

Mary Guentner
Quota International of Freeport, IL

When considering a member to be named Volunteer of the Year we immediately thought of Mary Guentner. Mary says "Of course, Quota Club is a top priority." She's a 27 year member and still loves to sell Radio Days ads on our local radio station. It's our biggest fundraiser and Mary has been an integral part of it for many years. She loves to interact with people and answer questions about Quota Club.

Mary's church activities are very important to her. She helped welcome a refugee family from Vietnam when her church sponsored them. Having no car for the first 4 years here, they depended on Mary to coordinate trips to the doctor, dentist, Health Dept., grocery store, school, church, etc. In 2006 the family received their citizenship and Mary was excited to see their smiling faces at the ceremony. Mary says "It was a great experience for me since I have no family. I sort of adopted them!"

Mary has helped register people for flu shots at Freeport Health Network, is active at our local Humane Society (she especially loves cats), is secretary of the Stephenson County Genealogy Society, volunteers for our local Meals on Wheels program and PADS (our local homeless shelter).

Mary personally sponsors overseas children (from Haiti and the Philippines). She spent time in a Haiti mission to visit her girl & family...a fulfilling experience.

Mary embodies the true spirit of volunteerism and we're proud to nominate her 2007 Volunteer of the Year.