



**Region 21**  
New Zealand and Fiji  
QUOTA INTERNATIONAL



Because everyone deserves a Sound Beginning, Quotarians empower women, children, the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired in local communities around the world.

# Region 21 Newsletter

July Edition 2017

## Celebrations and Commitment

Winter could easily be a time to hibernate but that is not what is happening around our Region. There have been some special celebrations recently – Rotorua with its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 16<sup>th</sup> and Opotiki celebrating 35 years on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to all members of both Clubs for the long and dedicated service you have given to your communities.

Congratulations also, to all of our Clubs for the wonderful newsletters that are keeping us up to date with activities. In the true Quota spirit of 'We share', the newsletters are a lovely way to do that.

## Convention 2018 Washington DC July 10 – 14

### 'Aspire to Inspire'

Our Quota International Board members met recently in Washington DC. There is much planning going on for MAJOR celebrations next year and Convention will be the 'Kick-Off' for celebrating 100 years since Wanda Frey Joiner and four of her friends signed documents incorporating Quota International on February 6 1919.

Details and accommodation bookings are already open for this significant Convention. Let's see our Region well represented there.

## QI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WASHINGTON DC JULY 10-14 2018

The July Presidents' Conference Call focused on the planning for Convention and more details will be available shortly

## QUOTA NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP



This Scholarship is now in its third year, generously sponsored by the Pye Foundation and Dame Wendy Pye. Jan Rhodes, Lyn McKenzie and Pam Ross met recently to present Dame Wendy with a Certificate of Appreciation from our Quota Clubs. The Pye Foundation provides a \$5000 Scholarship to a deserving young woman about to start tertiary education. This year there have been 50 applications from students all over New Zealand, so the Scholarship is helping to enhance Quota name recognition.

The Pye Foundation also hosts and covers the cost of maintaining our [www.quotanz.org](http://www.quotanz.org) website. We are very grateful to Wendy, who helped to establish Quota in New Zealand, and was the Charter President of QI Auckland in 1973, for all of her support.

## QUOTA SOUTH PACIFIC AREA SCHOLARSHIP (QSPAS)

This Scholarship was established in 1980, when South Pacific Area members of Quota pooled their resources to create a fund that has now benefitted more than 40 New Zealanders and Australians undertaking speech or hearing related study. The Scholarship is \$7000 and the secondary award is the Sheila Drummond Bursary, to the value of \$4000. The fund is maintained now by annual donations from contributing Clubs and our NZ contributions of \$100 per Club are due by September. Lyn McKenzie, our Team 21 Finance Administrator would appreciate these donations being made directly into the Region 21 Bank Account, so that ONE transfer can be made to Australia for this fund. Find out more at [www.quotaspas.org.au](http://www.quotaspas.org.au)

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### REGION 21 GET TOGETHER SUNDAY OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> ROTORUA



Planning is underway for this day. Members are being consulted and details will be available soon. It is really important for our sense of 'togetherness' that we create opportunities to mix and mingle, share ideas and have some FUN.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

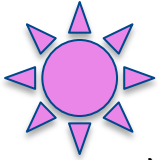
FOR THOSE PLANNING TO STAY OVERNIGHT ON SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>, A DINNER VENUE WILL BE ORGANISED FOR A GROUP MEAL

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2018-2020 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I am in the process of establishing a Nominations Committee of 3 members from different Clubs. It will then be the Committee's responsibility to manage the process of receiving nominations for your next Region 21 Regional Director.

Although I am just over halfway through my term, one of my duties is to ensure that there will be a smooth transition for the next Regional Director – who gets financial assistance to go to Convention in Washington!!!! I have found being in the role rewarding and challenging and have really loved getting to experience Quota from a 'bigger picture' perspective.

To be eligible for the role, the nominee needs to be (all in good standing)



- A Past President of a Quota Club or
- A Past District Governor or
- A Past Area Director, who is a member of Region 21



Nomination forms will be sent to Clubs in November, to be completed by March, so please put your thinking caps on!



### QI AWARDS

Several Clubs have recently received Certificates from Quota International to be awarded either as a Club Award, or to a Volunteer of the Year. Entering for these awards is really valuable as a way to recognize the effort that both Clubs and individuals put in to their Quota lives.



#### QI Rotorua Volunteer of the Year

Betty Milligan (left) was presented with her award by Barbara Cumming. A very well deserved recognition for Betty's dedicated service to Quota and her community.

#### QI Papakura Volunteer of the Year

Pam Ross, wearing her genuine vintage top hat at the July Club meeting where members all wore vintage hats, was presented with her award. Pam puts in countless hours in so many ways and thoroughly merits this award.



Congratulations in anticipation to members of other Clubs who have been nominated for these awards.

### QUOTA Cares Month AND 5K and 10K Awards

QI Opotiki received BOTH of these awards recently

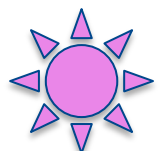
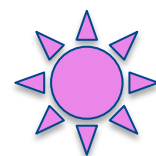
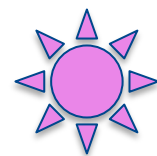
- NZ Winner 2017 Quota Cares Month
- QI Certificate of Celebration for 10K Club Achiever 2016-2017 Award

QI Papakura received

- QI Certificate of Celebration for 10K Club Achiever 2016-2017 Award

QI Rotorua received

- QI Certificate of Celebration for 5K Club Achiever 2016-2017 Award



## REGION ROUNDUP



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Our thoughts are with Dhaerya Prakash as she heads back to Fiji for several months. The Club is struggling with its membership there and Dhaerya hopes to increase numbers with some ideas she wants to implement. Life has not been easy in recent years, with political coups, hurricanes etc. and we will continue to offer our support to the Ba Club as part of our Region.

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

These always provide an opportunity for Quota to be seen to contribute to these nationwide causes. Thank you in advance to those of you who will be collecting

**DAFFODIL DAY - FRIDAY AUGUST 25TH**  
**LOUD SHIRT DAY – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH**

## REGION 21 PIN

As our Region continues to establish its own identity, some members have requested that we have our own pin. Put your thinking caps on again and come up with ideas for us to choose from. This can then be discussed at our Rotorua day in October.

I hope to see you there.

Stay well, keep warm and my thanks for all of your 'Caring, Communicating and Contributing'.

*Jan Rhodes*  
*Regional Director*

It was lovely to see so many members from our Clubs meet up in Rotorua to support QI Rotorua's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Getting together always provides a great opportunity to catch up with friends and share what is happening in our Clubs.

From recent newsletters –

- QI Auckland held a fundraising movie night and are about to have a sewing bee for the 'Dress a Girl' project
- QI Papakura held its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Antiques Fair- and still the dealers say they are coming back next year!
- QI Rotorua are busy planning their 'Spring into Summer' event
- QI Ohope held a Pink Ribbon Breakfast as well as a 'Pie and Pint' evening
- QI Whakatane participated in the Red Puppy Appeal Day and showed their flexibility re catering with a 'Fish and Chips' evening
- QI Opotiki are working on a recipe book- we know how good they are at catering

