

It is with great pleasure that Quota International of Bismarck-Mandan nominates Shirley Martz as our Volunteer of the Year for 2011. Shirley was the 1949 Charter President of Quota International of Minot, North Dakota, USA, and served as President of that club more than once. Since moving and transferring her membership to the Bismarck-Mandan Club in 2007, Shirley has served as our club Treasurer.

Shirley is a pioneer Certified Public Accountant and the *first female* CPA in North Dakota. At the time she obtained her CPA certificate, there were fewer than 20 CPAs for the entire state and very few other female CPAs in the United States. She is one of the women featured in "Women of True Grit", a recent book about outstanding women leaders.

Shirley is an inspirational "spark plug" for our club members! Her wit and humor is hilarious and she can brighten a room with just her presence.

She is especially endearing to the Bismarck-Mandan members since the Minot club was inspiration in chartering our club in 1977. Shirley provided many members the opportunity to experience the Quota spirit of sharing and service.

We are so proud to have Shirley in our club as she is a Quotarian in her "heart" and has been for over 62 years, a milestone reached by very few in the 92 year history of Quota International.

We are indeed fortunate to have special members like Shirley and we applaud her motivation, dedication and love of our organization.