

QIMD Tid-Bitz

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Good EEEE-VEN-ING...or afternoon!

It's Halloween haunting time again at QIMD. Join in frightful fun & a bewitchingly good time on Wednesday, October 20th at noon (Sally will provide ghool-ish goodies for the occasion).

As a special "treat", Joan Whitenack and/or Betty McWilliams will share with us the wonderful works being done by the Foothill Unity Center.

In addition, join me in welcoming two new members, Franci Bolen and Jennifer Radics. Many thanks, too, to all who volunteered Saturday, October 16th at Monrovia's "Make a Difference Day".

Be there (if you dare) in your favorite Halloween attire. Park your broom...at NOOOOOON.....

President Laura

Members Help with Make a Difference Day

There is nothing quite like spending an early Saturday morning slicing bananas and doughnuts in the fresh, chilly, dewy air.

Six QIMD members did exactly that about 7 a.m. in preparation for serving more than 400 volunteers who planned to fan out over the city and help repair, renew and paint homes and yards as a part of Make a Difference Day.

While President **Laura**, **Penny Arroyo** and **Charlotte Schamadan** tended to the breakfast goodies, **Betty Sandford**, **Kathleen Fresquez** and **Emilie Kendrick** helped register all those volunteers before they picked up their special tee shirts and breakfast.

It was heartwarming to see so many Monrovia organizations participating in the event as well as numerous youth groups. Restaurants and markets provided all the food to feed those hungry teenagers which included

muffins, bananas, apples, bagels, cookies, pastries and danishes. However, after watching them devour the food, we can tell you despite nutritional warnings, doughnuts are still the favorite food of local teens. And volunteering adults, too! The more sprinkles on top, the better.

Members Head to LVN for WAM

Talk to President Gwenn

Here's a great opportunity to read, in detail, the musings of Quota Int'l. President Gwenn Jackson and even talk back to her if you choose.

Gwenn has created a blog and it is very entertaining as well as informative. Connect by going to Quota's web site, www.quota.org and clicking on the link, or go directly to Gwenn's blog via <http://www.deliveringpossibilities.com>.



Four of our club members will leave this week for a weekend in Las Vegas, Nevada. While some gambling will undoubtedly ensue, the prime reason for the trip is the annual gathering of Quota's West Area Meeting.

President Laura Ur, Ferne Petrie, Jeanne Miles and PIP Charlotte Schamadan will join Quotarians from Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, California and the Philippines for three days of learning, laughing and friendship. Quota Int'l. board members and special guests will also attend so members will be visiting from Florida, Louisiana, Ohio, Australia, and Canada along with Executive Director Kathleen Treiber from Washington, D.C.

West Area Director Vicki Conable (she's visited our club) will lead the meeting and she has created a dynamic agenda of information and fun to enjoy. Vicki has asked PIP Charlotte to present a program about her experiences as a deaf person in a hospital environment. She plans it to be entertaining and informative.

Got a special question you'd like answered from the QI leaders? Give it to Charlotte at Wednesday's meeting. Got a special number you want to play on the roulette wheel? Give it to Charlotte at Wednesday's meeting!

Let's Start a K-9 Quota Club!



Past Governor Pam Fees, a member of the former Hawthorne Quota Club, stays in touch with us through receiving the monthly Tid-Bitz. She sent along great photo of herself and her deaf dog, Baba, with a funny story about returning to Obedience School. Pam tells it better than I can...

Baba is a lifelong learner. Even though she completed her Dog Obedience Training 7 years ago, we decided to enroll in another class.

In hindsight, I don't know what I was thinking!

We participated in a 10 week class. Week 1 was tough, with one of the instructor's assistants calling Baba "out of control". Hey, there were 56 dogs in the class and Baba isn't usually around any dogs. We were under the best control we could muster. She was just barking a lot and didn't want anyone coming over unexpectedly and sniffing her.

I was almost expelled on week 2. I took exception to the same assistant berating Baba and saying perhaps she should have a pinch collar. We were performing admirably at the time of this comment. It turned into a slight confrontation when I responded to her, pointing out the present successful maneuver, and she said, "Obviously, you know more about training dogs than I do."

I starting responding to her again (OK, maybe it was building up to cussing her out) under my breath ... well I guess it wasn't really UNDER my breathe, but kind of loud...so she "told" on us and the instructor came over to follow us around in the next exercise.

When Baba lunged back at a dog who "started it first", the instructor shook a can filled with rocks to startle Baba. I jumped and applied the corrective action required. When we finished the exercise, he said, "That dog didn't react to the can. What's the matter with her? Is she deaf?" When I said, "Yes, she is" his attitude changed. He said he'd need to "cut us some slack" and explain to the others that she needed some extra accommodations. I guess the Americans with Disabilities Act applies to dogs, too.

By week 4 the assistant was now coming over and petting the poor, deaf dog and telling her how good she was. She started focusing on other dogs to berate after that.

Well, we did end up graduating! By the end of series she wasn't barking through the entire class, she would nip at only 1 dog per night that invaded her space, and she was performing her tasks well. We celebrated when we got home with prime rib bones from Lawry's.

The cutest kid in the Army! June Shafer's 2 year old grandson, Isacc Shafer, son of June's middle son, Marc.



Our official club greeter, Sophie Petrie



Want to Go on a Tour? Quota Plans Visit House Ear Institute

Planning details are still in the works, but mark your calendars for a possible tour of the House Ear Institute in January. The early requested date is Monday, January 10.

Members from the Morro Bay Quota Club are making it a field trip for the tour and have invited other District 33 members to participate. PIP and HEI Board Member Charlotte is working out the details. Stay tuned in the Tidz!



Good Old People News...

I see by my invitation list that the Boy Scouts of America are honoring **Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz** at their annual dinner on Oct. 29. Event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Monrovia. This recognition is well-deserved, but I doubt that Mary Ann was ever a Boy Scout. Makes me wonder if she was a Girl Scout or maybe a Camp Fire Girl. Or, better yet, a pre-Camp Fire Girl. We were called BlueBirds. Any other BlueBirds out there? I loved my little red suspenders!

They're breeding again! **Penny Arroyo** was so proud and practically glowing as she announced the birth of her first grandbaby at our last meeting. Baby Gwendolyn was born on June 24 and was 6 lbs. 3 oz. Hope Penny brings some photos to the next meeting. And **Betty Sandford** is a Great-Grandma for the second time. First great-granddaughter Zoe (21 months) is now joined by baby Jules, born on Oct. 8 and weighing in at 8 lbs. 9 ozs. Baby Jules is named, proudly, after her late great-grandfather. As Betty tells it, Zoe was none too happy about being dethroned as Queen of the Sandford Clan at first, but all agree that she'll get over it!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct. 20	Our regular monthly meeting. Do come.
Nov. 17	Our regular monthly meeting. Can you say "turkey lunch?"
Nov. 22-23	Service opportunity - Unity Center Thanksgiving distribution days
Dec. 2	Monrovia's Christmas Parade (a Thursday night) in Old Town
Dec. 15	Our regular monthly meeting -or- our Christmas party/auction???
Dec. 19 & 21	Service opportunity - Unity Center Christmas distribution days

Note: Pres. Laura will undoubtedly receive sign-up sheets for volunteering at the Foothill Unity Center's food distribution days, but if you want to get in the good list early, call the Center at 358-3486.

Birthdays

Not a soul was born in October.

Okay, make that not a Quota soul in our club was born in October unless we learn that either of our two new members being installed are Octobabes.



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With a motto of "we share," Quotarians are known especially for their service to deaf, hard-of-hearing, and speech-impaired individuals and disadvantaged women and children. Quota members share the values of serving and encouraging others, developing friendships, and promoting international understanding.