



Hello Everyone!

It was wonderful seeing many of you at the District Conference in April. It was certainly a great time had by all. Bravo to the Weyburn Club District Conference Committee and members for a job well done!

Hope that some of you are still contemplating attending Convention in Vancouver in July- it is not too late to register. It will be my inaugural convention – and by the many positive comments I've heard over the years- I'm looking forward to the experience and seeing Quotarians from around the world.

I received some correspondence from Quota International this past month and I'm pleased to report that the Estevan and Penticton Clubs are recipients of the 2009 Shining Stars Challenge- they both will be awarded in the Sparkles category for 10-19% net growth between January 1 and December 31, 2009. The clubs will receive certificates of recognition and be listed in annual development and growth reports that are published in the convention notebook and on the Quota Web site. Keep up the good work!

I'm planning to start Club visits in September, so I will be in contact with each club to plan some dates soon after Convention. Until then, wishing Quotarians traveling a safe journey to Convention 2010. For those of you not attending Convention enjoy your summer!

Cheers,
Governor Theresa

Club News & Activities

Estevan

Submitted on behalf of QI of Estevan Valerie Hall

Hello fellow Quotarians we have been really busy since our last Notes & Quotes. Each month till May we have given our adopted family at Envision (counselling & support services) various household items and gifts. We will be preparing a back to school one over the summer.

In March, we had our Press Conference for the Women of Today Awards, at the event we acknowledged all of our sponsors for the event and all 15 nominees in the 4 categories of the awards. We even had the recipients of the funds on hand it was a huge success. The nominee's and the sponsors got great media coverage along with Quota and the Lions club.

For Quota Cares Month we also went out of our zone 20km away to Beinfait Weldon School and met with the grade four class that received our much needed FM Sound System. The Autism child and other students were so thankful they presented us with a card of thanks. We told them about Quota and presented each child with a Quota book marker. It was a fun trip.

April was busy with the wonderful Quota preparations for the Weyburn Conference and the Women of Today Award Luncheon. Weyburn did a fantastic Olympic style Conference that was enjoyed by all of our 5 members that attended. Hats off Weyburn, you all that worked so hard and made it look so easy, thanks for the great weekend.

Following that wonderful conference it was April 29th we hosted 320 people at the Women of Today Awards Luncheon with Shawna Irwin winning the SaskPower Outstanding Contribution to the Workplace Award, Heather Pyra winning the Ida Petterson Memorial Award for the Outstanding Entrepreneur, Blair Wrubleski Winning the Shirley Orsted Memorial Award for the Young Women of Today and Maxine Hedin for the Sasktel Award for the Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award.

We are presenting on May 27th just shy a few dollars less than \$6,000 to the New Nursing Home Building Home Fund, \$3,000.00 to the Family Resource Centre and \$3000 to Envision so we feel Quota is out there helping many.

Our group will be distributing ear plugs at the Estevan Motor Speedway free of charge for the summer season, they already had a couple of races some us helped in the booth taking tickets. We will be fund raising at our local farmers market by barbequing and at our local supermarket also barbequing in June and July. We are also in the process of making up raffle tickets to help raise fund to keep our local school scholarships fund money going which is coming up in June.

We were pleased to have a Quota home barbeque on May 17 when we held our installation of new slate of officers. Incoming President Stacey Drebnicki; Secretary Mary Antonenko and Treasurer Lorna Lachambre; and a couple of new prospective women came out enjoying the wonderful warm weather, we also had a media camera interviewing the new slate of officers.

Estevan has two members going to Vancouver in July, and we hope everyone has a happy and safe summer!

Warm Regards,
Quota International of Estevan

Medicine Hat

Submitted on behalf of QI of Medicine Hat Bev Jaeger

Well my job has finally come to an end – Conference Report is done and in the mail; now I can sit and relax in the liquid sunshine or maybe I should say Merry Christmas and enjoy the snow that doesn't want to stop. The last two years have passed by very quickly and I certainly learned a lot more about Quota; now my time is over and it is time for Theresa to crack the whip. It was a very enjoyable experience and I certainly got to know a lot of you a lot better. I'd also like to thank Weyburn for a successful conference – as all your hard work was enjoyed by all of us; I do believe we all had a great time. And the strings you must have pulled to get a member of the royal family there. Wow! I was impressed.

Guess the next thing on our Quota list is Convention and that time is fast approaching. Hope Vancouver is ready for us and I am looking forward to my "Quota shopping spree" that I am winning just for booking early.

As for the Medicine Hat Club we had mentioned at conference that we had worked a casino – we have received \$16,000.00 last week for all our hard work. However, we have also been getting numerous letters from young people that need help with diabetic pumps, computers and various other interesting items – seems our government has cut funding for a lot of these items.

Our June 8th wind up barbeque meeting will be at Tay Hashizume this year – seems she has been storing a lot of Quota things in her garage for many years – guess it is time to clean it out.

At this time hats off to a warm, safe and relaxing summer; when it arrives. May all your travels be good ones.

See you soon.

Bev Jaeger
Your retired Governor

Penticton

Submitted on behalf of QI of Penticton, Joy Pinney

What a super Conference Weyburn had planned for the District!! Three Penticton members attended and were all equally impressed with the Quolympics. Congratulations to our new Governor, Theresa Girardin of Weyburn and Lt. Governor Valerie Hall of Estevan. Sandy Schweitzer was named as new Secretary-Treasurer.

While at Conference, we told of our March Quota Cares project, "Hats Off to You" Volunteer Appreciation Event. A humorist and a magician attended this fun evening which featured many hats and champagne and truffle-oil popcorn, snacks and cakes. We included recruitment with our Quota Canada Power Point presentation, and one new member was added as a result. The evening concluded with an original song to thank the volunteers and everyone was sent home with a pack of pansies. Such a good evening that it will likely become an annual event.

Now our attention is turning to our annual Canada Day Pancake Breakfast, burgers and hotdogs are added in the afternoon. Quota International of Penticton is headlined as the

kickoff event for the city-wide event, so you can see that we need many volunteers, celebrity “flippers” and family and friends to help us out. All the shopping is done and we are down at Gyro Park by 6 am to fire up the three grills, set up the 10 tables and get the coffee urns perking for an eight a.m. start to a day that will see us cleaning up and leaving by 8 p.m. with a healthy profit to add to our bank account.

Early the next morning a car will leave for Convention in Vancouver. President Maureen will already be there and the rest of us will join her and hope to do some campaigning on her behalf as she runs for International Treasurer.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Vancouver. Have a safe trip and to those of you not attending, have a happy summer.

Wainwright

Submitted on behalf of QI of Wainwright, Jan Abernethy

Quota Cares month of March was devoted to the Food Bank. We took a more active, hands on approach rather than just giving a donation. Two teams dressed in our black Quota T-Shirts and wearing our red Blinky Hearts went on a shopping spree, spending \$1000 in 2 grocery stores in town. The food, including 150 lbs of hamburger was then delivered to the Food Bank and the ladies helped stock the shelves.

In an effort to increase Quota’s exposure and encourage new members to our club we have taken out an ad in our local Kinsmen phone book. As well our local library has started a new project in which they are showcasing service clubs in the area. We have booked a month in the fall to display our club, our fundraising activities and all the projects we support.

Our “Ladies Night Out at the Movies” held on May 1, 2010 was a resounding success. Tickets went on sale February 27th and sold out in 40 minutes. 250 Ladies, in full theme costume, enjoyed a wonderful dinner, fabulous prizes and an evening of music, dancing and just plain fun. This evening netted our club just over \$10,000. Well worth all the tired Quota feet!

We’ve been busy spending some of our proceeds already. \$250 was given to the Buffalo Park Foundation (they are fundraising to build a buffalo interpretive center). \$1000 was given to the Blessed Sacrament Outreach School for their Breakfast program. \$2000 was given to the Edmonton Dream Center. For any who attended the Canada Area meeting in Edmonton last September you will remember them. Some of the ladies benefiting from the programs of the centre were the choir that sang at our banquet.

Summer is coming and with it mixed feelings. We will be having our windup Barbeque in June and then a much needed break to rest and recharge our batteries. We will also be saying goodbye to one of our members, Tricia Nicol. She and her husband are retiring and after doing some traveling will be settling down on Vancouver Island. Tricia will be sorely missed by our club but we hope she will stay on with us as a “Member At Large”.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Weyburn

Submitted on behalf of QI of Weyburn, Iris Borgen

Our club was very pleased to present a special \$2,000 donation, in addition to our yearly \$1,000 donation, to the Weyburn Caravan Society to assist them towards their purchase of a new van.

Bereavement wishes were extended to our Club Member, Jean Fahlman, on the passing of her husband Donald Fahlman.

A very successful 10th Annual Women of the Year Awards banquet was held on April 14th. In total we had 11 nominations for the four categories of awards and it again proved to us that Weyburn and district is fortunate to have some very successful women that have done a lot in and for their community. Our club was really pleased that charter member, Isabelle Butters, had agreed to be our guest speaker for the luncheon. Her speech provided those in attendance with a great deal of background into Quota International world-wide and locally. This event is our biggest fund raiser for the year and although we don't have the final figures, we have no doubt it was a success financially as well.

As our club was wrapping up the Women of the Year Awards we were also very busy with organizing the District 11 Conference that we hosted on April 23 – 25th. The conference started on Friday evening and that evening members were able to participate in some entertaining *Quolympic* events. There was a full day of meetings on Saturday and the club members and guests in attendance were treated to two very special guests at our Saturday night banquet. Our first guest, Cathy Mills, provided an interesting slide presentation on her experiences as a volunteer at the 2010 Olympics held at Vancouver. Our second guest, "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Two'th" a.k.a. Donna Sanders who has been performing as the Queen since 1978, provided the group with some humorous "Royal Remarks". Our evening ended with a reception for the new Governor, Weyburn's own Theresa Girardin. Breakfast was held the following morning at Heather Sidloski's home and goodbyes were said for another year.

We were delighted to host the conference and hope all that attended had a wonderful weekend.

The day following the conference our club held our annual in-house auction. Club members brought items to be auctioned off and then turned around and had a great deal of fun outbidding each other for these treasures. Over \$700 was raised to financially assist those club members attending conference plus we were treated to a guest appearance by Weyburn's version of Vanna White. Vanna assisted our wonderful auctioneer, Kathy Coroluick, with the auction.

Winnipeg

Submitted on behalf of QI of Winnipeg

No report



Dates To Remember

Convention 2010 in Vancouver- July 2-5th—it's not too late to register!!!

**Book your calendar NOW for District 11 Conference – Wainwright, SK-
April 15, 16 & 17th.**

.... A Closing Thought.....

Someone once said "Life is like a game of tennis. The player who serves well seldom loses". Financial wealth can be fleeting but what we do for others is lasting.

Serving others makes us feel good about ourselves because in our hearts we know it's the right thing to do. As Marian Wright said "Service is the rent we pay for being". It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time". Even the simplest gestures demonstrated this. Think about how you feel when you open a door for someone. They say "Thank you" you say "Your Welcome" and your heart smiles. Why? Because you feel good about yourself. You did the right thing.

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