



Quota International

..... **Canada Area**

CANADA AREA MEETING

The Opening Ceremonies commenced at 7:00 p.m. Canada Area Director Judy Goulet welcomed District 18 Governor Mary Delaney and District 11 Governor Bev Jaeger, Past International Presidents and Past Canada Area Directors and all Quotarians present. Judy introduced International President Rosemary Hannie and International Treasurer Chris Tracey-Patte and thanked them for attending the Canada Area Meeting. Judy went on to read messages of support and encouragement from Fellow Quotarians. The evening ended with the singing of “Happy Birthday to Quota”. Coffee and cake were then served and everyone took the opportunity to socialize and catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

After Breakfast on Saturday morning the Business Session commenced presided over by Judy Goulet. The Quota Collect was read by Ann Keating-Morrison District 18 Lieutenant Governor.

Reports were then presented by: Governors Bev Jaeger, Dist 11 and Mary Delaney, Dist 18; Lt Governors Theresa Girardin, Dist 11 and Ann Keating Morrison, Dist 18.

The International Treasurer’s Report from Chris Tracey-Patte together with the Canada Area Treasurer’s Report and the budget for 2009 – 2010.

Rosemary Hannie, International President spoke on the subject of “QUOTA’S World – You make the Difference” and “Creating Quota’s New Club Gumbo”

International Treasurer, Chris Tracey-Patte, then spoke on her theme “Go Getters/New Club Organization”.

The speaker at lunch was Britney Butterworth. Britney is a Wainwright girl, now in her 3rd year at Grant McEwan. Britney is deaf and the Wainwright Club has helped to support her throughout her student years.

During the meeting each club gave a small presentation on a Fund raiser or service project they felt had worked well in their club.

After lunch Anne Ollikainen led a workshop on ‘Planning a Successful District Conference’.

Joy Pinney Q.I. Penticton, Margaret Delany and Bev Jaeger led a Memorial Service in memory of Betty Watson QI Penticton and Vi Keenan of QI Medicine Hat and Diane Workman, QI Owen Sound; Margarita Hutchinson, Doris Fraser QI Grey Bruce Silver Q; Gerry Clark QI Mariposa Silver Q and Faye Burnie QI Orillia.

At the Banquet on Saturday night Lerena Greig, Director Fund Development for the Edmonton Dream Centre, spoke to the group. Her address was most moving and after it we were treated to a number of songs from the Choir of the Dream Centre.

On Sunday morning Liz Revell, QI, Ottawa and Maureen Taylor QI, Penticton, gave a report on the new website. Liz took us through some of the pages and showed the possibilities for so much information to be displayed on our Area, District and Clubs. Liz encouraged all clubs to keep their sites up to date. Liz said that they should send text and photos separately to her and she would format and upload them.

The meeting then ended with the singing of "We Can Make a Difference".

The weekend was most successful and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Canada Area managed to host a most successful meeting and at the same time break even.

Through the Silent Auction Items and the 50/50 draw we raised \$624.50 for International and from the donations a further \$3,508.00 was raised for International.

We are now looking forward to International Convention in Vancouver in July 2010. Anne Ollikainen QI Barrie and Maureen Taylor QI Penticton are co chairing the Welcoming Committee. They circulated a list for interested Quotarians and I am sure will be in touch with clubs to garner more support.

Judy Goulet
Canada Area Director