

## QUOTA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS OF 2002



Donna Burnard  
Quota International of Estevan

Whenever there is a job to be done, Donna Burnard volunteers with a smile. She shares her talent for sewing, baking, and organizing whenever the occasion arises. Donna became president of the Quota club for the second time during a time when her own life was very hectic, taking care of an ailing mother as well as helping care for two of her grandchildren. Donna has also served as past district governor and past international board member. Outside of Quota, Donna has been an active member of the Order of Eastern Star for over 35 years, holding many offices over the years. She is also active in her church, serving on various committees and singing in the choir. In her community, Donna has served as past chair of the Estevan Art and Culture Board; served on the provincial and national committees for UNICEF; and been a canvasser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Cancer Foundation, among other things. Donna has touched the lives and hearts of many with her willing hands and caring ways and is truly a most dedicated volunteer



Mary Ann McNamara  
Quota International of Hamilton

Mary Ann McNamara was born into a farming community near Mazenrod, Saskatchewan, where she developed a spirit of community and volunteering. Early on, Mary Ann was known for her skill at "water witching," the ability to find much-needed underground spring water, and she readily shared this service with others in her

community. As an adult, Mary Ann has had a 45-year nursing career at the former Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, and, in 2000, was awarded an Ontario Volunteer Service Award for 10 years continuous service as an active member of the Volunteer Association at the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital. Her involvement has included leadership positions of president and director of the board, yearly participation in Christmas shopping for patients, and support of the hospital museum. Mary Ann joined the Hamilton Quota Club in 1988 and has participated in all of the club's service work and fund-raising activities, as well as serving as president and vice president. Mary Ann is active in the Catholic Women's League at her parish and is a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.



Alice Bieser  
Quota International of Orillia

Alice Bieser considers herself a "lifetime" volunteer, having started at an early age as a teacher's helper in elementary school, moving on to class secretary in high school, and then on to a member of the student council at Southern Illinois University. Her volunteer career continued with activities focused on family, children, and church and then broadened to include many varied fields and interests. She is most proud of her 18-year membership in the Quota Club of Orillia and all that the club has accomplished. Her many achievements include being founder of the Green Haven Shelter for Abused Women and their Children; founder and facilitator of the Orillia Depression, Anxiety, Manic Depression (DAMD) Self Help Group; and one of the instrumental members of a group of concerned citizens who brought 9-1-1 services to Orillia and the surrounding area. While not in the volunteer trenches, you can probably find Alice enjoying one of her four grandchildren.



Shirley Wetmore  
Quota International of Ottawa

As a Quota Club member, Shirley Wetmore exudes enthusiasm and the spirit of volunteerism. She began her professional career as an Occupational Therapist and became a teacher in 1954, a profession she enjoyed until 1983. In September 1974, Shirley joined the Quota Club of Ottawa and has been an active and contributing member ever since. She can always be counted on to coax a smile out of everyone present as the "staff" photographer at Quota events. She is Quota's representative for the Council of Women. Never wanting any member to miss an event or activity, Shirley can always be counted on to transport members to meetings or lend a helping hand. Actively involved in church and community, Shirley participates in many outreach programs, whether providing pastoral care and visitation; visiting hospital patients; or providing transportation to and from the hospital. In all aspects of her life, Shirley Wetmore gives back to those who are less fortunate. According to Shirley, "We need, each and all, to be needed and to feel we have something to give." A true Quotarian indeed!



Helen Taylor  
Quota International of Owen Sound

Helen Taylor joined the Owen Sound Quota club in 1957, and she proved to be an active member right from the start. She accepted the responsibility of secretary within a short period of time, followed by other duties including treasurer, director, and member of the budget and finance committee. She has held many chairmanship positions, including that of community chairman, which required that she attend, when requested, the meetings of

other local women's groups, as well as meeting with other women in trying to establish a branch of Big Sisters in Owen Sound. Helen represented the club several times as a voting delegate and as conference registrar. In later years, Helen served on many club committees. Now age 87, Helen resides in a senior's home and attends club meetings as her health permits. Her official membership ended December 31, 2001, but she is the club's own special member, having been bestowed with an honorary designation.



Beverley Oudshoorn  
Quota International of Mariposa

Beverley Oudshoorn accepted the position of president when the founding president of the three-year-old Mariposa Silver "Q" club could no longer carry on. Although she had no previous leadership experience, she rose to the occasion with grace and confidence. Under her leadership, the club has gained five new members during the past year. She has a wonderful sense of humor and laughs at herself when she makes a mistake. She has relied on members with experience and has not hesitated to call on them. Beverley is an articulate, conscientious president who is dedicated to the progress of the club, always planning ahead to move the Mariposa club forward to a healthy future.



Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet  
Quota International of Weyburn

Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet has had an impact on the communities of Weyburn, Estevan, and Regina and the province. Active in Quota since the day she joined in 1994, Jo has chaired a major committee each year and has held the offices of vice president and president. She

displays dedication, enthusiasm, creativity, and organizational skills and is further described as a "fund-raiser extraordinaire." She is politically active, personally lobbying for causes such as school bus safety. Her softer side is seen as an empathetic and understanding friend and colleague, serving as a compassionate listener and a fountain of practical help. Although she has published five children's books, with a sixth book due in fall '03, her writing frequently falls to the back burner, due to her inability to say "no." Even in her professional life, Jo is community and service-minded. Valleyview Petroleums, an oil company formed by Jo and her husband Ken, is noted for its community involvement.