

# Quota International of Fort Lauderdale <u>The Chatterbox</u> – July 2017



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#### **NEW WEBSITE**

qifortlauderdale.com

#### **FACEBOOK**

www.facebook.com/QuotaInternationalOfFortLauderdale

### Summer Kick-Off "Potluck" Party

Our Ways and Means Committee didn't let any grass grow under their feet. They held our first "Operations" fundraiser on July 11<sup>th</sup> and the whole theme was built around the date 7-11. Everything was 7-11! Below, Chair Nancy Seddon, "Do we have surprises for you!"







Nancy & Tom Seddon



Nan Mercer



Ways & Means Committee and Nan, thank you for putting all of this

Members,

food

was

together!

**Emily McCrater** 



Laura, Nan, Lou





















Nancy Seddon & Nancy Peirce



Fr Ron Hayde & Carol Zeber



## And then there were games, prizes included!



















## **Regional Director Elinor was a big winner!**







## Wheel of Fortune! Quota Style!



### **God's Little Lambs Playground**



From the Executive Director of God's Little Lambs, "A spectacular playground (pictured above), along with poured rubber surface and a fabulous trike track has been completed! We are so grateful to the generous supporters of this ministry!" QI of Fort Lauderdale donated \$2000 to help in GLL's relocation.

# August Raffle Prize Denise Naylor August 1, 2017





Nancy Seddon 7/21

### **IT'S TRUE**

"One man's trash is another man's treasure!"

Pictured right is Nan Mercer, thrilled that someone left an almost new child's car seat to be thrown out. Nan retrieved it and gave it to God's Little Lambs.

Be on the lookout and make it known that you have an outlet for gently used children's items.



Nan Mercer

# 2017 Scholarships

Scholarship checks have been sent to the respective colleges and universities of our three 2017 Scholarship recipients.



**Brendan Hardie,** a 2017 graduate of Fort Lauderdale High School, won the club's 2017 Community Service Award for logging 1343 hours of community service during his high school years.

That time was spent volunteering on and off stage in about 25 productions at the Florida Children's Theatre, formerly Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre. He also spent time interning in their Storybook Adventures camp and assisting in their office.

In addition to working with the children's theatre, Brendan managed the Swimming, Diving & Water Polo team of Fort Lauderdale High, assisting the team and coaches throughout games for about two years.

Emmanuel College in Boston, Massachusetts, is very lucky to have this new student!

Alyissa Celestin, spent her freshman through junior college years at Tennessee State University. She is now a senior at Alabama State University, and continues to major in speech pathology. Alyissa is involved in student government and the student outreach mentoring program. She mentors at local elementary schools and the Boys and Girls Club. During her summer break, Alyissa volunteered at Blanche Ely High School.





Carina Avellaneda is a hard of hearing student who attends Broward College. She is taking courses which will enable her to become an event planner. Carina wears a hearing aid and was "main streamed" in local schools until she attended Plantation High School. It was there that she met her first deaf friends who taught her sign language. Carina is now fluent in three languages – Spanish, English and American Sign Language.

# Celebrating Our 60 Years

A monthly highlight of QI of Fort Lauderdale's historical accomplishments.

Poster Child for 1987 Better Hearing and Speech Month Campaign

Jason Juan Aristy, age 5, of Hollywood, Florida, has been named the 1987 national poster child for Better Hearing and Speech Month. Aristy emerged as the winner from more than 170 entries across the United States. Jason was sponsored by the Quota Club of Fort Lauderdale and served as its poster child this year.

Jason, son of Juan and Nurys Aristy, has a severe-to-profound hearing loss as a result of nerve deafness. His hearing loss was diagnosed at 11 months of age, and he has been involved in the Florida Public School System since he was 16 months old.

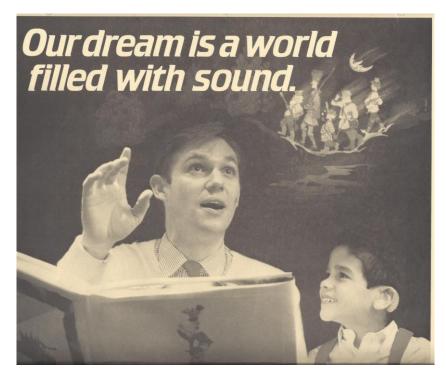
Jason wears two hearing aids and attends kindergarten at the Pasadena Lakes Elementary School where he participates in a total communication program using speech and sign language. This year the school introduced an FM system by which the teacher's voice is transmitted directly to the aids of the hearing-impaired child.

The Council annually promotes the contest as part of the activities leading up to a nationwide public awareness campaign during May, which is designated as Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Jason, along with Richard Thomas, Celebrity Chairman of Better Hearing & Speech Month, will kick off activities in Washington, D.C. where they will take part in a parade and visit the White House, Congressional offices, and the media.

The Council for Better Hearing and Speech Month is sponsored by the following nonprofit organizations: Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, American Auditory Society, American Hearing Research Foundation, American Tinnitus Association, Better Hearing Institute, Boys Town National Institute for Communication Disorders in Children, Delta Zeta Sorority and Foundation, Gallaudet University, Hearing Industries Association, House Ear Institute, National Captioning Institute, National Hearing Aid Society, National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Quota International, and Sertoma Foundation.





Actor Richard Thomas
And
Jason Aristy
National Poster Child

QI FORT LAUDERDALE'S ENTRY



# Quota V Neck T-shirts All sizes for \$20 USD/each



Gildan soft style V neck cotton tees style: royal blue

A number of you are asking how you can get the Quota blue v neck t-shirts you saw staff wearing at a Regional Meeting. The cotton t-shirts are now available for \$20.00 USD for all sizes from Small – 3XL. These comfortable shirts will look great on you and your members at your next event.

All sizes (Small - 3XL) are \$20.00 USD including free domestic shipping, for a limited time.

\*Your club name can be added for free, with orders of 24 or more.

\*For shipping options and pricing from outside the US, contact staff@quota.org

# WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE Suggested next outing — If interested, A Sign-up sheet being passed around tonight!

## A Sweet Day Out - SUNDAY, 9/24/17 at 1 PM

Schakolad Chocolate Factory, 1303A SE 17th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

A Sweet Day/Night Out is a two-hour, private chocolate experience designed for team-building or just gathering of friends. This will be a memorable, high-energy event that you'll be talking about long after the day is over. The price, which includes playing with "the food of Gods" and treats to take home, is \$30 per person\*\*.

NOTE: We must have a minimum of 10 guests to book our date.

Maximum 20 attendees per party, but if we have more than

20 people interested, we can book a 2<sup>nd</sup> date.

#### The program is designed for full and maximum participation and includes:

- 1. A private "behind the retail counter" tour of Schakolad Chocolate Factory
- 2. An overview of "The History of Chocolate", Health and Benefits and Fun Facts hosted by our chocolate expert
- 3. Hands on molding of a themed design
- 4. Dip three different treats in the amazing fresh flowing chocolate machines
- 5. Write their own name on a chocolate plaque and decorate it
- 6. Drink delicious chocolate drink made just for the group
- 7. Competition among the groups. The chocolate expert will judge who assembled the best chocolate house.

\*\*We can upgrade the event by adding a chocolate fountain with fresh fruit and other goodies to dip in as well as having specialty drinks or ice-cream for \$40 per person.

(Same activities + the chocolate fountain.)

PLEASE RSVP Nancy Seddon Immediately in order to secure date.
1-609-617-8276

# EXCERPT FROM PACE THANK YOU FOR QI FORT LAUDERDALE \$250 DONATION FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE GIRLS.





"Your recent contribution will help us with our mission to provide girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. We rely on gifts of time, talent, and treasure from individuals like you to improve the lives of girls and young women across the state of Florida and beyond. Thank you again for your support"

