



Together Let's Grow ! That is our theme for the year and there are 3 branches to it.

1. Let's grow in regard to our giving to the Deaf Community. And we will be able to do that with great fundraisers like our Duck Walk! What a success --- thank you to Missy and her team!!

2. Let's grow in regard to increasing the

number of members in our club. And we have a great opportunity in October to bring guests to our Wine and Canvas event.

3. Let's grow as individuals through education—both in the Deaf community and beyond. We will have an excellent speaker—Dr. Colette Smiley—who will be at our November meeting and we are working on another speaker for our January meeting. These are wonderful events to invite guests.

I was on the Leadership call from International last week and there were some ideas that I think we will be able to build on. I am very excited for our year ahead and also for the 2020 International Convention in our own Grand Rapids !! Thanks to everyone for all your help and passion.

Sue

Our Membership & Programs Committee is Falling for You! Mark your calendar today!

Oct 17: Wine and Canvas - 6:00 to 9:00 - Fund raiser – invite guests!

Nov 21: MFB YMCA - Guest speaker Collette Smiley from Kent County Oral Health

Dec 12: Annual Holiday Party – Hosted by Diane Friar
Invite prospective members and volunteers that help us with our fund raisers.

If you know of potential guest speakers for our meetings starting in January 2020, please contact Kath Slagal.



THE OFFICIAL 2019 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

The White House Historical Association 2019 Christmas Ornament honors President Dwight D.

Eisenhower and symbolizes his commitment to innovation.

In 1957 Eisenhower was the first president in office to employ a helicopter in his transportation service. The event marked a significant development for both the White House and the helicopter industry, and Eisenhower embraced the new model for jet-setting diplomacy throughout his presidency.

To order this beautifully detailed Christmas ornament at \$28.00, contact: Sandi Aten...616-916-3570 or dsaten@att.net

Oct 5: 10 am – 12 pm Farmers' Market Coffee Crew:
Kathy F / Sandi /Betsy



Oct 17: 6 – 9 pm Fundraiser Wine & Canvas, 2675 E Paris



Direct Your Dollars
We're over **\$120,800** toward our **\$150,000** goal! **Keep shopping** for receipts from **D&W Family Fare & Forest Hills Foods.**

Reminder:

Deliver used hearing aids to D&HHS or Betsy Smith so that they can be reconditioned for use in our **Hear For Good** program!

Mission: Quota serves people who are hard of hearing or deaf.

Vision: We envision a community that works together to remove communication barriers.

Values: We believe that a meaningful life is one that opens opportunities for all.

10th Annual Duck Walk Success!





Quota Grand Rapids presents
the painting class with cocktails!

Thursday, October 17
6 – 9 pm
Wine & Canvas Studio
2675 E Paris SE – Suite E – GR
\$35 per seat



"Fall Birch"

Register at: kmkfreeman@gmail.com

(Quota earns \$15 for each seat...invite friends & family!)



Congratulations to our 2019 Quotarian of the Year: Sandi Aten!

Sandi has been an enthusiastic, engaged and committed member ever since she joined Quota GR only 6 years ago. She jumped in with both feet to lead the Duck Walk in 2015, connected us to the teachers at Ken O Sha, and promoted the Pilot Caps project. She is always finding new ways to promote our club, like taking selfies for promotion through other agencies.

She may also be our most famous Quotarian! She has appeared live on TV twice (that we know of). She got up very early on a Saturday to promote Painting with a Twist, and just recently was interviewed live to talk about Beers for Ears on TV 17. She has also promotes the White House Historical Society Christmas ornament sale and our Painting Party. And, she got the attention of the right people to bring the QI Convention to Grand Rapids!

Sandi can be counted on to contribute in every way – at the Farmers' Market – even sending a sub when she couldn't be there. And remember the Steampunk Speakeasy? She has hosted meetings – with great food – at her home, and perhaps most importantly coordinated the many ins and outs of making sure our hard-earned funds are provided to deserving recipients. That alone can be a full time job, funding hearing equipment, getting checks to agencies, and uncovering and investigating new needs. Combine that with coordinating fund raising efforts, which requires the special pulling-teeth technique, how does Sandi have time for her well-loved children and grandchildren?

Sandi truly demonstrates in action and energy what a Quotarian can be! While she is officially retired, her enthusiasm at every turn is a wonderful example for new and old members alike!

Big Smiles for a successful 10th Annual Duck Walk!



