Toll-Free Telephone:
1-800-374-344
E-mail: cjgroups@conrad.com.au

Telephone or e-mail reservations:

State that you are attending the "Quota International Convention" to be eligible for special Quota rates.

Telephone or fax reservations:

Direct Dialing Prefix for Canada and the United States is 011.

Confirmation booking number:
(Hotel use only)

A confirmation of your reservation will be sent only by request.

Convention Registration Form

July 21-24, 2006 • Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

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Send in your registration by May 1, 2006, and you will be eligible to win a U.S. \$100 shopping spree in Gold Coast. Three winners will be chosen from registrations postmarked, e-mailed, or sent by fax to the Quota International Office by May 1.

Registration Deadline for Early Bird Discount: May 15, 2006

Please PRINT NEATLY or TYPE the following information:

Name _____
Last First Name for Badge, if different

Club Name _____

Area _____ District _____

Address _____
Street, Apt. # City/State/Province Zip Code/Country

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Are you a 2006-2007 governor? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you a 2006-2007 lieutenant governor? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is this your first Quota International convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Non-voting delegates, let us know if you are interested in
volunteering for either the Elections or Credentials Committee ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list any special needs you will have during convention (e.g., meals, etc.):

I. Registration Fee

Registration categories are listed below. Please check (✓) your category, circle the corresponding fee, and record the amount circled on next page. (Your fee includes dinner on Friday, July 21, and dinner on Monday, July 24.)

	Registration on/before May 15:	After May 15:
<input type="radio"/> Official Club Voting Delegate (IMPORTANT! Please see credential information on next page.) Each club is entitled to have one voting delegate at convention at a reduced registration fee. All other club participants, including alternate voting delegates, must pay the full convention fee.	U.S.\$165	U.S.\$190
<input type="radio"/> New Club Voting Delegate The registration fee is waived for voting delegates of clubs chartered after July 1, 2004.	No charge	No charge
<input type="radio"/> Past International President	U.S.\$210	U.S.\$235
<input type="radio"/> Other Quota governors, lt. governors, alternate voting delegates (IMPORTANT: see credential information on next page), non-voting participants and members-at-large.	U.S.\$320	U.S.\$345

II. Optional Special Convention Events

All convention registrants and their guests are invited to purchase tickets for Quota International's first convention-wide evening of fellowship and fun at SeaWorld Adventure Park. Other optional special convention events are open to invitees only.

	Quantity	Total Price
<input type="radio"/> Convention 2006 Party Night at SeaWorld Adventure Park: An Evening of Quota Fellowship and Fun , Sunday, July 23, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Open to all convention registrants and their guests. (Details on Page 22)	U.S.\$85 per person	
<input type="radio"/> Governors Seminar , Friday, July 21, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Invitees include governors, lieutenant governors, past international presidents, incoming area directors, and candidates. Includes lunch. Attendance restricted to invitees only.	U.S.\$25 per person	
<input type="radio"/> Governors Reunion , Friday, July 21, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Invitees include current and past governors, lieutenant governors, and district secretary-treasurers. Year(s) served as governor _____. Attendance restricted to invitees only.	U.S.\$25 per person	
<input type="radio"/> Club Presidents Breakfast , Sunday, July 23, 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. An informal gathering for current club presidents with President Carolyn Rice and President-elect Enid Croes-Marugg. Attendance restricted to invitees only.	U.S.\$18 per person	
Total Optional Special Convention Events Please record this amount on next page.		\$

III. Optional Guest Banquet Tickets

This section allows you to purchase tickets for your guest(s) to attend the following events. As a registrant, the cost of your attendance to these events is included in your convention registration fee.

<input type="radio"/> Opening Ceremonies Dinner , Friday, July 21, 7:30 p.m. Name(s): _____	U.S.\$55 per person	
<input type="radio"/> Installation Banquet , Monday, July 24, 6:30 p.m. Name(s): _____	U.S.\$55 per person	
Total Optional Guest Banquet Tickets Please record this amount on next page.		\$

OVER Please complete and return BOTH SIDES of this form.

IV. Optional Pre- and Post-Convention Tours for Registrants and Guests

Please register yourself and/or guests for any of the following optional tours. Sign up for a golf outing scheduled for Friday morning, July 21, at convention. Tour descriptions begin on Page 22. We encourage you to sign up early; reservations are accepted on a first-come, first served basis. All optional tour fees are non-refundable on or after May 15, 2006.

		Quantity	Total Price
<input type="radio"/> Australia Zoo-Crocodile Feeding , Wednesday, July 19, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	U.S.\$83 per person		
<input type="radio"/> Gold Coast Canal Cruising – Afternoon Tea Cruise , Wednesday, July 19, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	U.S.\$43 per person		
<input type="radio"/> St. Helena Island Historic Penal Colony Tour , Thursday, July 20, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	U.S.\$83 per person		
<input type="radio"/> Stradbroke Island Cultural Tour , Thursday, July 20, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	U.S.\$83 per person		
<input type="radio"/> Hinterland and Winery Tour , Friday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	U.S.\$43 per person		
<input type="radio"/> Brisbane City and Lone Pine Animal Sanctuary Tour , Friday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	U.S.\$43 per person		
<input type="radio"/> Paradise Star Canal Cruise , Monday, July 24, 1:30 p.m. (meet at dock) – 4:00 p.m.	U.S.\$34 per person		
<input type="radio"/> Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary , Monday, July 24, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	U.S.\$38 per person		
<input type="radio"/> Post-Convention Quota Friendship Tour , Tuesday, July 25, 9:00 a.m. – Saturday, July 29, approximately 9:30 a.m. Add U.S.\$370 for single occupancy If you choose double occupancy, we will assign a roommate unless you note name here: _____	U.S.\$730 per person U.S.\$370 per person		
Total Pre- and Post-Convention Tours for Registrants and Guests Please record this amount below.			\$

V. Optional Guest Activities

New at Convention 2006, we are offering a comprehensive guest program. All activities are scheduled to take place during official Quota meeting and business sessions! For more details on these activities and two golf outings that guests can sign up for at Convention 2006, visit www.quota.org. We encourage you to sign up early; reservations are accepted on a first-come, first served basis. All optional guest program activity fees are non-refundable on or after May 15, 2006.

<input type="radio"/> Adventure Duck Land and Water Tour , Saturday, July 22, 9:45 a.m.; Morning tour; return on your own.	U.S.\$43 per person		
Name(s): _____			
<input type="radio"/> Gone Fishing: Reef and Game Fishing , Saturday, July 22, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.	U.S.\$89 per person		
Name(s): _____			
<input type="radio"/> Pacific Star Canal Cruise , Sunday, July 23, 10:00 a.m. (meet at dock) - 12:30 p.m.	U.S.\$34 per person		
Name(s): _____			
<input type="radio"/> Catch-A-Crab Oyster Farm Half-Day Tour , Monday, July 24, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	U.S.\$88 per person		
Name(s): _____			
Total Optional Guest Activities Please record this amount below.			\$

Total Payment: Please record your name, club and the total amount owed for your convention registration fee and any optional activities or guest fees:

Name: _____ Club: _____	I. Convention 2006 Registration Fee Total: \$ _____
	II. Optional Special Convention Events Total: \$ _____
	III. Optional Banquet Tickets Total: \$ _____
	IV. Optional Pre- and Post-Convention Tours Total: \$ _____
	V. Optional Guest Activities Total: \$ _____
Total Payment: U.S. \$ _____	

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Credential Information - IMPORTANT!

This document will also serve as the club voting delegate's credential form. If you are a voting delegate or an alternate voting delegate, **you must have one (1) club officer sign the following to certify that you are eligible to vote.** You may sign for yourself if you are a club officer. If this form is not signed, you will not be able to vote at convention. Please specify your delegate status (official or alternate). Note: each delegate has only one vote; a governor/district representative may not vote for their district and their club.

I certify that the member of my club listed above has been elected to represent the above named club at the international convention to be held in Gold Coast, July 2006 as
☐ the official club voting delegate or ☐ the alternate club voting delegate should the voting delegate become unable to vote.

Name: _____

PRINT officer's name and title

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment

- ☐ I have enclosed a check payable to **Quota International** for my convention fees.
☐ Please charge the fees to my credit card (only MasterCard and VISA accepted).

Name: _____ Credit Card No. _____

Signature _____ Expiration Date _____

Cancellation Policy: For any cancellations made prior to July 1, 2006, we will refund your convention registration fee minus a \$30 cancellation fee. On or after July 1, a \$160 cancellation fee will apply (to cover nonrefundable costs such as meals and materials). All optional tour and activity fees are nonrefundable on or after May 15, 2006. All cancellations must be in writing.

Questions? Contact Ingrid Miller at (202) 331-9694 (telephone); (202) 331-4395 (fax); or ingrid@quota.org (e-mail).



2005 Wanda Frey Joiner Founders



Wanda Frey Joiner Founder pin/pendant.

Special thanks go to Wanda Frey Joiner Founders whose generous contributions in 2005 strengthened clubs and expanded Quota's outreach, thereby enriching our communities and our world. View the list of all Founders who have joined the program since 1996 on www.quota.org (click "Donors").

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in memory of Marion Armstrong

2005 We Share Foundation Benefactors

We are grateful to 2005 We Share Foundation Benefactor members whose generous 2005 donations funded Quota's international service work carried out by the We Share Foundation. View the list of all Benefactors who have joined the program since 1999 on www.quota.org (click "Donors").



We Share Foundation Benefactor pin/pendant.

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Celebrate Quota's Winning Ways!

United Nations Honors International President Carolyn Rice



The humanitarian efforts of 2005-2006 International President Carolyn Rice, Quota International, and the We Share Foundation were recently recognized with an award from the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area. The award is given to those individuals and organiza-

tions that have made a special contribution to international human rights. Under Carolyn's leadership, Quota International has expanded its Club-to-Club service work to 14

projects and launched the We Share Foundation Hurricane Relief Fund. Carolyn, a member of Quota International for 17 years, was honored at the United Nations Human Rights Day Luncheon in Washington, D.C., on December 9, 2005. Executive Director Kathleen Treiber accepted the award on her behalf.

Quota, We Share Foundation Celebrate 'Award-winning' Success

2005 was a rewarding year for Quota International and the We Share Foundation. In addition to receiving accolades for programming and service efforts, the organizations' Web sites and other publications earned prestigious awards.

2005 Communicator Awards



Two of Quota's most important and most-read publications were honored for their outstanding work in the communications field in the international 2005 Communicator Awards competition. For the fourth year, the *Quotarian*, which communicates club events, organization highlights, and other club news, was one of the 19 percent of entries to receive an Award of Dis-

tinction for exceeding high industry standards in the Non-Profit Magazine category. Quota International's Web site, www.quota.org, was also recognized.

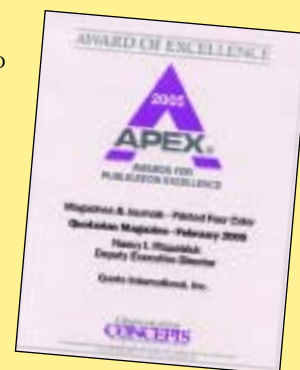
MarCom Creative Awards 2005

The 2005 MarCom Creative Awards program recognized two Quota International publications with Gold Awards for exceeding high industry standards. The 2005 *Quotarian* magazine's quality, creativity, and resourcefulness were honored in the Non-Profit Magazine category, while the We Share Foundation's Web site, www.wesharefoundation.org, earned praise in the Web site category.



APEX 2005 Awards for Publication Excellence

The *Quotarian* and We Share Foundation Web site were also recognized in the 2005 APEX Awards for Publication Excellence competition, which acknowledges preeminence in design, editorial content, and overall communications. The judging process is a competitive one, as winners are selected from a pool of over 5,000 applicants. Both publications received Awards of Excellence.



Associations Advance America 2005 Awards



The 2005 Associations Advance America Awards competition honored two We Share Foundation programs that support Quota International's service projects across the

globe. The awards, given to organizations for innovation, education, and upholding high industry standards, recognized the We Share Foundation's excellence in civic and community volunteer activities. For the second year, the foundation's Volunteers in Action program received an Award of Excellence and World Net Service, known inside Quota as the Club-to-Club World Service Program, was named to the Associations Advance America Honor Roll.

Quota International Special Edition Jewelry

Celebrate your Quota connection in silver or gold!

Presenting...

Quota International's Elegant Gold Flag Charm Series Honors Quota's 14 Countries

Quota International is proud to unveil its new gold flag charm series featuring the flag from every Quota country. Each charm includes the name of the country and the year it joined Quota.

In honor of President Carolyn Rice, we introduce the Australian flag charm. We are also releasing the United States and Canadian flag charms honoring Quota's first two countries. These lovely charms are available for a \$50 donation each.



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These stylish charms, available for a \$50 donation each, make a silver statement about Quota's mission to love, share, care, and spread peace.



Special Offer

Purchase the gold or silver bracelet pictured in this ad and receive one charm at 50 percent off! This offer is also available when purchasing the silver loop necklace (below).



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Charms at \$50 donation each

- ☐ Quota Peace Silver Charm(s) _____
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- ☐ Quota Share Silver Charm(s) _____
- ☐ Quota Cares Silver Charm(s) _____
- ☐ Silver Link Bracelet(s) with charm at \$75 donation each _____
- Specify charm: _____
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- ☐ Silver Chain Necklace(s) with charm at \$75 donation each _____
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