

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS OF 2004



Joan Jackman
Quota International of Barrie

When the members of Quota International of Barrie talk about volunteering, Joan Jackman's name is always in the same sentence. She is an incredible lady who works away steadily in the background and does not seek acknowledgement for any of her efforts. Joan Jackman has been a member of Quota International of Barrie since 1995 and has been first vice president for five years. During that time, she has arranged numerous membership drives and has been responsible for personally recruiting two new members in the past two years. She takes initiative to arrange with "home party" representatives such as Avon and Home and Garden to have them donate some of their profits to our club. Joan also arranges for the collection of grocery store tapes and coordinates a group of volunteers to total and submit them in order to receive club revenue from the grocery stores. She has spearheaded the club's fall bazaar for the last four years and spent numerous hours pricing, arranging, and selling products. She also goes out of her way to assist other Quota members, transporting heavy items for them and working on the seniors picnic, which is held every June for the community. Joan is also a member of the local Kiwanis Club. She volunteers every Thursday at the local hospital and helps her elderly neighbors with their groceries, doctors' appointments, and other errands. Joan's husband has been unable to work for the last several years due to a heart condition, and Joan had part of her lung removed back in 1995. She has one daughter, Denise who is married, and a dog, Sadie. Joan's tact and diplomacy are beyond compare. Whenever you or anyone is in trouble, Joan has a kind word, compliment, or story to share with you to make you feel better. Quota International of Barrie enthusiastically selects Joan Jackman as Volunteer of the Year.



Diane Westcott
Quota International of Collingwood

Diane Westcott is described by members of her club as, "an efficient fund-raiser, dependable and dedicated, committed, and a meticulous accountant." She joined Quota International of Collingwood in 1992, having returned to Collingwood. She has been a volunteer for over 40 years and says that she enjoys the feeling of satisfaction that volunteering gives her. Her reason and motto for volunteering is "What goes around comes around." Diane is a main contributor to her club, especially in fund-raising and administering the finances for the Quota club of Collingwood's Smile Fund. In 1993, this club began the sale of Nevada lottery tickets. The sale comes under the Provincial Gaming Commission and 100 percent of the sales has to be used on a charitable mandate. The Commission has strict accounting rules, so the Smile Fund Account was formed as a separate service account. The Smile Fund mandate matches Quota's mandate to help disadvantaged women and children. To date, this fund has sent community group home clients to Disneyland, supported a local shelter for battered women, and continuously purchases equipment for hearing and speech-impaired children. Diane's capable administration and monitoring of this fund ensures that our money is spent in the most needed areas. Diane's contribution to our world does not stop at Quota. She received the Friend of the Arts certificate and the Province of Ontario volunteer certificate for service to the Blue Mountain Foundation of the Arts. She is actively involved in the Foundation for Fighting Blindness—Ride for Sight and the Canadian Diabetes Association. From 2001-2003, she was the financial coordinator for the Collingwood Elvis Festival, which is the largest Elvis festival held in North America. For the past two years, Diane has modeled clothes to help raise money for the Huronia West Ontario Provincial Police's D.A.R.E. program, which deals with drug prevention in schools. Diane has helped many, many disadvantaged people over the years. Her contribution in this area alone was recognized in 2003 with a nomination for Collingwood Volunteer of the Year. Even though she was not named in this capacity, she is a winner in everyone's heart. For all her outstanding community work and friendship, Quota Club of Collingwood honors Diane Westcott. She does not just talk the talk; she thinks globally and acts locally.



Lois Menu
Quota International of Orillia

Lois Menu has recently celebrated her 19th anniversary as a member of Quota International of Orillia. She has always been a very active member in Quota. Lois has held the office of vice president, was the director of the Hearing and Speech Committee for three two-year terms, participated on the Community Service Committee, and has been our club historian for the past five years. She has dedicated many hours to helping our club raise money by working on our Dance Committee, helping us make 1,800 box lunches each year, and contributing to numerous other fund-raisers, which allows the Orillia Quota club to support wonderful projects. Lois loves to laugh and make people laugh. She participates each year in our Canada Parade and joins us on our fellowship days in the district. In the 19 years that she has been a Quotarian, Lois has attended 15 district conferences and two conventions (Ottawa and New Zealand). She has played Santa Claus and entertains as the Classy Clown at many functions. She is very active in the community and in her church. For 18 years, Lois canvassed and helped fund raise for the Canadian Cancer Society. She is a 35-year member of the Town and Country Club, a 20-year member of the Women of the Moose, and she participates in a singing group called the Drifters. This group entertains seniors in nursing homes five times a month for nine months of the year. Lois is a warm and compassionate lady who has blessed the lives of many with her kindness and compassion. Her quick wit and humor have brought smiles to many faces both young and old. Lois is widowed with two sons, one grandson, and two granddaughters. She worked as a civilian with the Ontario Provincial Police Headquarters, enjoys walking, bowling, dancing, singing, card games, and camping. Her hobbies are photography and scrapbooking. The members of Quota International of Orillia feel truly blessed to have Lois Menu as a member and are honored to have been able to present her with this award



Judy Buzowetsky
Quota International of Weyburn

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Judy Buzowetsky has served her community through Quota and at least a dozen other volunteer agencies; Judy is generous with her time and talents. A member of Quota for 35 years, she has held the offices of president, secretary, and treasurer of Quota International of Weyburn. She has served as district governor for District 11 for two terms and last year completed her term as Canada Area director. Judy is a trusted advisor and is friendly, caring, and capable. Recently retired, Judy was a home economics teacher in Weyburn for 31 of her 34 teaching years. She was service-minded in her professional life as well, holding office and working for the Weyburn Teacher's Association, the Saskatchewan Home Economics Teacher's Association (of which she was a founding member), the Canadian College of Teachers, and the Home Economics Curriculum Planning Committee for Saskatchewan. She is presently co-chairing the national conference of the Canadian College of Teachers. A member of the Senate of the University of Saskatchewan for two three-year terms, Judy has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors. A recipient of the Red Cross Society Distinguished Service Medal and the Canadian College of Teachers Fellowship and George G. Croskery Award, Judy was also recently awarded the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal by the Government of Canada.



Jean Marshall
Quota International of Winnipeg

Jean Marshall has been a member of the Winnipeg Quota club for 10 years and rarely misses a meeting even though she has a 45-minute drive each way to attend. If we are having an event that she must miss, her participation is always evident. When asked to do

something, Jean is always willing. In addition to her volunteer work with Quota, Jean also drives cancer patients for treatments and has been instrumental in fund-raising for an addition with 12 rooms to be added to a senior residence in Woodlands, Manitoba. The addition has been approved, and the building will begin as soon as the necessary paperwork has been completed. Jean received a Caring Canadian Volunteer Award from the governor general this past year. It was presented by the lieutenant governor of Manitoba. True to Jean's thoughtfulness, she had the award ceremony at the seniors' residence, so that they would all be able to attend. Jean Marshall is truly an inspirational volunteer in her community.