

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS OF 2007



Kathy Blacow
Quota Internatonal of Collingwood

Kathy was born and raised in Toronto. After training as an x-ray technologist and marrying her high school sweetheart, they moved to the Collingwood area where their two daughters were born.

Kathy worked as an x-ray technologist and later went back to College to train as an ultrasound technologist. On her return to Collingwood she started the first ultrasound department at the General and Marine hospital. She later became the head technologist of the Diagnostic Imaging Department, a position she held until her retirement.

Kathy joined Quota in 1998. A position became available for a trustee for the Helene MacKenzie Trust Fund and Kathy was invited to join. She is able to use her sign language training to assist in the evaluation of the videos for the bursaries. She has held all the club's executive positions including President from 2003-2005. She is currently Treasurer. Kathy especially enjoys the fellowship of Quota and participating in the fundraising and social events.

Kathy enjoys gardening, crocheting and spending time with her two young grand daughters who have also learned some sign language.



Betty Lou Howlett
Quota International of Grey Bruce

Since joining Quota International of Owen Sound in 1974, Betty Lou has always given her time and energy to being a good Quotarian as her life took her to the London, Ontario Club and then to the St. Thomas Club.

Betty Lou then became involved with responsibilities at the District level, becoming Lieutenant-Governor, then Governor in 1990 and all the way to Canada Area Director. At that time, under her direction, a committee was formed to draw up plans and policies for Development and Growth for District 18 and because of her leadership this has continued to this present time. It was Betty Lou's suggestion that new clubs not be charged registration in their charter year to encourage new clubs to attend conferences and conventions. This also has been accepted and become a policy at the International level. Betty Lou was instrumental in setting up funding for the Canada Area Director and has implemented many of the improved circumstances at the District level. Betty Lou has chaired many conferences and has been Parliamentarian many times for the District. . She has been Chair of the International Service Committee of and sat on the By-laws Committee.

Betty Lou's own words express why she is such a great Quotarian and why Grey Bruce Quotarians were so pleased to nominate her. She says: "No words can express what Quota has done for me and I don't feel I can do enough to pay back what I have received through this Club."



Donna Rousseau
Quota International of Orillia

Donna Rousseau is a long-time Orillia resident who loves to give back to her community by volunteering. Recently after joining Quota she also became a regular volunteer at the Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital.

After only one year as a member, Donna took on the challenge as Chair of Community Service and joined the Board of Directors. She has brought a new perspective and a true willingness to serve. We are the benefactors of her enthusiasm and dedication. Donna has successfully coordinated many club projects and has given of her time selflessly and freely. She shows a true warmth and kindness in all she does. At times, frustrated and lacking confidence, she dug in her heels and went forth determined to get the job done. And she did it showing that she is a reliable and dependable Quotarian.

Donna has only been a member of Quota for two years and she is always willing to take on "just a little bit" more with enthusiasm and grace. We are lucky to have her as a member of the Orillia Club. We applaud her volunteer efforts, her friendly and kind nature and her dedication to Quota.

Donna and her husband have recently retired and they enjoy history and travel. She also likes to read and bicycle.

We are proud to have Donna as a member of the Orillia Club and salute her as our International Volunteer for 2007.



Alison Krupa
Quota International of Ottawa

Dr. Alison Krupa has been a member of the Quota Club of Ottawa since October 1979. She is always available and willing to step in and help out the Club whenever assistance is needed.

Besides running her medical practice by herself with only a part-time secretary, Alison was Chief of General Practice of the Grace General Hospital in Ottawa for 5 years, followed by being Secretary for another 5 years. Alison also was instrumental in creating and introducing a palliative care programme at the Grace Hospital and was involved in this committee and many other hospital committees for several years.

During her 28 years of membership with the Quota Club of Ottawa, Alison was President of the Club twice and also served in many other positions, sometimes more than once. She worked the Bingo Hall for over 13 years when Bingo was a big fundraiser for the Club. She was the Club's representative on the board of the Youth Services Bureau and participated in all their activities.

She is currently the secretary of the Club. She is also our very own "Hollywood Producer" as she, and she alone, is Skit (Script) Writer, Director, and Costume Designer of all our Off-Shore Presentations at District Conference.

Alison is a dedicated Quotarian who values friendships and understands the importance of service to disadvantaged women and children at home and abroad. With her British sense of humour, she has regaled many of our long-standing and prospective members, with funny anecdotes of her introduction into Quota. The Quota Club of Ottawa is privileged to have an invaluable member such as Alison.



Maureen Taylor
Quota International of Penticton

Maureen has been a dedicated charter member of the Penticton Club since 1984. Over the years, she has served in all the Executive positions. From there she went on to being the District 11 Lt. Governor, Governor and then served as the Canada Area Director from 2004 to 2006.

This past year, as she finished up her Canada Area Directorship and attended the Convention in Australia, she kindly stepped in and took over the club Presidency as our existing President could not continue in the position any longer.

Maureen spent countless hours assisting the club Treasurers, polishing and finishing the financial statements and budgets to be in the required format for our gaming commission through which we receive our largest income.

At the same time, Maureen work with the local By-laws Committee updating our bylaws.

The largest project we have ever completed is our Early Infant Hearing Testing which we have been continually pursuing for the last 9 years. As 2007 President, Maureen was very instrumental in meticulously and persistently corresponding with the Okanagan Interior Health Authority to finish the complicated contracts and agreements we insisted upon to configure this service to be delivered in Penticton and for all babies, as opposed to just the at-risk newborns. She was successful and was able to include this milestone in our 1st Annual Charity Night in April where she presented the funds to complete this goal.

As per our District Bylaws, a past Governor is required to head the District Audit and Advisory Committee and Maureen stepped up and gladly completed that along being c=Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee as well.

Maureen has been spending a lot of extra time working behind the scenes in conjunction this year with Liz Revell as a member of the Canada Area Website Committee.

We have watched Maureen have a complicated and challenging year in her own family life and yet, she has always given us 110 percent of her efforts without ever questioning it.

She took it upon herself to print off personalized Quota business cards for everyone in the club but the real advertisement we feel that counts, is how she proudly presents herself in the community as a successful Quotarian in all circles of her life.

Join the Quota Club of Penticton in recognizing Maureen Taylor as their 2007 Volunteer of the Year!



Margaret Ferguson
Quota International of Weyburn

Margaret Ferguson has been a dedicated member of Quota International of Weyburn for 36 years. She has served as President, Vice-President, and as Chairman of countless committees. Margaret, Chairman of the Member Care Committee for more than 10 years, keeps track of our birthdays and anniversaries. She faithfully visits everyone who is confined to hospital or home. Margaret shares her kindness and her genuine neighborliness with all. Margaret has been a member of the Nominees Tea Committee since the inception of Quota's Women of the Year Awards. She is capable, has good ideas and an artist's eye for what looks good. She is nearly always at meetings and never misses an opportunity to help with projects.

Margaret is active in her Church and was a member of the official Board for 24 years. She has also been President of the United Church Women for years. She is leader of the Lazy Daisy unit, working on the preparation of banquets and funeral lunches. Margaret also visits "shut-ins" for the Church.

She is a 62-year Life Member of the Alexandria Rebekah Lodge. In 2003, Margaret was honoured with the Rebekah Merit Jewel for her valuable years of service to the Lodge and her community. She was Noble Grand in 1954 and 1989 and served as District Deputy President. Margaret is extremely knowledgeable about the work of the Lodge and fills in for any officer missing from a meeting. She works at every fund-raiser held by the Lodge.

Margaret is active with the Weyburn Retired Nurses.

Margaret Ferguson exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism and the Quota spirit of sharing, caring, compassion and friendship.