

DISTRICT 27 NEWSLETTER

Quota International
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District Website <http://www.orgsites.com/fl/quotadistrict27/index.html>

From The Governor

I hope your new year is going great! Now that the holidays are over, it's time gear up and get ready and get moving on our Quota goals for the new year!

QI of St Augustine and your District Board have been very busy working on the District Conference, set for May 13-15, 2011. I'm very excited about it and hope all of you are making plans to attend! St. Augustine is a beautiful city, full of history and I think you all will enjoy being there. Look for more details in your Call to Conference being sent out on March 1st. Just as a side note, the PGA "The Players Championship" at TPC Sawgrass is the same week as our Conference, so if you have spouses or friends interested in golf, they may want to take the trip to St Augustine with you. We are staying at the Renaissance Hotel, World Golf Village. Hotel information is on the District website.

Quota Training Seminar will again be held on the Friday before our District Conference. I had originally planned on have a separate QTS in Melbourne this year, but as the time approached, many Quotarians in our District expressed their concerns over traveling so far two times in the Quota year. Many of us are spoiled in South Florida, because 7 of our 9 Clubs are so close. If District Conference is in any of these cities we have the luxury of not having to go far. With District Conference being in St Augustine this year, and having to actually travel to this wonderful city, I was discouraged about Quotarians being able to travel to both Melbourne for QTS and St Augustine for District Conference. I feel District Conference is an important event and I want everyone to attend! Therefore, make plans NOW to take Friday May 13th off of work, and get to St Augustine for QTS by 1:00 PM! Exciting things are being planned! Hope to see

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you all there! Don't forget that March is Quota Cares Month. Please plan an event or service in March that can be shared with the media. Write articles to newspapers and send information to media outlets. Please help to get the word out about Quota!

District 27 will have a booth at the [DeafNation Expo](#) in Miami on February 5th. We will be giving out information about Quota, and spreading the word about our work. We will give out membership and scholarship information along with contact information for the different Clubs in our District. All are invited, parking and entrance is free. Anyone interested in "working the booth" please contact me!

Please be thinking about our fellow Quotarians in Queensland, Australia and the disaster they are facing with the devastating floods. The We Share Foundation is now accepting donations for relief efforts from Quotarians around the world. 100% of donated funds will go to direct relief for communities and families affected. Please make your donation by March 1.

Happy and Healthy New Year!
Love,
Cindy Hurd, Governor

News from Coral Gables

By Cookie Llamas, Club Secretary

President Windy welcomed a new grandbaby, Ella who was born on January 11, 2011

Currently, we are finalizing plans for our "Pre" Derby Day 7th in Miami. Photos will be in the Spring Newsletter. Event that will be held mid April. I will be sending out information once the date is locked down. This will be a 'pre event' as the [Kentucky Derby](#) will be held May 7, 2011

The Junior Club has been very busy over the past few months. They will hold a 'closet party' for young girls in need on March 12th. They had are currently working with the Cardinaletts for an upcoming performance on April



For Christmas, our Club participated [in Operation Christmas Child](#). We packed shoe boxes with toys, personal items and school supplies. Donations are sent to children in need.

We also collected toiletries for [Safe Space](#) a local shelter for victims of domestic abuse. Items included socks, underwear, sanitary napkins, shampoo for women often have to leave from an unsafe situation. We also included

News from Fort Lauderdale

By Dolores Taylor, Club President

The Club hosted a Signing Santa Party at Tamarac Elementary School DHH Class. Twenty-one deaf children enjoyed a wonderful Signing Santa Christmas party on December 10th. Not only did Santa sign with each child to find out what they wanted for Christmas, but each was also given a beautiful stuffed animal and great book. The party included drinks and sweets of candy canes, cookies and cupcakes. The children laughed and sang, having a wonderful time. The children also received the beautiful Christmas cards prepared by Judy Smith for each child. Ellie Conway once again did an outstanding job in coordinating and buying for the entire party.

Another project we work on this year was H.O.M.E.S., Inc., in Fort Lauderdale. Quotarians had a wonderful time assisting once again with the HOMES 2nd annual Christmas Party. The young people who benefit from this program are aged-out foster kids (18-24 years of age), who have been put out on own their own at age 18 with no family to turn to for help. [H.O.M.E.S., Inc.](#) provides apartments at reduced cost and guidance as these young people go to school and learn to cope with the "real world." Fort Lauderdale members prepared salads, deviled eggs, honey baked hams, vegetable side dishes, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, baked breads, cookies, and provided small gifts for their seven little children. President and CEO Katharine Barry states in her thank you letter, "They benefit so much from expressions of love and support from the community -- thank you for your many acts of kindness to our kids all year long."

SAVE THE DATE:

Our 53rd Annual Fashion Show, will be held; Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Marriott Hotel, 6650 N. Andrews Ave, Fort Lauderdale. The Theme this year is "Blue Suede Shoes. Elvis will be in the House

Call or email Carol Zeber for tickets. Phone: 954-771-8997 or mail: ckzeber@aol.com

We hope to see you all there!



QI of North Broward

By Emily McCrater, President

QI of North Broward has been keeping busy with many service projects. We did a joint service project with the Fort Lauderdale Club and helped with school supplies and backpacks for [Gods Little Lambs Day Care](#).

In October some of our members volunteered at the Children Battling Cancer Festival and worked a booth. We also took up a collection and gave a donation to Children Battling Cancer. Members took chemo bags and collected spare change and also placed the bags in their offices. In November we gave 10 Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families.

In December we did a food drive for the pantry at God's Little Lambs. We also did 15 shoe boxes for DHH Elementary and High School Students. Each box was filled with age appropriate goodies.

QI of the Palm Beaches

By Marian Fetchik, President

The Palm Beaches Club again participated in the Signing Santa Christmas Party for the deaf and hard of hearing that the Deaf Center has each year. Dick, Miriam and I worked the event. Our club paid for the food for the party.

We are again taking care of a family in need. Our family is the Roney family. Mrs. Roney has four children. They include a 7 year old boy who is deaf, a 14 year old daughter and twin girls who are 16.

As we say – We are small but mighty.



Murder Mystery Dinner: My Big Fat Italian Funeral– April 6, 2011

Our scholarship committee has been very busy. Our club decided that we would offer scholarships for Educational Interpreters to help with their exams, etc. Our applications are ready and are being distributed. We hope to give at least one scholarship this year. In February we are having a Wine Tasting Social with our members. It should be a lot of fun. We are very busy working on our big fundraiser to be held on Saturday, **April 9 at 6pm**. We will be hosting a *Murder Mystery Dinner titled My Big Fat Italian Funeral*. I will email all of the Club Presidents with the information to share with your members. So as you can see QI of North Broward has been very busy!

Keeping You Connected!
Your District Website has been recently updated:
District Bylaws and Rules of Procedure
International Bylaws
2011 District Conference Information
District Officers and Club Presidents
District 27 Photo Memories
2010 South Area Meeting Photos
2010 International Convention

QI of Plantation

By Elinor Adler, President

QI of Plantation is pleased to add a new member to its Roster – Virginia Hoffman has joined our Club and is already getting involved by updating our Web Site and helping with our projects! Virginia was referred to our Club by Barbara Maggio of QI of Coral Gables. We are so glad she joined!

We are also pleased to announce that MARILYN STEINMULLER has unanimously been chosen as 2011 Quota of Plantation Volunteer of the Year! Marilyn has been a member of our Club since 2002 and has chaired the Annual Fashion Show for the past 2 years and again this year, in addition to her responsibilities as a Director. Marilyn always steps up to help when needed without hesitation and with a great attitude! Quota International of Plantation is honored and thankful to have her as a member of our Club. We are proud to call her Volunteer of the Year!

I asked Donna Wallace to share an article she recently wrote about our Adopt a Family Project. This is one of the most important projects that our Club participates. Donna did a great job in coordinating the project.

Quota International of Plantation's "Adopt a Family Project" Does It Again

By Donna Wallace, Adopt a Family Chair

Quota of Plantation's commitment to the needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children is never more apparent than at Christmas. We raise the funds....identify the families....make our lists and check them twice....shop....wrap....and finally deliver all the gifts just before the big day. Each family....and this year we had seven.....receives a gift card to Publix to help with the holiday meal. Each child in the family makes a wish list and their gifts reflect their choices.

Our delivery team includes a driver and a couple of elves. A photographer is a must, of course, to capture the delight on the faces of the children as they spot the gifts. The deaf child begins signing immediately to his or her siblings and parents. The excitement is contagious....there really is a Santa Claus!

The "Adopt a Family Project" is a big one. It meets a lot of needs and requires a lot of time and energy from Quota members at the busiest time of year. But where else could we witness a more positive impact on the lives of Deaf and Hard of children and their families? As one mother so eloquently put it: "My children would have no Christmas without you (Quota). Thank you."

Last but not least, I wanted to remind all members of District 27 about **our Annual Fashion Show**. The theme this year is **Making Memories**. Please help Quota of Plantation create new Memories and support our projects by attending our Annual Fashion Show on **Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Pembroke Lakes Country Club, 10500 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026.**

**Cocktails – 11:00 a.m. --- Lunch – 11:30 a.m. ---- Fashions – Dress Barn
\$35 per person (adult) --- \$20 per child (12 & under)**

Please contact Marilyn Steinmuller at 954-755-7084 or Elinor Adler at 954-435-5344 for information

Central Florida Branch

By Nan Winterstein , Treasurer

Happy New Year wishes to everyone. Members of the Central Florida Branch are gearing up for a busy spring, by kicking off our Annual Food Drive on February 5 & 12, to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank.

On Valentine's Day we are sponsoring a party for our adopt-a-class at Pine Crest Elementary School, Sanford.

In April, Mary Vesel is hosting a Stampin' Up card workshop, so be on the look out for new designs of our cards at conference.

The Branch members are excited about District Conference in St. Augustine and are looking forward to celebrating another great Quota Year.

The photo to the right is from our Christmas Party with our Adopt-a-Class at Pine Crest Elementary.



Quota International of Boca/Delray Wines and Dines By

Susan DeJong, President

On November 18th, Quota Int'l of Boca/Delray held *'Red, White and Food,'* a gastronomic wine and food pairing event. Almost 50 people attended this fantastic fundraiser held at Tealicious Tearoom in Delray Beach.

Guests tried 8 different wines (4 white and 4 red) while enjoying a scrumptious four course meal. Ruffled off at the event were baskets of wine and a free in-home wine tasting event. Monies raised at this fabulous and fun event went the Dolores Taylor Scholarship Fund.



In December, Quota Int'l of Boca / Delray published *"Starts, Finishes & Bottoms-up,"* A fun cookbook with Quota members' recipes for appetizers, desserts and cocktails. The cookbook has 200 delicious recipes and sells for only \$10 per book. To order your own copy of this great cookbook, contact Susan de Jong at 561-350-5252 or QuotaBocaDelray@Ymail.com .



QI of Coral Springs/Parkland

By

Sue Fesmire, President

Coral Springs/Parkland has been having fun this year by doing more hands on service. We started out in October participating in the 18th Annual Harvest Drive, which incorporates all aspects of service to offer needy families of Broward County gifts of food and other necessities during the Thanksgiving holidays and beyond. The idea was brought to us by a friend of our Past President, Dyan Ruhana. Our members purchased food and staple items for a deaf family in the Coral Springs area, as well as collected gently used clothing and books (most children's book). Dyan was kind enough to delivery the several car loads of items to the drop off location and several members were on hand on the day the items were actually distributed to the families.

We also collected money and bought toiletry items for a family (mother and 4 children) who were living in a shelter ad was struggling to make ends meet. The money was going to be used to buy the children clothing for Christmas. However, the family decided to move out of the area closer to family. So we used some of the money to buy boys gifts for the Giving Tree at Westchester School. The toiletries and the remainder of the funds went to a mother, with two children, who found herself with nothing after leaving an abusive domestic situation.

Our Fashion Show was held in November to a wonderfully supportive crowd. The theme again this year was La Dolce Vive, since it was such a hit last year. The Fashions were by Additions, who always puts on such a beautiful style show. Everyone seemed to have such a good time. Governor Cindy Hurd, who was recovering from knee surgery, said she was having such a good time, she didn't want it to end. Thank you Coral Gables, Boca Raton/Boynton, Ft. Lauderdale and Plantation for your support in helping to make it such a success.

We decided this year to forgo a full blown Holiday party and had a cocktail party at Runyon's Restaurant on Sample Road in Coral Springs instead. On a beautiful late afternoon on Dec 5th, we all gather at the restaurant's outside patio area and enjoy each other's company, did our little gift exchange, drank, snacked

and were Merry. The Restaurant even brought out a big screen TV so some of us could watch a particular game that couldn't be missed.

We also did the holiday gift wrapping at Barnes and Nobel again this year as a service project/fundraiser. It was so much fun to mix with the shoppers and see what they were buying and allows us to tell them about Quote and what we do. In return, people were very generous with their donations for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

We have a couple of small fundraisers plan for this winter; Zumba and a Game Night. More information will be available on both of those events in the near future.

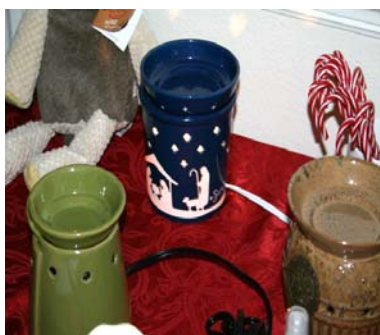
We are also preparing for our Garage Sale some time in March and we are planning a few hands on projects (Act of Kindness) for perhaps Valentine's Day or for later on in the spring.

QI of Venice

By

Chris Steinwachs, Secretary

QI of Venice held a Scentsy Candle fundraiser at Elaine Malfas Jones home. Her 3 cats were the hit of the party. We also had an M&M candy sale. We continue to pick up litter on our stretch of Harbor Drive and donated lap blankets to our local senior center for Christmas. We are looking forward to District Conference and catching up with all our Quota Friends.



A Note from the Lt. Governor Anne

I would like to thank all of the Club Representatives for contributing to the 2011 Winter Newsletter. It is our one way of 'keeping connected' and learning about the creative and important work each Club is doing throughout the State of Florida. Please share this e-newsletter with each of your members so they can see the great work being done throughout the State.

In October I represented the District at the 31st Annual Disabilities Expo that was held at Nova University. We were able to place an advertisement for Quota in the Expo book that over 4,000 people received when they entered the Expo. I will bring the Expo Book to the District Conference so that everyone can see.

I also have been in contact with Rosa Rodriguez from Tampa who works with the Deaf Families of America. She is willing to work with us to gather interest regarding a Club in the Tampa area. She has been busy with her role at the Library and we have not re-connected, but I have emailed her to see about next steps.

I am also working with Vicki Miller from the Mississippi Gulf Coast Club to update the District Website. We hope to have it done by District Conference. I will keep you all posted, but please do check the District Website from time to time as it has been updated as of 1/15/11 with new photos, news and information that will keep you all updated.

I am working with my Club, Quota of Plantation to coordinate a "Listening Tour". The goal of the Listening Tour is to gather ideas from young people in our Community who can share their views of what they look for in a volunteer organization so that Quota can continue to grow into the future. There is still time to hold one in your area. All of the tools are on the International Website under [Listening Tour](#).

I join Governor Cindy in requesting that as many members as possible attend QTS and our District Conference, May 13-15, 2010.

I am excited to report that the keynote speaker for the Lt. Governors Luncheon keynote speaker will be Danny Hutto, the President for the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind.

The St. Augustine Club, as the host Club, is working hard to make this an informative meeting with information that you can take back to your Clubs.

Thank you all for the work you are doing in your service projects, your fund raising events and your collaboration. It is inspiring to see how District 27 IS *Delivering Possibilities*.



QI of St. Augustine

By Lisa Licata, President

QI of St. Augustine is hard at work at producing the 55th Annual District Conference. We hope we see all of you in May. Here is the conference flyer that provides dates, location and reservation information. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (904) 315-5171 or email me LLicata6@aol.com



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