

Kathy Zuendel

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF PLANTATION, INC.

Quota International of Plantation, Florida, proudly awarded its 2007 Volunteer of the Year Award to Quotarian Kathy Zuendel who has been an exceptional member of our club and outstanding advocate in her community.

Kathy is involved in a number of volunteer and mentoring programs in the South Florida area. Since her retirement from the City of Hollywood in 2005, she has put her energies into her volunteer efforts. Examples include: Secretary of the Board of Directors of Sun Credit Union, an active member of the Red Hat Society, and member of her local church where she participates in several activities including working at the church Thrift Store.

In addition, she is involved in many organizations that focus on children. Examples include: Diamonds in the Rough Youth Golf Program whose mission is to ensure that all youth, regardless of social/economic background, have an opportunity to learn and play golf. Kathy also is involved in the mentoring program for Big Brother/Big Sisters of Broward County where for the past 2 years she has tutored a child from Sheridan Park Elementary School. Locally, she is active in the community where she lives as a member of the Sunshine Club where she has been the Treasurer since 1991.

Kathy and her husband Tom relocated to South Florida in 1989 from Ohio. Kathy has two sons, and 5 grandchildren. She and Tom love to travel and enjoy camping in their 26' Trail Lite Travel Trailer. When she was asked how she wants to be remembered, she said, "I hope when I am gone, the things said about me will never be about my weight or the color of my hair. I hope that they say "she gave of herself selflessly with love, kindness and compassion and didn't say 'no' very often at all."

Kathy joined Quota in January 2005. Since that time she has been an active member, serving as the club as Member of the Board of Directors and has agreed to share her expertise in financial management by assuming the role of Club Treasurer in May 2007. Since joining Quota, Kathy has been the primary liaison between the Club and Women in Distress; has expanded the New Born Baby Project to a second hospital in the community; and introduced an opportunity to celebrate Quota Cares Month by coordinating a project to provide essential toiletries for the elderly in the community with the Hope Outreach Center, Inc.

To educate members about the organizations to which we contribute, Kathy has invited guest speakers to explain their organizations and for them to learn about Quota. Kathy has attended several of the District Conferences and Area Meetings since joining Quota and has supported the other South Florida Clubs' Fashion Shows. She has been diligent in learning the history of Quota so she can investigate ways to better use her skills. Kathy has been a motivating member to our organization and we look forward to working with her in the coming years.