

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS OF 2005



Maggie Durnford
Quota International of Collingwood

Maggie Durnford has been a hard-working, active member of Quota International of Collingwood since 2001. A self-starter whose energy cannot be matched, Maggie's creative mind is always in high gear, whether she is organizing an event or presenting a musical or artistic idea.

Dependable and always there with ways to improve club services, Maggie has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars—dollars that will make a difference in the Collingwood community! Her contribution to the club has been tremendous!

Maggie's volunteer work has been a life-long effort along with caring for her husband and raising two children, a daughter and a son. Maggie also keeps busy at church and has even played the bells with a local group.

Prior to relocating to Collingwood nine years ago, Maggie spent four years as the chairperson for the city of Toronto's Daffodil Day, a fund-raiser for the Cancer Society. Upon her return to the Georgian Triangle town of Collingwood, Maggie got to know her community quickly.

For the past three years, she has worked with Ride for Sight, by assisting them with their donation count. For the past two years, she has worked with the Elvis Festival, the largest festival in North America in which Elvis impersonators come from all over the world to compete. Today, Maggie volunteers with the Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts and contributes to its publicity. However, Maggie's most noteworthy contribution to service is her work with the General & Marine Hospital of Collingwood, where she volunteers every Monday morning in the CAT scan department and where it is well known that Maggie's bedside manner is second to none! Writer Mary Meek Atkeson wrote: "The best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new." Maggie is a living example of this maxim. Be it service or fund-raising, Maggie gives of herself, loves life, and thrives on a challenge!

Maggie Durnford is a proud Quotarian who takes no moment for granted, and the members of QI of Collingwood are proud to name Maggie Dunford their 2005 Volunteer of the Year.



Audra Terry is on the right.

Audra Terry
Quota International of Orillia

Audra Terry embodies the true spirit of volunteerism, because she gives so selflessly to many volunteer activities. Although she is the mother of two young sons, and she owns and operates her own business with several employees, she still finds time to be involved in so many volunteer ventures.

As a member of QI of Orillia, Audra sits on committees, attends meetings, and has served as a chairperson, which means she then has to organize a committee of her own. She is a tireless worker and truly personifies the spirit of giving of oneself.

Audra has had many positive effects as the result of being a volunteer. She has enriched the lives of the children that she gives time to in the school system, as well as the seniors that she has encountered in her volunteer activities. Because of her personality, she easily puts a smile on anyone's face that she encounters and gives everyone a positive feeling about themselves and their day. Being a Big Sister for 15 years meant that she undoubtedly has helped shape and guide young girls, who otherwise might not have had such a caring and dedicated mentor.

Here is more about Audra, in her own words: "Hello, my name is Audra Terry. I am 37 years old and I love to help people. I am not only a wife and a business owner, but also the proud mother of two young boys. When I was 19 years old, I got the volunteer itch. I wanted to join Big Sisters; however, at that time you had to be 21 years of age. So, when I turned 21, I joined! I have been with Big Sisters for about 15 years. My first little sister is now a proud mom of a little girl and my second little sister is now turning 15 years old. Through Big Sisters, I started to volunteer at a local nursing home. I visit a lady who doesn't have any family, and we have been friends now for three years.

When I was 27 years old, I joined QI of Orillia and have been a member for 10 years. I think I am the youngest in our club! As my children grew and started school, I realized how important the breakfast club is to young children. So I became involved in that. Through my business, I offer high school students the opportunity to co-op in my salon.

Students learn not only hairstyling skills but also personal business skills on how to talk to people.

For the past four years, I have helped to raise money and walk 10km in the MS Walkathon. I also participate in a hair cut-a-thon for Parkinson's disease. This event is a national event that includes hairdressers across Canada. This is my twelfth year for the Parkinson cut-athon. They say that a true volunteer will volunteer for more than one thing. I think this is true. It makes me feel good when you can help people and make them smile."



Julia Monaghan
Quota International of Ottawa

Julia joined Quota International of Ottawa in September 1974, making her a member in good standing for 31 years. She is a retired businesswoman and devotes most of her time to helping others and pursuing her favorite pastime, golf.

As the spouse of a Canadian Foreign Service Officer in Guyana, South America, she got her first taste of volunteerism with the Mahica Leprosy Hospital. Suffice it to say that Julia got the "bug" to do more volunteering after that.

Upon her return to Canada, and along with other Quotarians, she helped out in the cafeteria of the Ottawa Civic Hospital. The work included making loads of sandwiches and handling the cash register. Her volunteer stint with the Blood Donor Clinic ended when it became part of the Red Cross. Julia then volunteered in the Gift Shop of the Heart Institute. When the Quota Bingos were in operation, Julia was there to help out. When the club needed a place to hold its monthly meetings, Julia freely used her membership at the Laurentian Club to get the club a prestigious meeting venue. She also served on the board of the Ottawa Deaf Center for three years.

Julia is an avid golfer (having made Ladies Champion in Guyana) and has supported the club's annual golf tournament for the past six years. As of June 26, 2005, Julia will have sponsored nine races in our Annual Night at the Races fund-raiser. She is always there for support in cash and kind.

Julia is a true volunteer in every sense of the word.



Judy Juniper
Quota International of Owen Sound

Judy Juniper has been serving her community since 1981 through Quota International of Owen Sound. She has held the position of president several times, as well as all offices as she was needed. This year Judy has taken on two additional roles: chairperson of Quota's District 18 Conference and club organizer of Quota International of Grey Bruce, which chartered at the conference at the end of May.

Her special interest has always been membership, and she has received the awards "Quotarians for Quota," "Certificate of Accomplishment," and "Certificate of Appreciation"—all for outstanding service for development and growth. Judy has served on many district committees and teams and presently is district historian.

In addition to raising a family and her untiring dedication to Quota, Judy is very involved in community projects. She is the incoming president for the Corn Merettes, a local service club; she has been appointed as a voting member of the "The Grey Heritage Alliance Board;" and she is serving on three other heritage organization boards.

Born in Newmarket, Ontario, Judy's artistic talents were evident early in her life, when at the age of 10, she designed and sewed her own clothes and draperies—all by hand.

Judy married her high school sweetheart, and while raising her three children became involved not only with the children's school and sports activities, but also with community projects and helping to produce a community newspaper. Judy wrote articles, secured advertisers, printed, and sometimes even delivered the papers to several hundred families, keeping them apprised of community events and news. This early training prepared Judy well as is evidenced in her organized assistance to our Quota club.

Judy has been an invited speaker at seminars and teaches decorating classes through the Board of Education. She has written a decorating column for a local newspaper and many individuals and small towns have sought her advice to restore and save many of our heritage buildings.

In terms of true spirit, Judy's courage and character represent what Quota stands for and extends far beyond her volunteer work for Quota. Judy represents a true heartfelt interest

in her fellow human beings, animals and nature, and is willing to do more than her part to contribute to the well-being of all. Judy's optimistic outlook and faith that all will be well is an inspiration to all of us. Judy's boundless energy and willingness to give her all to family, work, community, and Quota International of Owen Sound demonstrates her enthusiasm for life.



Helen Davidson
Quota International of Weyburn

Helen Davidson joined Quota International of Weyburn when our club was chartered in 1954, and she has been a loyal member for more than 51 years. She has served as our club's president and vice president, and she has volunteered for many committees. Helen still attends Quota meetings, and she takes part in special events.

For many years, Helen was the official organist for the Weyburn club's annual Quota Carol Festival and the director of the club's "Quota choir." Though she is unable to do that now, she still attends the festival and sings. And she provides us with her musical expertise and advice.

During her time in Quota, Helen discovered she had a penchant for clowning. She and fellow club member Isabelle Butters were renowned for their humor and the skits and plays that they wrote and performed at various functions. A friend, who thought she knew Helen and Isabelle well, said it was a surprise when they were so hilarious. She previously knew them only as serious women who were "strictly business."

Outside of Quota, Helen has been a lifelong member of Calvary Baptist Church and their volunteer organist and choir director for more than 57 years. Helen also taught music in Weyburn, worked with the Music Festival Association, and has shared her gift of music with the whole community.

Helen has many wonderful Quota memories; she particularly enjoyed attending district conferences and international conventions, and she fondly remembers the Denver convention. Above all, she cherishes the memories of the friendships made through Quota.