

THE WINGS OF CHANGE

(Installation of International President 1983-84, Nadine Kennedy)

Your new International President has chosen "The Wings of Change" as her theme this year and the butterfly as her symbol of office. "The Wings of Change"... the very title is appropriate for what we must do at this installation. We are changing from one corps of officers to another. No change can be made without consideration of what has gone before. Under the direction of Renee Odell we have spanned this past year with our "Golden Gate of Success." We have arrived at that gate and their year was truly golden. Let us show our appreciation by applauding the retiring officers for another successful year. (Applaud)

Change is a word which has as many meanings as there are colors in a butterfly. A change is a variation, alteration or modification of what was before. We are changing officers this year and a year from now we will go through another change. Whenever a new President is installed, we the members undergo a transformation, but the greatest change is for the President and her/his corp of officers. Each will have a new duty and responsibility, each will perform the task assigned in a different manner than those who have gone before them. The very title of this years Conference "Change, Challenge, Commitment" reflects that we are in a constant state of change. New trends, new ideas, new people, all a result of change.

How like the life cycle of the butterfly will be the year in office for these members you have chosen to lead you. The development of new overlaps in each generation. As the butterfly lays its eggs which develops into a caterpillar that feeds on its surroundings, then spins its silken cocoon to await its turn to become a butterfly, this year will end and a new generation will follow.

The butterfly, that iridescent shimmer of color that floats on the warm summer breeze and flutters from flower to flower is the gem of the insect world. The hues of reds, yellows and blues, mingle with oranges, violets, and greens

to create a spectrum of delicate vividness, pleasing to the eye. And like the butterfly, the newly elected officers of Credit Professionals International must float on the wind and pollinate each flowering club, spreading the nectar of one to the petal of the next. You must plan for those who will follow while at the same time performing each assigned task. Let us assemble the officers and ask for their pledge to serve.

The District Presidents shall represent understanding and confidence. To you the International Officers will look with confidence to communicate to the membership of your Districts. You are the understanding, the foundation, the link form which new ideas will spring. Do you pledge yourselves to this task?

Treasurer _____ . Yours is the symbol of Trust and Worth. To you we have entrusted our faith in your ability to maintain the financial records of the Organization. We believe you are worthy of that trust. Do you pledge to serve?

Secretary _____ . Yours is the symbol of Truth and Loyalty. We will look to you for the factual history of our organization and for the minutes of our meetings. Do you pledge your truth and loyalty?

Third Vice President _____ . Yours is a symbol of Friendship and Growth. To you we will look for growth in our numbers. To you we will look for aids in helping our clubs and our Districts become larger. From that growth will come new friendships. Do you pledge yourself to this challenge?

Second Vice President _____ . Yours is the symbol of Beginning and Knowledge. Our most vital concern is that of Education. To have the knowledge we must begin to learn. Do you pledge to teach us?

First Vice President _____ . Yours is the symbol of Responsibility and Adventure. You are responsible to serve in the absence of the President should she/he be unable to serve. You also must be adventurous and find new areas to organize new clubs. And through you we will all be

adventurous. Do you accept this task?

President _____, Yours is the symbol of Freedom and Perfection. You have heard the pledges of your officers. As you emerge from your silken cocoon and spread your wings to fly over this next year, you must provide leadership. Credit Professionals International will grow, learn, and strive to gain the Freedom and Perfection you will expect from us. Do we have your pledge to lead?

Now lift your heads and hold them high,
Let your wings unfold to reach the sky.
The silence broken by the sound
of wind uplifting from the ground.
Your brilliant color glows in summer haze,
freedom and perfection for all your days.
Leadership is yours - a year to arrange
Credit Professionals International on "The Wings of Change."

May I present to you the members, your duly installed officers of Credit Professionals International for 1983-1984.