

# Central Area News



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Greetings and blessings of this holiday season!

Thanks again to all who took the time to travel to Dubuque for our Central Area Meeting. I especially appreciate the efforts of Quota board members and our dedicated staff to present the "Quota of Tomorrow" initiative. Hopefully, each and every one of you has taken time to review and discuss it. You owe it to yourself to be informed about our future structure and governance. Our website, including President Chris' November 9th Message, presents particulars. It's a critical and exciting time for Quota!

I'd like to acknowledge Former District 22 Governor Dorothy Knoedler for compiling the "sharing recap" of ideas for fundraisers, service, membership, fun and fellowship. This served as a valuable resource throughout the Central Area Meeting weekend and hopefully, once you returned to your home club. My club, Kenosha-Racine, has already put one of the ideas into action. We recently conducted a successful Quarter Auction realizing over \$1100. Thanks to the Canton Club for suggesting this fun, easy and profitable event!

International Treasurer (and incoming President-Elect! Congrats!) Karen Murphy told about an international service recognition used by her club in Beenleigh, Queensland. Some of you may want to adapt the concept. You'll find information attached.

***"We Share"***



### **Let's Get Connected**

There was a suggestion made at the Central Area Meeting that clubs would like to have access to club e-mail addresses so they can contact each other directly. Email addresses can be "permanent" rather than changing each time a club president changes. Here's how"

1. Set up a FREE account: <https://accounts.google.com>
2. Make it easy by naming your email address as follows:  
quotabostonclub@gmail.com (using your club name in place of "boston")  
To transfer the email from one president to the next, the current president gives the password to the incoming president and the connection is transferred.
3. Email [staff@quota.org](mailto:staff@quota.org) with the new address. It can then be added to the "Locate a Club" database.

### **"Give Me Five"**

Thank you to all who took on this membership challenge and really ran with it! I will list the results after the first of the year. In the meantime, please keep me in the loop about new members/branches/clubs. I like to acknowledge each success.

### **March is *Quota Cares Month***

I hope you are making plans for the 2012 *Quota Cares Month*. This Quota-wide celebration of service is a great vehicle to perform some special service or do some fundraising to benefit a worthy charitable cause. AND, what an opportunity to get some publicity for your efforts! I've often said we don't blow our own horns near enough! Check out our website for a planning kit, PR tools and resources, and past winning projects (for inspiration). Be sure to report your success on a short QCM success form by April 15th.

### **Happy Holidays!**

I hope you are all enjoying some special time with family and friends during the holidays. As 2011 comes to a close, I would like to thank each of you for all you do in the name of Quota. I look forward to partnering with you as we continue to impact lives through our Quota caring and sharing in 2012.

Yours in Quota,

*Judy*

