

GROW CANADA GROW

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Hello Team Canada;

I am coming to the end of my term as Canada Area Director, and I cannot believe how quickly these past two years have gone by.

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to all of you for the support you have given to me; it has, without a doubt, been a truly wonderful experience. I have learned so much about Quota by serving on the International Board of Directors.

When I began this leg of my Quota journey, I had no idea what I would be getting into. I have had the opportunity to travel to six District Conferences in the two years and through these, I have met so many wonderful new friends and have learned so much about how other clubs in Quota operate. Every Club and District operates just a little differently, but we all have the common goal of sharing our resources and of helping those less fortunate than ourselves whenever and wherever we can.

I also journeyed to Washington, DC for three Board Meetings. The days were long but productive and the fellowship was wonderful. I feel privileged to have served with such dedicated Quotarians. They finally eased up on the comments about Canada being cold and snowy after the blizzard in DC in Feb. 2010.

My goal was to see Canada Area Grow and this has not happened; but we still are Canada Area and I am confident that we will grow. I know that each and everyone of us in Canada is aware of the need to be very diligent in our efforts to seek out areas for new clubs while at the same time growing the clubs we have and keeping them strong.

I hope more members are considering coming to International Convention in Vancouver. We really need to show the rest of the Quota world that Canada is a

strong voice in the Quota, and what better way than by attending Convention in our own country.

For those coming to Vancouver I want to remind you that each Area in Quota has been assigned a color to wear to the opening ceremonies on July 2, 2010. The color for Canada is WHITE tops (T shirts, Quota Shirts or whatever you wish that is WHITE). The open ceremony attire is casual.

The second thing that has been brought to my attention by Past Canada Area Director Suzanne Prosser is, that at the end of the Convention Business Session on Monday July 5th all Canadians should sing the song that is sung at many Canada Area Conferences (We Can Make a Difference).

Suzanne has discussed this with Nancy at the International Office and we have approval to do this. To make this easy to do I would suggest that all Canadians try to sit near the front of the conference room at that session so we can make our way to the stage area fairly quickly. We will remind you about this when we have our Canada Area Meeting on Sunday July 4th. I was very glad that Suzanne suggested this, as it is such a beautiful and appropriate song.

One more thing I would like to mention is that I believe most of the people coming to Convention have booked to go on the Convention-Wide sunset dinner cruise on Sunday July 4th. This will be instead of the District Party Night that many of us have enjoyed in the past, so if you haven't booked this I would suggest that you consider fitting this into your plans.

Marie Dobson-Dunlop is going to be installed as Canada Area Director at the Convention and I know that she is up for this challenge and will do a fantastic job.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Summer. Take time to enjoy each day because none of us knows what the next day might bring. God bless you all!

**Yours in Quota,
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