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# In Memoriam



## Past Club President

### Robyn Towersey

Quota International of Opotiki

August 27, 2019



From Quota International Vice President Jan Rhodes:

It is a privilege for me to pay tribute to Robyn as she is farewelled by family and friends. I am sorry not to be there in person, to pay my respects and show my admiration of Robyn.

Less than four weeks ago, Robyn was still cheerfully replying to messages from me, with her own special brand of humour and thoughtfulness. She made the last stages of her journey a positive one for all who cared for her.

I appreciate having our Quota Region 21 Regional Director Lois Watson, reading these words on my behalf.

From an international perspective, I would like to pay tribute to Robyn's passion for the international service arm of Quota's outreach. This page that Lois is reading from has a lovely photo of Robyn with a group of us in 1920's outfits, at the 2018 Convention held in Washington DC. Even two years ago, we were uncertain that Robyn would be well enough to attend, but in her usual style, she found the strength to make the long trip. Over the many years of Robyn's membership in Quota, she attended numerous international conventions, including Orlando, Nashville, Gold Coast, Cincinnati and Hawaii. She was always very distinctive wearing her Quota vest, heavily adorned with the many pins and badges she had collected over the years.

Robyn was also well known for the skill she had in raising funds and her bucket waving routine and enthusiasm as she circled a room gathering donations was legendary.

So many causes benefitted from Robyn's enthusiasm and passion and Quota events will never be quite the same without her. As an organisation, we are truly fortunate and proud to have had Robyn as one of our own. Her journey with poor health has been a long and brave one and she now deserves to rest in peace.

I saw these words recently on a memorial stone and they seem fitting for Robyn. They were written by the poet Khalil Gibran:

When you are sorrowful look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.