

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF YOUNGSTOWN

June 1, 1994-May 31, 1995

This has been a year of change for the club. We started the year with enthusiasm and optimism. We were to be the host club for the Sixth District Conference, Sept. 23rd, 24th, 25th, 1994. The preparations for the conference should have involved all of the members and have a unifying effect on the club. Instead the conference was a negative influence. Some members felt that they were excluded from the preparations and were unaware of the plans for the conference. When questions were raised during the meetings, the conference chairman seemed to feel that her authority was being questioned. At one meeting, she stated that all preparations were on a need to know basis, and members would be informed when their help was needed. Although the club did have dissension previously, the conference should have been the opportunity for the members to work together and rebuild the camaraderie and fellowship for which Quota is known. The conference was considered to be a success by others, and seemed to run smoothly on the surface; the problems were noticeable to the members and those who looked closely.

Following the conference, the club suffered a major loss of membership. When the year began, we had a membership of 43, which included 26 active and 17 affiliate. A new club was chartered in our area in November 1994. Thirteen of our members resigned to become charter members of the new club. This included the President, two Vice Presidents, and three Directors. At this time, as a Past President and current Treasurer, I assumed the Presidency. We had to appoint almost a whole new Board. In addition, we had four others resign for various reasons. We now have a membership of twenty-six, which includes 10 active and 16 affiliates. The remaining members felt deserted and betrayed by the method used to charter the new club on the basis of 13 members of our club. They felt deserted and abandoned by the resigning members. Our club had been instrumental in the chartering of the Trumbull Valley club and would have supported efforts to charter a new club in Trumbull county. They feel that the Northeast club was organized in secret and created to be in direct competition with the Youngstown club, both for membership and in fund raising. These feelings have not been helped by the actions of the new club, which holds its meetings and fund raising in the city of Youngstown. The members of the Youngstown club have now reach the point where they are beginning to move forward again. We are planning a membership recruitment drive in May 1995 and are exploring new service projects related to the new International service area of destitute women and children. A fund raiser has been tentatively planned for the fall. This club is not ready to give up, but will face the challenge of rebuilding.

Donna Plummer, President

TO: President Donna Primm, President
Quota International of Youngstown, Ohio

FROM: Speech and Hearing Committee
Elaine Garde (Chairperson), Grace Jones, Dorothy Klein

DATE: April 3, 1995

1.) **COLLECTOR DOLL RAFFLE:** The original Committee voted on having a raffle of the Marie Osmond collector doll in order to raise funds for the Stambaugh Auditorium project.

At Sixth District Conference several other Club were using the same doll for similar reasons. There were not sufficient moneys earned at Conference to justify holding the raffle. After the Conference, internal problems related to the loss of membership and the chartering of a new club in the area, resulted in the need to cancel the raffle. The doll can be used in the fall of 1996 if the new committee elects to use it as part of a fund raiser. If this project goes forward the tickets, which were not dated due a printing error, can be used by stamping the drawing date on to the tickets which were donated to the Club by Niles Printing.

2.) **DEAF WOMAN OF THE YEAR:** There was no nominee for the Deaf Woman of the Year from this Club. It is hoped that Quota International will be successful in securing permission from the Miss America Pageant Committee to nominate the 1995-1996 Miss America as the International Deaf Woman of the Year.

3.) **STAMBAUGH AUDITORIUM PROJECT:** The Manager of the Stambaugh Auditorium is in receipt of information on two different systems from two different companies. She is being asked to arrange a trial of both systems and will select the one which works the best with the auditorium sound system.

Once the system is selected; plans to purchase the base unit will be made. How much we can spend, initially, will depend on the over-all cost. Expansion will depend on the audience response for additional units. At least \$1000 will be spent initially.

4.) **HEALTH-O-RAMA:** We had a limited number of volunteers for this project in March. The help of the members who did volunteer is greatly appreciated. This year we had candy, purchased in bulk from Sam's Club, to give out in addition to the ear plugs and handouts. Emphasis is being placed, nationally, on preventing hearing loss in youth between the 3rd. and 6th. grades. Mothers were asked to speak out at PTA meetings

requesting in-school programs and how to contact Quota International of Youngstown, OH., for information on several programs. During International Convention we obtained information on new programs and free educational materials. These sources were contacted and the materials received used this year. A request to explore use of the educational materials has been received from the Lake to River Girl Scout Council for use as part of their "Earth Matters" program. The tapes from Health-O-Rama have been placed on loan with the Council's Executive Director, Karen Yankush. A letter regarding the availability of these programs is being sent to the area Boy Scouts headquarters and to the Camp Fire Girls, as well.

We ordered 8 boxes of ear plugs (1800) at \$23 a box and rented a VCR for \$49.99. Handouts were copied at Kinko's for \$28.62. The charges for Health-O-Rama totaled \$265.36 We gave out over 1600 ear plugs this year; about 500+ over 1994.

4.) COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

a.) Pursue the doll raffle for the coming year. Advertise and sell tickets in public places, like the Mall on Thanksgiving weekend, and indicate that the proceeds are going to the Stambaugh Auditorium project.

b.) Invite Sue Thomas, Youngstown's Deaf Woman of the Year, and 1986 Deaf Woman of the Year for the Sixth District, Jane Biehl, to membership in Quota International of Youngstown, OH.

c.) Contact the Mahoning County, Youngstown, and Diocese of Youngstown Board of Education's before the end of the school year, using the promotional material of 1995, to invite participation in the 1996 poster contest for Speech and Hearing month.

d.) Attempt to locate a candidate for Deaf Woman of the Year unless International must wait 1 year before being able to use Miss America as a Deaf Woman of the Year.

e.) Continue participation in Health-O-Rama, contact area music teachers and PTA groups regarding the educational programs for 3rd. through 6th. graders, and continue to promote our noise pollution programs throughout the Valley.

f.) Stambaugh Project will need re-evaluation with the

help of the Auditorium manager to determine how many additional personal unit will be needed. If completed; explore same project for Powers Auditorium.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Garde".

Elaine Garde, Chairperson