

Quota Flash



QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF WATERLOO

April, 2010

FROM PRESIDENT ANN TIPPETT...

This has been a year of much excitement! New projects, help for many people in our community, volunteer work and activities, Cops N Kids Quota Cares Month Proclamation and Publicity for our Quota Club projects, give aways, scholarship recipients, dedications, and activities that have challenged us, but at the same time have also helped us in making much progress. We had continued and consistent cook book sales, record nut sales, successful brunch and annual auction, food bank collections, and much, much more. I cannot tell you enough how thankful I am to be a part of such a wonderful group of ladies who share many of the same interests, especially---helping others in our Community. Our Quota Club is a wonderful organization that has brought us all together to help others in need, share our time and talents, and to progress in learning new ways to help in our Community; and to help make our club continue to be so successful. Thank you to all who participate in many of our activities, projects, sales, fundraisers, social gatherings, monthly meetings, board meetings, etc. It takes all of us working together to continue our club success!! I am very proud of our club and want all of you to know how very appreciated you are for all that you do!! I encourage you to continue to volunteer, strive to find new ways to help in our community, share your time and talents, and continue our clubs success with the guidance of our New Board Members.

We have dynamite members who have volunteered their time and talents to continue our growth and successes into the new year. They are:

President, Chris Lorenz; 1st Vice-President, Linda Woock; 2nd Vice-President, Patty Rausa; Secretary, Eileen Gunderson; Treasurer, Monica Haag; Directors, Lynne Jensen, Gail Carter, Jeanne Speas, and Ann Tippett. As we think about the year ahead, it is with much anticipation of what we can accomplish next!! In working together there is nothing that we cannot accomplish, and much that we can!!

It has been a GREAT year!!

With much love, friendship, care, and service, Ann Tippett

CLUB NEWS

The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has just completed another difficult task. Thank you Patty Rausa, chair, Jeannie Speas and Marsha Stroh. This committee appreciates you for saying "yes" when they called!

BRUNCH Co-chairs Ann Tippett & Chris Lorenz would like to thank all Quotarians & their families for their participation, hard work, ticket sales, baking, donations,

clean-up help, and EVERYTHING they did to make our 61st Annual Brunch another successful fundraiser. Although ticket sales were down a little, profit was almost as much as last year, \$5,192.50. In addition to benefiting our many service projects, the brunch is a wonderful way to build camaraderie and friendship with fellow Quotarians.

7TH DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Approximately 35 Quotarians met in Kirksville, Missouri April 16-18 for the 74th annual District Conference, including 5 Waterloo Quotarians: Marsha Stroh, Monica Haag, Chris Lorenz, Linda Woock and Eileen Gunderson.

Friday's activities began at 4 p.m. with a leadership training session led by Judy Goulet, Quota International representative and Canada Area Director. Attendees were shuttled from the hotel – some by a stretch limo! – to a wine tasting/mixer at Jackson Stables, a local winery and party facility. Appetizers – along with yummy chocolate covered strawberries – were provided by the host club.

Saturday's activities were held at the El Kadir Shrine Club and began with the presentation of colors by a local Brownie troop. This was followed by a parade of flags from all the international Quota clubs carried by the district officers and delegates. Following the invocation, everyone sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth".

Along with the day's business activities, QI representative Judy Goulet spoke about what has been happening at the international level.

Special attention is being paid to increased



use of technology, such as web-based applications like Facebook and Twitter, to correspond with members. The funding would come from QI's reserve fund and from the We Share Foundation. There is currently a bylaw which requires the We Share Foundation to maintain a \$500,000 balance. A proposed bylaw change to be voted on at convention would drop that requirement. The reasoning behind this change is that without members there would be no need for service funds. It would be better to spend current funds on methods to increase membership than to leave it sit unused during a time of declining membership.

Governor Mary Jane Kiefer gave an informative and entertaining power point presentation highlighting the year's activities in each club.

Following her theme of 'Spice Up Your Life With a Dash of Quota', she referred to club members as 'jalapenos'. Once again our Waterloo club had an outstanding year of fundraising and service expenditures.

During Saturday's lunch, Shay Gebauer from Sioux City led the program "What Type of Woman Are You?" Everyone had been given four colored cards which listed several personality traits. Seating for lunch was then done by the color each person chose as the best self-description. Each color group was then asked to discuss their strengths and weaknesses. It was

interesting to see the make-up of each group and how each group deals with situations and stresses. Knowing what 'color' category someone is can help you interact with them more successfully.

Following completion of the afternoon's business session, a role-playing exercise called 'In Her Shoes' was conducted. It was designed to show the dilemmas and frustration faced by women in domestic abuse situations. Everyone agreed it was an eye-opening experience.

Installation of the 2010-2011 District officers was held at the evening dinner, including our own Marsha Stroh, who was installed as Lt. Governor. Marcia Whiteford from Cedar Rapids was installed as Governor and Gloria MacMahon as Secretary/Treasurer. The women's acapella group 'Minor Detail' from Truman State University provided the evening's entertainment. They sang several songs and were enthusiastically appreciated by everyone.

The evening was concluded with an auction led by Carole Olson from Ottumwa and Sherri Weaver from Cedar Rapids. Everyone was then invited to attend a reception/pajama party for new Gov. Marcia Whiteford put on by Cedar Rapids back at the hotel.

Sunday's brunch included a Celebration of Life Service for Vera Burk from Kirksville who had passed away in 2009.

The Kirksville club did a great job putting together a well-organized, informative and fun conference.

Did you read the nice article about the **COPS'S KIDS PROGRAM** in the Waterloo Courier on March 31st? Our club has donated 120 books to the teen library at the Boys and Girls Club of Black Hawk County. Congratulations to Marsha Stroh and this committee for providing another great opportunity to promote literacy.

OUR QUOTA FRIENDS

JEAN MOORE would like to thank all those Quotarians for their cards, memorials, visits, and for being there during the time of Dick's passing and funeral. Jean also heard from Quotarians in Sioux City, Cedar Rapids and Kirksville, which she also sincerely appreciated.

CAROLE HANSON and **ANN TIPPETT** are new grandmas again. Their children Leif and Ashley Hanson have a new baby boy, Nolan Fenway Hanson, born on 4/13/2010. Nolan was born three weeks

early, but is doing great. Ashley and Leif's 2 1/2 year old son, Aidan, welcomed his new baby brother with open arms and lots of hugs and kisses. Congratulations to all of the Hansons and the Tippetts.

JANICE WRIGHT has had much to celebrate lately. Not only did she turn 60 in January, she just completed 40 years of employment with HyVee. When Janice is not working at the Crossroads HyVee or participating in Quota activities, she finds time for her granddaughter, Amya, the love of her life!

KATHLEEN and Leonard **ZMOLEK** recently returned from wintering in Las Vegas. While they were there, their granddaughter, Katie Zmolek, married Rich Price at the "Welcome to Vegas" sign on Las Vegas Boulevard, March 3rd. Kathleen was pleased that some of her Red Hat friends also attended. All of our best to Katie and Rich!

Quotarians were excited to read about **VICKI** and Geoff **GRIMES'** son, Ryan, who just performed in the Minneapolis Musical Theatre production of "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in downtown Minneapolis. Ryan played the role of Judge Thatcher. Vicki, you and Geoff must be so proud, please tell us more.

