

## NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

(Installation of International President, Carol Smith, 1997/98)

By Mary Nebeker

When Carol asked me to do her installation, I thought this is pay back time for my talking her into running for an International Office the year I was the International Nominating Chairman and so am honored she asked me to install her tonight.

Carol has encountered a lot of changes, challenges and resistance as she has worked her way up to the chairs and I am also confident that she would not trade away the wonderful growing experience she has had.

Edna Machesny said, "We are so much like violins, frames with sensitive strings, the touch of the hand that holds the bow, determines the music it brings."

Each year we come together throughout all of International to meet - to take care of association business, network extensively, and update our credit knowledge with present day and future developments.

We have the joys of renewing past friendships, enjoying updating these old friends and adding new one, to looking forward to future relationships and added knowledge.

Our first part of business is to complete the 1996/97 year under President Barbara Hall. She has had a very busy year leading us to "Success is a Journey, Not a Destination."

Now to move off the track and up the scale, we turn to our Incoming President, Carol Smith of District Nine.

As with each new team of officers, the 1997/98 leaders will turn their focus for the year to Carol's theme, "Noteworthy Achievements - Past, Present and Future."

An outstanding musician, Carol's theme could manifest itself in musical notes, the staff, the sheet music or how about a "Concerto for Carol."

Victor Hugo said, "Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

But a closer look: Noteworthy achievements, past, present and future.

We are celebrating this year sixty years of CPI. We're so grateful for our Past because without it, we wouldn't be here. We're all a part of the Present and our first-timers are the Future.

We must also focus on the additional benefits received through membership in Credit Professionals International; attendance at local, district and International meetings; seminars, conferences; the growth we receive through networking for ourselves and our firms.

Membership means personal and career growth.

However, remembering the past solidifies the present and guarantees the future. Our outstanding past leadership has brought us to where we are today, continuous strength will take us to a brighter future.

We are fortunate to have several of these Past International Presidents with us tonight. These very noteworthy Credit Professionals have been there and done that. Please come forward as I call your name:

Helen Sawyers  
Wanda Browne-Meade  
Sybel Plehn  
Mary Floyd  
Beulah Schofield  
Barb Hinman  
Martha Philip  
Charlotte Maness  
Terry Rowe  
Ruth Zarzedez

And now, our District Presidents. This group of noteworthy team members are the heart and soul that keeps us in tune and in harmony with the entire membership. As I introduce each of you, please come forward.

District 1	
District 2	Barb Hinman
District 3&4	Phyllis Jewett
District 5	Judy Harper
District 6	Deb Bahr
District 7	Novella Gatlin
District 8	Lillian Berger
District 9	Connie Trujillo
District 10	Nancy Holiman
District 11	Jackie Jackson
District 12	George Reineberg

With her theme in hand, and the wand ready, we will install the new officers who have been elected for their leadership abilities. We begin with Secretary/Treasurer.

I first introduce Mary Lou Addy. Mary Lou, you are asked to join Carol's team as Secretary/Treasurer. A year devoted to service to CPI and Carol to achieve new goals throughout all of International. Mary Lou, do you accept these responsibilities?

I now introduce Sharon DeShazer. Sharon, you come to Carol's team as Second Vice President. Your service for the coming year will be in the form of education and assisting Carol. Sharon, do you accept these responsibilities?

I introduce Gail Ottinger. Gail, you have been selected First Vice President. You will be

given membership and extension as your year long duties as a member of Carol's team. Gail, do you accept these responsibilities?

I now look to our leader for the coming year. May I introduce Carol Smith of District Nine and Casper, Wyoming CPI. Carol, tonight we bestow on you the highest office of our organization. We will now look to you for leadership, guidance and growth. We hand you our future and ask for dedication in return. Carol, do you accept these responsibilities?

I now turn to the District Presidents and ask for their assistance in building on the past achievements for today and new and exciting growth for the future. Will you assist Carol and her team for the coming year?

Ladies and Gentlemen, I now declare your 1997/98 officers of CPI duly installed.

Our congratulations.