

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS OF 2006



Beverly Westcott
Quota International of Collingwood

Collingwood Quotarians appreciate member Beverly Westcott, chair of the club's Ways and Means Committee, as she works hard at everything she does, and she does an excellent job!

Bev was a happy and adventurous child with many friends. When she was quite young, she really liked her freedom. She frequently ran away from home and was often brought back home in the police cruiser. Determined to get out of the backyard, she was able to roll a very large rock away from the gate and to replace it. This fooled her mother into thinking that Bev was safely in the backyard, when really she had escaped again.

Bev's mother died when Bev was nine. Her father suffered from asthma and moved up north where he enjoyed better health. Bev lived with her brother and his new wife through high school. Bev was very courageous, deciding to fly to the Yukon to visit friends when she was young and had never been in an airplane. She made this trip by herself, but she was so nervous that she refused to get off the plane when it landed for refueling. No coaxing from the staff could get her to leave the plane. She was afraid that she would get lost in the airport forever.

Bev was a nurse early in her career and later worked at a large medical office until retirement. She very much enjoys people and being helpful to others. She volunteers for Blue Mountain for the Arts in addition to Quota. The members of the Collingwood Quota club are proud to honor Beverly as their 2006 Volunteer of the Year.



Linda Hodgson
Quota International of Orillia

The Quota Club of Orillia is pleased to introduce Linda Hodgson as our Volunteer of the Year. Linda has spent a lifetime sharing her talents and skills and caring for others in the spirit of volunteerism. Born in Beaverton, Ontario, she has three daughters and two grandsons.

Linda graduated as a nurse in 1965 and practiced at Toronto East General Hospital and Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital. She enjoys activities such as quilting, curling, golfing, and baking. She continually demonstrates her skills and talents by actively participating in these as well as all other craft-related activities.

She has successful, active memberships in the Orillia Quilters Guild, Business Women's Curling, and the Orillia Nursing Alumni Association. Recently she organized the Nursing Reunion in 2000, hospital golf tournaments, bake sales for Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) and the Volunteer Fire Fighters of Tiny Township, and she also has the role of draw master for Business Women's Curling.

A successful nursing career offered Linda the opportunity to actively volunteer for Medical Missions International. In 2005 she traveled to Columbia, Buenaventura, where she was part of a medical team of 62 volunteers from Canada and the U.S.A. that performed eye surgeries. In 2006, she was a volunteer member of another health team consisting of 60 volunteers. She performed operating room nursing procedures to assist surgeons in eye muscle surgery and other complete eye care corrections such as cataract surgery.

In previous years Linda's volunteer activities have included teaching 4-H life skills for farm children, performing executive duties for the local figure skating club in Beaverton, serving as president/chair of the Gamebridge Women's Auxiliary, performing Lions Club spouse duties in Brechin, as well as being a school parent on numerous school excursions and trips.

Since Linda became a Quotarian in 2002, she has gently encouraged members to participate in activities and helped those with minimal craft skills. She teaches them to manipulate the art of working with stained glass, sewing pillows, and much more. She

generously donated a quilted wall hanging and other items to help with fund-raising events. Her organizational skills have been superb, whether the occasion is big or small.

All that Linda offers of herself is with open arms and a big heart with lots of knowledge and energy. She is a truly generous and compassionate person and these wonderful qualities can be felt by everyone who knows her. Because of all these wonderful qualities, Linda Hodgson has earned herself the title of Volunteer of the Year from her club!



Ilse Mitchell
Quota International of Ottawa

Ilse Mitchell has been with the Quota Club of Ottawa for 32 years! Her love and dedication are apparent through her meaningful contributions, advice, and continued help. Ilse never misses an opportunity to sing the praises of Quota and its services.

During these 32 years of membership, Ilse has been the governor of District 18 and the Canada Area director. Ilse was installed as international president for 1993 to 1994 in Singapore. Her theme was "Globally United in Service." She strongly believed that the internationalism of Quota would set it apart from other organizations. She traveled extensively to help bridge the cultural and national differences that existed in Quota. Her friendships with Quota members worldwide have helped maintain strong Quota connections. She was actively involved in the chartering of clubs in the Philippines, New South Wales, and Malaysia.

Ilse is also a successful business woman with her own fashion house. However, she always finds time to assist in the club's fund-raisers and service programs. She was a member of the Ottawa Board of Trade, the Ottawa Tourist and Convention Bureau, and the Ottawa Business Women's Network. When the Club needs an auction or raffle item, Ilse will always give generously. More than that, she sometimes makes donations anonymously. She is an avid supporter of Child Find and CARE. She also supports a Tsunami Relief Program that was founded by her son in Thailand.

Ilse shares generously, values friendship, and unequivocally understands the meaning of service. Considering all that she has done and still continues to do, she is a true Quotarian, and deserves to be called Volunteer of the Year.



Marlene Yurkowski
Quota International of Weyburn

Marlene Yurkowski is known as a Quotarian you can count on. No matter what the task assigned, Marlene sees that it is done well and done on time.

Marlene has been a member of Quota International of Weyburn since 1996, has held the offices of vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and has worked on various committees. Most recently serving on the Nominations Committee for our Women of the Year Awards, her efforts garnered a record of 19 nominations for the four awards! She is also noted for her competency in submitting club nominations for various Quota International awards, usually with winning results.

A successful fund-raiser, her single-handed efforts with the club's Just Desserts fund-raiser nets our club over a thousand dollars annually. Marlene succeeds in convincing us to all sell our tickets—no small feat!

Now retired, Marlene was Head Librarian of the Weyburn Public Library, where she co-founded the Weyburn Friends of the Library. She was recognized by the Saskatchewan Reading Council for the International Reading Council's Celebrate Literacy Award. She was a member of Weyburn's Communiton Board of Directors for 11 years and prior to that was a member of the Weyburn and district United Way. She was a member of the Consumers' Association of Canada for over 35 years, serving in many executive positions. She was recognized with the Canadian Consumer Special Award of Merit and Saskatchewan's first Consumer Award of Merit for her research for the establishment of the Saskatchewan Warranties Act.

Marlene is very fond of reading, drama, music, and figure skating.

She is the member who helps the club function by quietly filling in where other members have overlooked or forgotten or been unable to do a job. She has generously committed her time and diplomacy skills—representing the club at district and international Quota gatherings. Although she tries to maintain a low profile, she is highly regarded and admired for her determination to carry on despite the fact that her physical health is not optimum. We are grateful that Marlene is a member of Quota International of Weyburn and pleased to present her with the 2006 Volunteer of the Year honor.