

2007 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

It is with great pleasure that we put forth our club recipient for the Volunteer of the Year Award as being Maureen Taylor.

Maureen has been a dedicated charter member of the Penticton Club since 1984. Over the years, she has served on all the Executive positions, sometimes for as many as four years each in some of these positions. From there she went on to being the District 11 Lt. Governor, Governor and then served as the Canada Area Director from 2004 to 2006.

This past year, as she finished up her Canada Area Directorship and attended the Convention in Australia, she kindly stepped in and took over the club Presidency as our existing President could not continue in her position any longer.

Maureen spent countless hours assisting the club treasurers polishing and finishing the financial statements and budgets to be in the required format for our gaming commission through which we receive our largest income.

At the same time, Maureen worked with the Local Bylaws committee updating our bylaws.

The largest project we have ever completed is our Early Infant Hearing Testing which we have been continually pursuing for the last 9 years. As this year's President, Maureen was very instrumental in meticulously and persistently corresponding with the Okanagan Interior Health Authority to finish the complicated contracts and agreements we insisted upon to configure this service to be delivered in Penticton and for all babies, as opposed to just the at-risk newborns. She was successful and was able to include this milestone in our 1st Annual Charity Night in April where she presented the funds to complete this goal.

As per our District Bylaws, a past Governor is required to head the District Audit and Advisory Committee and Maureen stepped up and gladly completed that along with being the Chairman for the Budget and Finance Committee as well.

Maureen has been spending a lot of extra time working behind the scenes in conjunction this year with Liz Revell as a member of the Canada Area Website committee.

We have watched Maureen have a complicated challenging year in her own family life and yet, she has always given us 110 percent of her efforts without ever questioning it.

She took it upon herself to print off personalized Quota business cards for everyone in the club but the real advertisement we feel that counts, is how she proudly presents herself in the community as a successful Quotarian in all circles of her life.

We would like you to join us in recognizing Maureen Taylor as our 2007 Volunteer of the Year!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Blackwell, Quota International of Penticton