



Hello Quotarians!

Well, just like last year when I sent out the November edition of *Notes & Quotes* the snow has fallen and autumn has quickly ended- perhaps some of you are still enjoying some favourable weather-enjoy it! I would imagine by now your clubs are in full swing since resuming in the fall- keep up with the wonderful work you are doing- keep in mind President Chris's theme- THROUGH QUOTA WE CAN! to inspire you.

It was a delight reconnecting with all of you at Club Visits- I trust that you are working hard and have been successful in recruiting members to reach the GIVE ME FIVE goal?! I have not received any names of new members since my visits- please do not forget to send Valerie and myself new member names. **Thanks to all of you for your warm hospitality and opening up your homes- it is so much appreciated!**

I attended the Canada Area Meeting in Toronto in September- we were fortunate to have in attendance President Chris, President Elect- Laura Lahman and Treasurer Karen Murphy who presented a proposal regarding the restructuring of Quota. Following are the three main points presented;

ONE – Beginning in 2014, the board proposes to eliminate Quota districts and areas and create approximately 20 regions in their place—each populated with about 300 members. Existing districts would be combined where possible. Regional dues would be set at \$10 per member per year, and all existing area and district dues, fees, and assessments would be eliminated. Regional directors would serve two-year terms, and their expected duties would be streamlined over current duties expected of area directors and district governors.

TWO – Beginning in August 2012, the board proposes to launch Quota circles as a new, more flexible, structure that Quota members can join at the local level. Why “circles”? It’s a forward and innovative approach for the future and the term is becoming commonly used in place of team by younger generations of members. The organization of clubs and branches would be discontinued, and only seven members would be needed to form a circle. Existing branches would become circles and existing clubs would have the choice of remaining a club or becoming a circle.

THREE – Beginning in July 2012, the board proposes to change the composition of the board of directors, reducing it over a two-year period from nine board members to five board members: president, president-elect/treasurer, and three at-large board members. All board members would serve two-year terms, and all would be elected at convention.

President Chris has noted in her post Area District meetings that from the survey taken at Area meetings the results are as follows;

*71% of area meeting attendees indicated that they totally support the proposal, or they support the proposal and feel it would be improved with minor changes. That’s a very positive result—almost three-quarters of all attendees. An additional 22% of area meeting attendees indicated that they were not sure about the proposal and wanted more time to reflect on it. Only one member from the six area meetings combined felt that Quota’s structure and governance system should remain the same and seven members thought change was needed but had other ideas for how the change should occur.*

To learn more as to where Quota goes from here- please see President Chris's message on the Website. Penticton made District 11 proud when they were acknowledged as a Club winner for their Cup for the Cure Quota Cares project

I do want to take this opportunity to welcome all new Quota members! You will be a great addition to your Club- I have no doubt you have some great talents to contribute.

Recruitment of new members is definitely a priority for all Clubs in District 11- remember to be creative in your recruitment efforts. You may want to consider beginning with increasing awareness of who Quota is in your community – public relations as a starting point may be an opportunity to gain new members. Good Luck in your endeavors and reaching the GIVE ME FIVE goal! **I have attached at the end of the newsletter a message from Laura Lahman- our President-Elect.**



Don't forget to utilize those wonderful recruitment tools that Quota International has available to your Clubs on the website. You can access them from the home page.

Cheers,  
*Governor Theresa*

**PRESIDENTS! \*\*\*\*\***

**Please do not forget;**

- **Submit new member names to Gov Theresa and Lt. Gov Valerie Hall**

## **News from Lieutenant Governor Valerie**

District 11 Quotarians,

Hope everyone has been well since last Notes and Quotes, I know you all have certainly been busy in each of your clubs. I wish to congratulate Penticton on winning a spot in the Quota Cares Month it was a great up lifting project for breast cancer.

I traveled to Toronto for the Canada Area Meeting, it was wonderful to see old friends and meet new Quota friends, and if you wish to read my speech it is on our Canadian web site. Quota is hopefully stepping into a new era I trust in our board and hope all of you can. As we move forward with changes in us, and areas, so does Quota International as a whole. I feel the new structured board and existing one has worked hard and long on what can make Quota exciting and a word well known to all around you and the world. New life to Quota can come, hope you all welcome it as much as we want to welcome many new member into the spirit of Quota.

Please keep the names of new members coming in; let me know so I can send them a special Quota spirit pin. Hope to see many more presented in Medicine Hat at conference. Please stay safe and have a Happy Holiday Season as it approaches. May your spirit of Quota keep you all warm and joyous as you work your magic around your communities during the winter season!

God Bless,  
Lt Governor Valerie Hall

## **Club News & Activities**

### **Estevan**

*Submitted on behalf of QI of Estevan, Stacey Drebnicki*

Happy Holidays to my fellow Quotarians,

So very hard to believe that the busy Christmas season is upon us all again. In September we installed another new member to QI of Estevan- Cindy Zeleny and we give her a warm welcome. Also Meagan McEwen was installed as our new Secretary. Estevan has successfully reached the "give me five" and are now on our way to our next five.

QI of Estevan has just recently received a new adopt a family through our Envisions group in Estevan. This new family has had hardship and has set out on their own to explore a whole new world to them. We are sponsoring a single mother with 3 children ages 6 months, 2 years and 3 years old. We have already sent them there first care package for Halloween and we are not gearing up for a large Christmas donation to make each and every one of them feel special during the holiday season.

Valerie and Stacey attended the Canada Area Meeting in Toronto and came back with a many new and exciting ideas and changes that may take place in Quota over the new couple of years.

QI of Estevan has officially started the planning and sponsorship process for our large fundraiser (The Women of Today awards). This event will take place at the End of April and last year we generated over \$14000 in which we were able to donate to Envisions, the family centre, and two the public and private school districts.

At our meeting in October we were delighted to have a potluck dinner with Governor Theresa. A wonderful evening of sharing, fellowship and friendship. Thank you Governor Theresa.

**QI of Estevan would like to give a warm hug to all our fellow Quotarians during the holiday season.**

## **Medicine Hat**

*Submitted on behalf of QI of Medicine Hat Bev Jaeger*

Hello everyone in District Eleven

So once again the Gov. is calling for the scribes to get busy; take time out of our busy lives to scratch our heads and come up with some interesting news for Notes & Quotes.

Life in Medicine Hat has been relatively quiet – so far no new member, but working on some. We have done a little service work – we served lunch at a birthday party. The Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation has their yearly telethon on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>; once again we will be taking part in that. We have received a wish list and have picked three different items that they have requested.

Hats off to Penticton on their bras for cancer campaign, also on the new members you have gained – I'm envious.

Currently Spring Conference plans are being finalized - it is truly amazing how fast things can change in our fast and ever changing world of business.

**At this time I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year – hopefully we will be seeing most of you at Spring Conference.**

## **Penticton**

*Submitted on behalf of QI of Penticton, Greta Henning*

We attended the nation-wide "Run for the Cure" Cancer Awareness/Fundraising event held in Kelowna BC in September as part of our ongoing support for families affected by Cancer. We had over a dozen team members participating and we raised close to \$2000 for the event. We came dressed in team "QUOTA CUPS FOR THE CURE"

T-shirts with Quota blue cowboy hats as well as plenty of fun PINK accessories. We were interviewed by media and had a feature on Castanet Media but most importantly, we were approached by two wonderful women who are very interested in joining our Club! We are on target for "Giving 5".

We hosted Governor Theresa at our meeting in October. We got right down to business early in the meeting then went off site to a local restaurant for an informal friendly visit served with food and plenty of laughter! Thank you, Theresa, for sharing your knowledge, reminders and encouragement.

We were out in full force at the annual Okanagan-Similkameen Neurological Society Telethon to raise money for operating costs of their preschool and support services. We were able to meet, on camera, a young recipient of a cochlear implant which we helped to fund and we were able to present our donation of \$7000 to this very deserving organization. In addition, Quota club prepared and served a lunch of chili and buns then prepared and delivered a 3 turkey dinner for the many volunteers and staff who were necessary to ensure the success of the telethon.

Our Dental Access Fund initiative has helped another two recipients with the cost of their dentures. We are presently gathering auction items for an upcoming event to help build the funds available for dispersal.

We have several members already signed up for Convention in Hawaii and are encouraging our new members to consider coming as well.

Phew! We have had a busy fall! Through Quota, we have enriched lives and have achieved some goals and set more!

## **Wainwright**

*Submitted on behalf of QI of Wainwright, Bonnie Veitch*

Hello Everyone!

Wainwright Quota gals are fresh and rejuvenated after a summer break settling into another busy year of Quota fellowship, service and fundraising.

In service to our community late last spring a donation of \$500.00 was made to the Blessed Sacrament Outreach School breakfast program. As well another donation of \$500.00 plus items from their "wish list" was graciously given by individual members to the Edmonton Dream Centre a shelter for women in need. Members recently worked at the local Flu Clinics helping out as volunteers.

Quota gals volunteered to help out at a recent "Red Friday" Breakfast. One day is set aside here in Wainwright to recognize our troops in the military. Everyone is asked to wear Red for a day, a very worthy cause to thank the military members in our community.

Our club continues to give the "Gift Of Food" to our very special boy Adrien who suffers from a disease called PKU which prevents him from eating a normal diet. This donation of food several times a year relieves some of the financial burden on his family.

On November 30<sup>th</sup> our club will be again hosting "Dashing Dishes" with all proceeds being donated to the Elementary school for their lunch program, a fundraiser which allows us to help out busy working Moms and wives prepping healthy meals plus promoting Quota awareness.

We are very pleased to welcome our new member Heather Halliday who has already jumped in with both feet and will be a great asset to our club.

Our Communities in Bloom has earned the top prize for the province of Alberta after nine years of working towards beautifying our community. We are proud to have supported the group with donations, clean-up each spring and our "adoption of a flowerbed" to care for at the local post office.

Planning is now underway for a huge fundraiser, our "Annual Ladies Night Out" held in May. The women are anxiously waiting to hear what the theme will be this year so they can get busy planning the amazing costumes we see every year.

On behalf of the Quota gals here in Wainwright we wish you all great fellowship, fun and a very prosperous year in Quota!

## **Weyburn**

*Submitted on behalf of QI of Weyburn, Cheryl Roundy*

For a few reasons, in this submission I thought I could talk about our club's programming. Firstly, because you readers out there might be interested in the variety offered by our Programming Committee. Secondly, we would love to hear what other clubs might offer in their programming repertoire. As well, I will briefly mention some projects our club has chosen to support as well as a project that was supported in honor of a passed charter member, Helen Davidson.

We enjoyed a belly dancer in October. I was unable to attend but I would have loved to see our gals swishing and swaying (jiggling?) to the beat. We enjoyed a visit from our very own Theresa Girardin, District Governor, who brought news from the regional, national and international fronts. Upcoming Quota programming events include a tour of the Family Place, a non-profit organization serving families of all walks of life with programming, education, and fun. Val Borgen, from the Sun

Country Health Region, will be speaking to us in November about the possibility of providing manpower for the community's Meals on Wheels project. On December 4th, between Carol Festival performances, we will gather for a Christmas meal. As well, in January, Andria Brady will be speaking to us about the fundraising for a new Wor-Kin Shop facility, an employer of challenged adults in Weyburn.

Speaking of the upcoming service/fundraising event, the Carol Festival (or aka the Festival of Carols), performances this year are on December 4th and everyone is welcome to attend! Our faithful but perhaps beleaguered musical conductor, June Fletcher, has chosen 'Joy to the World' as our club's opening act for the Festival. Perhaps the 'JOY' for the audience will be knowing we only sing one tune. LOL!

A significant donation this fall from our club was a \$2500 donation to the Triple C Corporation for their efforts to raise money for our new Weyburn Performing Arts Center which will be part of the Weyburn Comprehensive High School when completed. Incidentally, as a result of a most generous contribution from the Helen Davidson Foundation, the choral room will be named in honor of our dear departed member. In addition to being a charter member of our Quota club, Helen was a pillar of the musical community of Weyburn her whole life.

Well, here is wishing all Quotarians health and happiness this Christmas season. Thank you for all Quotarians' generosity and acts of kindness, big and small.

## Winnipeg

No report



## Dates To Remember

- **Book your calendar NOW for District 11 Conference – Medicine Hat, AB- April 27,28 & 29· 2012**
- **2012 Convention- July 11,12,13, 2012- Honolulu, Hawaii**



### My Quota Christmas Wish To YOU

If I could wish a wish for you,  
it would be for peace and happiness not only now,  
but for the whole year through!

I wish that there always be food on your table.  
And that you always remember those less fortunate.  
May you always take time to share, and thank those who share with you.

I wish for time, so you may reflect  
on the blessings that you have, and that you express your love  
to those who are dear to you.

May you never feel lonely,  
because there are those who care.  
That you realize: you are special,  
you are unique, you make a difference,  
not only at Christmas, but all year!

I wish for your thoughts to be positive ones,  
that you never quit, that you never give up,  
and that you continue to learn.  
I wish for the love, peace, and joy  
of Christmas be yours always,

*Quota Blessings, Governor Theresa*

# GIVE ME FIVE!



TOGETHER WE CAN TURN OUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AROUND  
AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MEET OUR GOAL



**One** – organize a new branch

**Two** – think outside the box for potential new members

**Three** – think diversity in both the type of member and personality of the branch

**Four** – focus on utilizing the “Hot Buttons” for your recruiting strategy

**Five** – financial rewards are available ([www.quota.org](http://www.quota.org))

ARE YOU IN?  
THEN LET'S JUST DO IT  
SO QUOTA CAN HELP IMPACT OUR WORLD!

Share your success stories with me at [laura.lahman@ge.com](mailto:laura.lahman@ge.com)