



# The Great Region 8

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# 5<sup>th</sup> Region Conference St. Augustine, Florida April 26-28, 2019

## Ahoy Mateys:

The 2019 Region 8 Conference location has been finalized.....Yeah! The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held in St. Augustine Beach, Florida at the new **Embassy Suites Oceanfront Resort**. Thanks Jenny Harvey and Kathy Lobinsky (St. Augustine Club) for joining Robin and me and agreeing to be on the Planning Committee. These ladies have great contacts in St. Augustine !!!

**Mark your calendars for April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> or plan to come early and stay late to enjoy the beach and the city for a great vacation getaway.**

The Conference Committee has been **“hard”** at work visiting the new site and making plans for the upcoming Region 8 Quota Conference. (See the photo of **“hard-hat”** tour top right.)

How appropriate! We will be celebrating Quota International’s 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary in the oldest city in America!

We are so excited about the announcement of Nancy Fitzpatrick from Quota International. She has accepted the position of Quota International Interim Executive Director. Nancy has a great history with Quota and will be a wonderful asset to Quota International. (See Page 3 and get to know Nancy. )

This month’s newsletter is filled with articles of great service projects from our Region 8 clubs. What an awesome group of Quotarians we have in Region 8! I am so proud of our members and their dedication and support to their communities. Congratulations to everyone for JOBS WELL DONE. Keep up the great work.

Here is to another 100+ years of Quota!

Region 8 Director  
Patsy



Kathy Lobinsky, Jenny Harvey  
R8 Director Patsy, Sec-Treasurer Robin



## Quota Board Appoints Interim Executive Director

Source: QI Blog – September 7, 2018

Quota International President Emilie Simon announced the appointment of Nancy Fitzpatrick to the position of Quota International Interim Executive Director effective today. In addition to overseeing day-to-day operations at the Quota office in Washington, D.C., Nancy will be partnering with the Board of Directors in assessing new, cost-effective directions for moving Quota forward.

Nancy Fitzpatrick previously served as Quota's Deputy Executive Director (1997 to 2013) and Director of Membership (1994-1997) and authored Quota's two most recent strategic initiatives, *Leaders as Listeners* and *Creating the Quota of Tomorrow*. In addition, Nancy was the architect of the launching of the We Share Foundation in 2000, and she served as the Managing Editor of *The Quotarian* magazine during the magazine's 10 award-winning years, 1993 to 2013. Nancy possesses a Master's degree in Business from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, USA.

"The Board of Directors and I warmly welcome Nancy back at this important juncture in our beloved organization's history," said President Emilie. "Nancy is deeply committed to Quota, our members, and our ideals, and she is thrilled to be serving Quota members once again."

Nancy Fitzpatrick replaces Barbara Schreiber, who served as Executive Director from 2013-2018.





## VALDOSTA REMEMBERS GRANDPARENTS' DAY

*Source: Patsy Permenter, Club Facebook Page*

When the recipients received their meal provided by "Break Bread" on Grandparents' Day, they also received a gift bag from QI of Valdosta in honor of this special day. Gift bags included light bulbs, toilet tissue, bars of soap, lotion, toothpaste, Kleenex tissue, Fig Newtons, pudding, fruit cups, word search books, a lap blanket, notepads and pens.



## PLANTATION NEWBORN GIFT BAGS

*Source: Anne Llewellyn, Club Facebook Page*

When Plantation Quotarian Anne Llewellyn dropped six bags filled with baby items at Plantation hospital, the receptionists loved them so much, they wanted to take them home. As Anne was waiting to check in, two young women arrived to have their babies. She reports that they looked scared, but hopeful. They loved the bags and hoped they would receive one for their babies. "Fun putting smiles on the faces of new moms!" says Anne.



## SAINT AUGUSTINE HANDBAG PROJECT

Source: Club's Facebook Page

Club members Kathy Lobinsky, Jane Curtan, Lisa Licata, Bette Rosenthal, Dena Hackett, and Crystal, plus donor Diane Felts all gave lady's handbags to QI of Saint Augustine for this project.

Quotarian Jenny Harvey (left), Handbags USA President Cathlene Miner (center), and Theresa Kleir-Mistie of Wells Fargo (right) delivered donations of gently used handbags filled with toiletries to High Tide Gallery on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of their Artwalk Event that evening.



## Coral Springs/Parkland Participates

### “It’s a Deaf Thing” Expo – October 6, 2018

*by PIP Laura Lahman*

QI Coral Springs/Parkland is pleased to be participating in the 2nd Annual “It’s A Deaf Thing” expo planned for October 6, 2018 in Lakeland, FL in support of Quota’s Mission Statement. This event, in conjunction with National Deaf Awareness month, provides information about goods and services of interest to the Deaf community as well as a chance for folks to socialize. It also provides a way for their club to disseminate information about their amazing volunteers and organization.

The inaugural expo held in September 2017 was attended by over 1000 members of the Deaf Community in spite of Hurricane Irma. Those who attended were able to wander among 40 booths from 36 different vendors. This year’s event will also include traditional booth exhibits. In addition, it will include a Talent Show and Art/Craft show featuring Deaf and Hard of Hearing artists.

If your Club is interested in supporting this event, please reach out to [laura.lahman@ge.com](mailto:laura.lahman@ge.com).



# NORTHSIDE ATLANTA

## DEAF STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Source: Judi Emerson, Excerpts from Press Release

Tyler Rosenbluth and Benjamin Weiser are the recipients of the **2018 John T. Wheeler Memorial Scholarship** awarded by Quota International of Northside Atlanta. The annual college scholarship is awarded to deaf/hard of hearing Georgia high school seniors who excel academically and socially. Despite each students' hearing loss, Tyler and Benjamin have been recognized by Quota for their outstanding achievements during their high school years. Tyler has been accepted at the University of Michigan to enter into the biopsychology, cognition, or neuroscience program. Benjamin will begin his university studies at The University of Richmond studying political science.



Tyler Rosenbluth (left)  
2017-18 President Marcia Morrison



Quotarian Margaret Wheeler (left)  
Benjamin Weiser (right)

Northside Atlanta's "Moving Onward and Upward to University Life" scholarship program was created to memorialize John T. Wheeler (Tommy) who became the first deaf aerospace engineer at NASA, where he worked for 38 years. He was a pioneer in the early development of virtual reality astronaut training programs and established the NASA Space Camp for the Deaf. Tommy was the husband of Margaret Wheeler, one of the longtime members of QI Northside Atlanta.

## FORT LAUDERDALE BACKPACK PROGRAM



For many years QI of Fort Lauderdale has partnered with the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale North Beach in purchasing backpacks and filling them with back to school items for the children of God's Little Lambs who are attending school for the first time.

This year another organization actually purchased the backpacks for the children so QI Fort Lauderdale and RC-FLNB purchased items to fill the backpacks – two shirts, a new pair of shoes, socks and all the usual items a child needs for school.

God's Little Lambs needed a new play kitchen, so backpack funds were diverted to purchase the new stove and oven pictured above.

## AZALEA CITY JR. QUOTA CLUB

*Source: President Amy Hickox*



QI Azalea City has a Jr. Quota Club at Lighthouse Christian School in Valdosta. They are a fabulous group of young adults and continue to amaze with their giving attitude. These JQ's raised money this year to help with the playground at their school. Pictured above (left) are the students at their playground dedication ceremony. Pictured above (right) JQ's present Quotarian Leila Brown with a certificate of recognition.

JQ'S of Azalea City also help the club with their annual Ham Sale and do a great job!

"We are blessed to have them as a part of our Quota club!" says President Amy Hickox.

# Region 8 Important Dates

### CLUB ACTIVITIES

SEP 15	Plantation	Miss Piggy Luncheon
OCT 27	Plantation	Halloween Party
NOV 3	Fort Lauderdale	Fall Party (Zeber)
NOV 4	Plantation	Bunco
DEC 8	Fort Lauderdale	Holiday Party
DEC 8	Northside Atlanta	Holiday Party
DEC ____	Plantation	Holiday Party
DEC ____	CS / P	Signing Santa - County
DEC ____	Fort Lauderdale	Signing Santa - Peters'
JAN 19	Plantation	Greek Night
MAR ____	Fort Lauderdale	Fashion Show
APR 6	Plantation	Fashion Show
APR ____	CS / P	Fashion Show
Apr 26-28	Region 8	5th Annual Conference
MAY ____	Valdosta	"Taste of Valdosta"