

Volunteer of the Year
Yvonne Swartz
Quota International of St. Augustine

Quota International of St. Augustine would like to recognize Yvonne Swartz as our Volunteer of the Year. Yvonne has been a member of our club since we began only two short years ago. Yvonne has held office for both years. Our first year, she was the Secretary and now in our second year she is actively doing positions of both Secretary and Treasurer. Before moving to St. Augustine, Yvonne was a member PRIDE (PARENTS REALLY INVOLVED IN DEAF EDUCATION) for five years. She was the Secretary for two years and the Treasurer for 3 years.

While in South Florida, Yvonne did a lot of advocating for groups for the deaf in South Florida. She was a member of a group that met with Broward County officials every month and she was also a member of a group of parents that met with the school officials. She became an official sign language interpreter for the school system.

Yvonne has been an inspiration and important member to our club. Yvonne contacted the Woman's Refuge of St. John County and found out the needs of their program. She asked the group to get together toiletries and clothes so she could bring to these women on behalf of our Quota club.

Yvonne found a company that takes old cell phones and printers and other electronics and gives money by weight. All electronics that Yvonne collected were turned in and we received money which went to our Club for other donations. Yvonne was an active part of the onsite project in which we collected toiletries and other items for the middle school and high school aged children at FSDB(Florida School for the Deaf and Blind). These items were brought to the school and given to the dorm advisors. This event was covered by our local newspaper. Yvonne contacts the school every year and has some of the elementary students write Christmas cards to the soldiers over seas.

Yvonne is an inspiration to all of us in our club on what helping others is all about. She is selfless and does so much to help our community. Yvonne portrays a willingness to help others. Quota International of ST. Augustine is so lucky to have Yvonne and is excited to call her our Volunteer of the Year.