



Quota International of Fort Lauderdale
The Chatterbox – December 2019

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 7th – 6:00 pm

Elks Lodge

240 W Prospect Road
Oakland Park, FL 33309



2020 PARTY!

Saturday, January 18th

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Zeber Home

\$20.00 per person

Main Dish Honey Baked Ham

BYOB & Side Dish, Salad, or Dessert

Please RSVP



January 5th
Carole Hart

**Belated
Kathleen
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Dec 21st**

Signing Santa Party

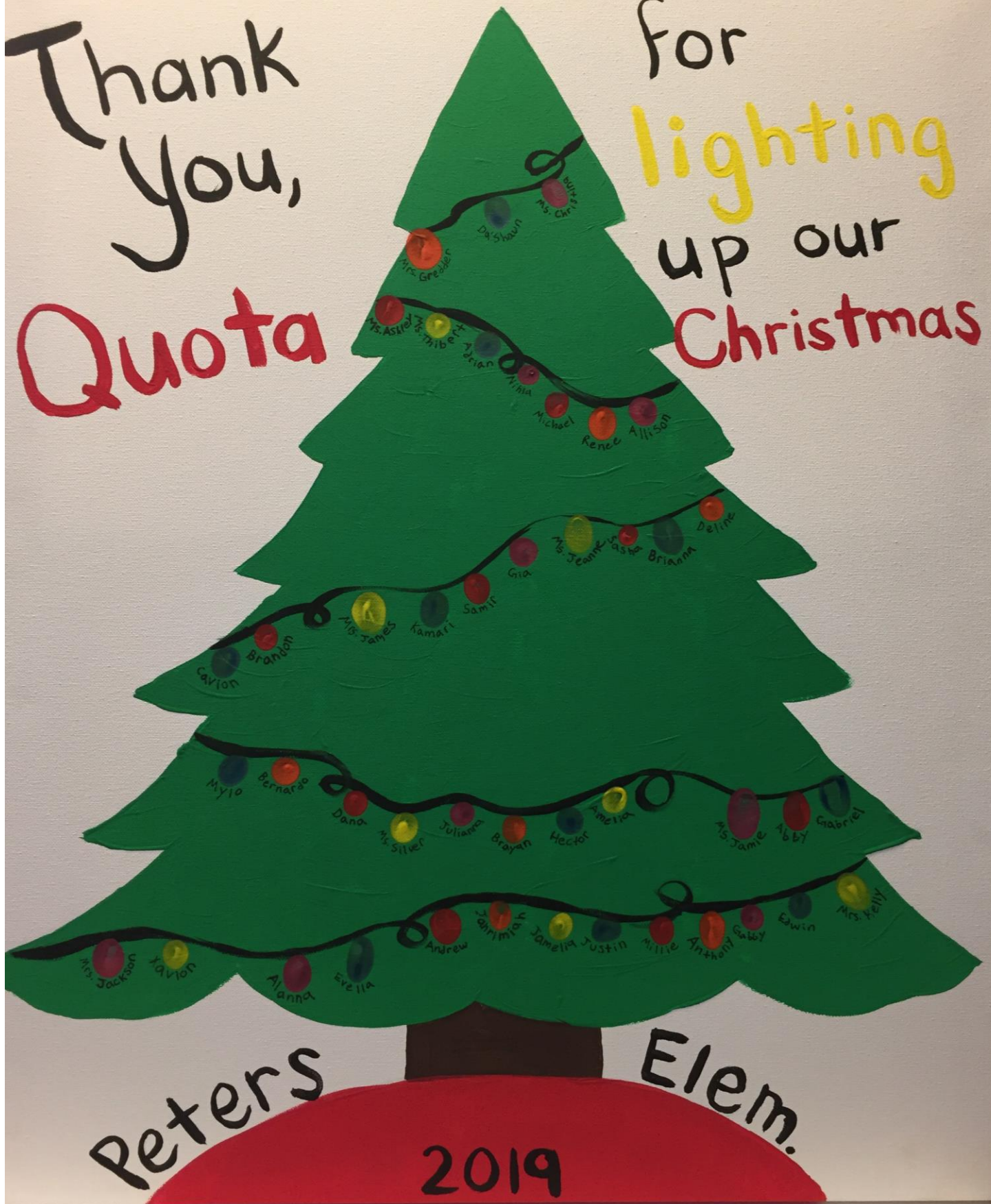


QI Fort Lauderdale has been giving Signing Santa Christmas parties to deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children since 1982. For many of those years Ellie Conway was responsible for coordinating and purchasing everything. This year she shared responsibilities with Carol Zeber and Denese Edsall.

Forty-two (42) children were entertained by Santa on Tuesday, December 17th. Presents given to them this year were sets of emergency vehicles for boys, and plastic purses which included "girly" items for older girls. Ellie and daughter Jamie purchased delightful stuffed animals and books for the little ones. See above right Ellie, Carol and Ken Zeber. Ken loaded the car!

Thank
You,
Quota

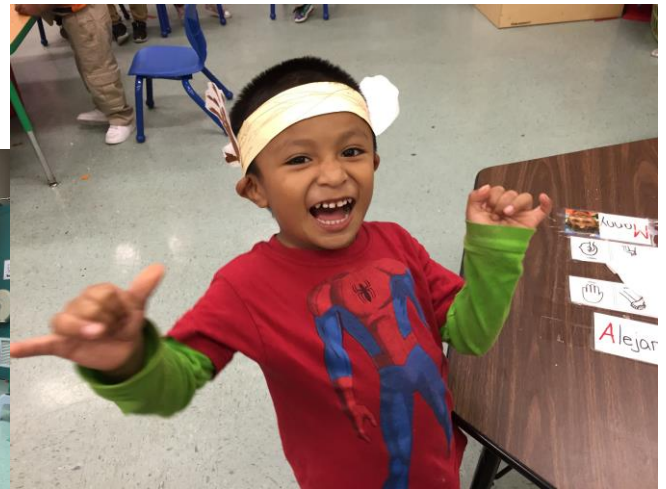
for
lighting
up our
Christmas



Markham Elementary



Pre-K Special Ed children of Markham Elementary celebrated with a Pizza Party on Thursday, December 19th, their last day of school before the Christmas holiday break. Teacher Laura Van Epps (pictured bottom right) chose, purchased and wrapped Fisher Price Smart Tablets paid for by QI of Fort Lauderdale. The children were so excited!



GOD'S LITTLE LAMBS Holiday Food Delivery



Baskets of food were delivered to ten (10) God's Little Lambs families on Friday, December 20th. Items for a complete family dinner were included, as well as \$25 Publix Gift Cards – four donated by Publix and six donated by Quotarian Sue Sweeney. Many thanks to Publix and Sue for their donations. The families were able to purchase turkeys and desserts with these gift cards.

Continuing with Laura Capolino's idea from last year, President Emily ordered the food online and had it delivered to GLL. Dorothy Seibert and Carol Zeber packed the baskets and collapsible bags an hour after the items arrived.

Pictured upper right corner is teacher Lenora icing cookies for the children.

HAPPY HOLIDAY LETTER FROM QI PRESIDENT EMILIE

Dear Quota Members,

How do you say *Happy Holidays*? In my home country of the Philippines we say, *Maligayang Pasko* at *Manigong Bagong Taon*. Perhaps *Felices Fiestas*, *Joyeuses Fetes*, *Prettige Feestdagen*, *Buone Feste*, *Selamat Hari Raya*, or *Happy Holidays*, *Mates*, is more familiar to you!

The holiday season is upon us, a magical time of year. No matter where we call home in Quota's world or what language we speak, Quotarians are connected together this special time of year through our shared joy in serving those in need. We are a wonderful worldwide family.

Did you know that the seeds of Quota International were planted *101 years ago this month* at a holiday party? Our Founder, Wanda Frey Joiner, became inspired to launch our beloved organization when attending a special Kiwanis Christmas event "for ladies" in December 1918, and two months later Quota Club International, Incorporated, was a reality.

In December 2019, 101 years later, Quota's Board of Directors met together in person, to discuss and determine its proposal for our organization's future structure. We will be announcing our proposed plans for ensuring the future of our clubs in early January 2020, just a few short weeks away.

Meanwhile, I have good news to report. We were successful in selling the second of our four office units earlier this month. On December 2, we sold Unit 5, the largest of our units, for US\$510,000, US\$15,000 below our asking price of US\$525,000. Because most of our workspaces were located in that unit, we have leased a rental office space located in our current building on the same floor as the two units that have not yet sold. The leased unit is 600-square feet (down from our approximately 3,000 square feet of owned space) and it will be our new home moving forward.

The two QI Office units that remain unsold include Unit 6, which houses our tenant plus the Quota kitchen and storage room, and Unit 7, which houses our work room, copier, and one workspace. We have had interest in the remaining units, but no contracts as of yet. Once these two units sell, we will consolidate all of our operations into the 600-square foot leased unit, renting outside storage, if necessary. Our annual occupancy expenses will be greatly reduced at that time.

In closing, please allow me to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Joyous Holiday Season. Quota's members are our organization's greatest blessing, and we thank you for all that you do in Quota's name in service to your community and our world.



QI Board of Directors

Sincerely,

President Emilie Simon

