

Quota International District 27 Newsletter



Newsletter Date Summer 2009



*In Memory:
Miriam Huckins; a long time member of Quota
International of Fort Lauderdale passed away
on June 17, 2009. She will be missed by all!*



2009-2010 District Officers:

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Welcome

Welcome to the
Summer Edition of
Quota International
District 27 Newsletter.

Governor Cindy, Lt.
Governor Anne and
Secretary/Treasurer
Cheryl Ann would like to
thank all the members of
District 27 for their
support and well wishes
that have been received
as we begin a new year.
We are looking forward
to a great year of
providing service to the

communities of District 27!

We would also like to
welcome Quota International
of Boca/Delray to District
27! Their Club was installed
on May 15th, 2009 as part of
District 27 Annual
Conference. The members of
the Boca/Delray Club hosted
the Charter Party for all
members of District 27 and
were pleased to have a *'full
house'* for the event. Each
Club of District 27 was
represented at the Charter
Ceremony. The event was

opened by South Area Director
Laura Lahman who
congratulated and welcomed
each member into the Quota
family. Governor Sheila led the
Installation of President Susan
DeJong and her Board of
Directors. She pledged the
support of all members of
District 27. Special recognition
was given to Dolores Taylor by
President Susan for her support
and dedication in helping to
form the Club. Following the
installation, all enjoyed hors
d'oeuvres and champagne.



**International
President's Message:**

This year our Clubs are Celebrating the tradition of community service which has been unbroken for 90 proud years. Now more than ever we must reach out and give the Gift of Quota whenever we can. President Toddy Silkman, International President



District 27 Fifty-Third Annual Conference Overview

Quota International of Fort Lauderdale and Quota International of the Palm Beaches teamed up to host the 53rd Annual District Conference. The meeting was held at the Ocean Sky Resort in Fort Lauderdale FL. The theme of the conference was Quota's Birthday Bash at the Beach. The Conference Chair was Emily McCrater, representing

Fort Lauderdale and Marian Fetchik, Representing the Palm Beaches. The purpose of District Conference is to gather members of District 27 together to conduct District business, elect and install District officers and allow each Club to present highlight their year and network!.

The meeting was called to order by Governor Sheila. The Tamarac Girls Scout Troop #10119 presented

and posted the colors and sang our National Anthem. The official welcome was given by Charlotte E. Rodstrom, City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioner.

Emily McCrater, President of Fort Lauderdale welcomed everyone to the meeting. Carol Zeber, introduced the 'First Timers' to the audience and welcomed them into Quota. This year there were 5 first timers from various Clubs around the District.

Overview of District Conference (Continued)



***What sound would
you miss most of
you could not hear?***



Reports were given by the Credentials Committee chaired by AnnE Brown, the Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Fetchik gave his report as well as the Budget Report for District 27. Lt. Governor Cindy Hurd gave her report and then introduced Governor Sheila who gave her farewell report and thanked everyone for their support and dedication during the past 2 years.

South Area Director, Laura Lahman represented Quota International and gave an overview of what was happening from the International perspective. Growth of members remains a key focus from

International so we can continue to find creative ways to "Give the Gift of Quota" to communities around the world.

After a short break, the meeting resumed and there was a report from Marian Fetchik, chair of the Standing Rules Committee. There was a motion and a second to allow the newly formed Boca/Delray Club to seat two delegates for the meeting.

Claudia Naidus, the Nomination Chair announced the candidates running for District Office. Cindy Hurd was the sole candidate for Governor. There were two candidates for Lt. Governor, Dolores Taylor, Quota

International of Fort Lauderdale and Anne Llewellyn, Quota International of Plantation. Each was allowed a few minutes to give a campaign speech. Following the last speech, the Delegates voted and the 2009-2010 Officers were announced. Governor Cindy took the podium and announced her recommendation for Secretary/Treasurer; Cheryl Ann Harter.

The new officers for 2009-10 were:
Governor: Cindy Hurd; Lt. Governor: Anne Llewellyn and Secretary/Treasurer: Cheryl Ann Harter.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy!

- 1. Free your heart from hatred***
- 2. Free your mind from worries***
- 3. Live simply***
- 4. Give more***
- 5. Expect less***

Source: District 27 2009 Conference Book



The Lt. Governor's lunch featured member Donna Wallace who presented information on the impact of hearing loss in her life. She shared how she overcame the disability with perseverance tenacity. Following lunch, the afternoon session resumed with a report from the Credentials Committee to ensure all Delegates returned to the meeting and were signed in. Lt. Governor Cindy shared her vision for

future Quota Training Seminars. To gain input, she passed around a survey and asked all members to complete. She plans to use the results of the survey as a guide to design the program. Next; South Area Director Laura Lahman brought the group together for an informal session titled; *Leaders as Listeners*. Each group had a series of questions to be discussed. We did not solve the world's problems, but the exercise

gave all a good idea of some of the things we would like to keep and some of the things we would like to see changed over time to make District 27 stronger. Following a short break, we resumed for the Annual Reports from the Clubs. This is always a highlight of the Conference as all learn about the creative projects each Club has undertaken during the year. Following the last presentation, the meeting was adjourned. Post meetings were held; such as the annual Past Governors meeting and other business duties attended to in preparation for the upcoming Gala.

The Gala

At 6pm members of District 27 began to gather in the lobby of the Ocean Sky, dressed for the night. Each took a seat, got a drink and came together to catch up with long time friends and meet new members of District 27. The Preakness Horse Race was on TV, so all

eyes were glued to the screen to see who would win. At 6:30pm, the doors to the Banquet Hall were opened and the Parade of Governors took place! Following the Past Governors, South Area Director Laura Lahman was introduced followed by the

current District Officers; Governor Sheila, Lt. Governor Cindy and Sec/Treasurer Richard Fetchik. The new officers; Lt. Governor Anne and Sec/Treasurer Cheryl Ann Harter completed the procession. The Banquet began with the Invocation by Donna Beutner followed by a wonderful meal.



*True
friendship
is like
sound
health; the
value of it
is seldom
known until
it is lost."*

*- Charles Caleb
Colton*



Awards and Installation of Officers

After dinner, Governor Sheila began the Installation and Awards Ceremony. South Area Director Laura Lahman conducted the Installation of the new officers. As we were celebrating Quota's 90th Birthday and the theme of the Conference was Quota's Birthday Bash, the theme of the Installation was a Birthday Celebration signifying a new beginning and a celebration. Laura introduced each new officer and gave an overview of their role as each lit a candle.

Following the Installation of the officer the gifts for outgoing officers were given. The first award went to outgoing Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Fetechnik and then Past Lt. Governor Cindy present Governor Sheila with her Governor Pin and outgoing gift from the district. Next came the exciting part; the Annual Awards Presentation

Quotarian of the Year, Cookie Llamas; Quota International of Coral Gables

Beatriz Scoop Award: Outstanding Disadvantage Women and Children Project: Quota International of Palm Beaches

Helen Allen Award: Highest New Member Net Gain: This year there was a tie for this award: Quota International of the Palm Beaches and Quota International of Venice FL.

Marilyn Blake Award: Highest Percentage of attendance at Meetings: Quota International of Quota International of Venice

Madge Manley Award: Percentage of Attendance at District Conference: Quota International of Venice

Esther Longcor Award: Outstanding Brag Board: Quota International of Fort Lauderdale

Jennie James Award: Top of 27: Quota International of Plantation

District Dynamo went to Quota International of The Palm Beaches

Plus One Club- Quota International of Plantation



Governor Cindy (TOP), Lt. Governor Anne (MIDDLE) and Sec/Treasurer Cheryl Ann (BOTTOM)



Closing Day:

Sunday opened with Governor Cindy appointing her Committee Chairs and presentation of the Shatter Silence Report, presented by Sharon Dotson. Following the presentation, the drawing of the winners from each of the various Clubs Sales give-a-ways began. This is always exciting as everyone hopes to be lucky to leave with a prize! Once the last prize was awarded, Governor Sheila introduced the co-chairs of the 2010 District Conference. Elinor Adler and Donna Beutner shared that Quota International of Plantation will host the 54th Annual District Conference. The Theme will be *Heart and Soul*. They asked all members to mark their calendars and hold the dates of **May 14-16 2010!** Following the presentation and a rendition of Heart and Soul, Governor Sheila closed the 53rd Annual District Conference and bid best wishes for a good summer!

Starting with the Fall newsletter, look for updates from Governor Cindy as well as interesting stories and photos from each Club President to keep all up to date with the 'goings on' from District 27!

Late Note: Our thoughts and prayers go to Governor Cindy and her family on the loss of their mother on June 18, 2009 after a long battle of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.