

REMINDERS:**October is Lupus awareness month****November is Diabetes Awareness month**

Quotation: *Albert Einstein said: "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." What this means is that a shift needs to happen. We need to see things from a different perspective.*

OPENING REMARKS FROM**LT.GOV. ANN KEATING-MORRISON**

A coach helps clients see things from a different view to create a necessary shift in order to find the answer or solution. It is a little like rewiring the brain and our brains often need rewiring. This is what Quota International has relayed to us from the convention news. We have to think of new ways to grow Quota. My responsibility as your Lt.Gov. is like that of a coach. But, remember a coach needs a team. I am proud of the effort that all of you are putting into growing and maintaining strong clubs. I am onboard with Governor Mary and Canada Area Director Marie, so let us GROW CANADA better than ever.

The intent of this year's Q-Tips is to set our goals from your participation in the 2010 training session. Let us call it the Quota Learning Lab. To those past leaders: We need you as advisors, mentors and, especially, ambassadors in our communities. We need you more than ever as Quota International fights to sustain our presence in our communities.

So let me set the plan from your participation in QTS 10. I took your comments and ideas from the matched club scenario presentations. Now I ask that you perform one task before 31 March 2011. If you cannot perform this task but know your club is participating in another way in your community, please forge ahead. The bottom line is COMMUNICATE. Talk to each other and learn from each other. We have a group of young leaders who are willing, enthusiastic and very professional. Our past leaders are great mentors. Let us lead by example in this District.

IDEAS/SOLUTIONS FROM QUOTA TRAINING SEMINAR (QTS) 2010

Last year the clubs below were matched in an effort for members to learn from each other. I know most of you did not communicate as set out, but you did connect at the QTS. You liked the four-generational learning from each other; you liked getting ideas; you liked the fellowship. Our demographics are changing and the four generations are eager to work together.

Q.I. Orillia - Q.I. Hamilton Hamilton dissolved mainly due to the aging demographics and inability to recruit. **Orillia** – You are a very progressive club. I challenge you to put on an information night targeting business and professional women. Using the new publicity tools, show your community what Quota does in the world and what a value you are to the community.

Q.I. Mariposa Silver Q - Q.I. Collingwood You were matched so that the expertise at Mariposa could be passed along to you. It worked. Past International Helen, you inspired with ideas. I would like that connection to continue.

Collingwood- I challenge you to pursue the Silver Q idea, and;

Mariposa – I challenge you to continue to teach us how to value our loyal members and how to keep our new members wanting more.

Q.I. Owen Sound - Q.I. Peterborough

Owen Sound - a diverse, growing club, where everyone has a job. You have enticed younger members in the past couple of years. I challenge you to present a Listening Tour night or afternoon in your community.

Peterborough - your presence is known in the community. Your challenge is to grow. I challenge you to research a reputable community non-profit or not-for-profit group to work with. Check out your community connections and determine where you fit to build relationships. Some have paid staff to organize, you can provide expertise in fundraising and you have experienced leaders in your group. You know your city.

Q.I. Barrie - Q.I. Grey Bruce Silver Q Fellowship and Fun are a big part of the success at both your clubs

Barrie – You have four generations in your group. Your opportunities are abundant for a Silver Q club, Branch, or junior mentoring. I challenge you to utilize the Quota International Explorer guide and research either of these options. Your city of 125,000 and growing needs more Quotarians.

Grey-Bruce - our largest club in Canada. Keep doing what your are doing. You challenge us to succeed.

Q.I. Ottawa - Q.I. Huronia Your clubs were matched mainly so members could get to know each other. Ottawa you have had great success with community partners.

Ottawa - I challenge you to promote the QI Centennial program and see what opportunities there are in a neighbouring city.

Huronia -You have a bevy of past leaders, business leaders and professionals in your club. I challenge you to promote your hosting of the District conference. Reach out for your conference on-site project by using the new Quota International publicity tool kit. It will not only encourage recruitment, but it will give you pride about your contribution to your growing area. Show your community who your service work helps.

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To get to this page, scroll down slowly to Communication and the two districts. Select District 18, and then select D&G. Q-tips are distinguished by logo and date. All Q-Tip editions are listed by date. Take time to browse www.quota.org. Take advantage of all the new tools in the Publicity Tool kit. Also check out Quota International District 18 Face book page and get involved with the discussion.

Remember FUN and FELLOWSHIP is our most valued tool!

Wisdom for today - Women are Angels...And when someone breaks our wings...We simply continue to fly....on a broomstick...We are flexible like that...

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