

WHEELS OF PROGRESS INSTALLATION

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IT IS MY SPECIAL PRIVILEGE THIS EVENING TO INSTALL THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF CREDIT WOMEN - INTERNATIONAL.

BEFORE WE BEGIN THE INSTALLATION - PRESIDENT _____ WILL YOU PLEASE STAND. JUST 12 MONTHS AGO _____ YOU ACCEPTED THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT. UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP WE HAVE (ASCENDED THE PEAKS OF CHALLENGE). WE ARE NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE SACRIFICES YOU MADE WHEN YOU ASSUMED YOUR OFFICE. WE HONOR YOU FOR YOUR DEVOTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS. AS YOU STEP BACK TO THE RANKS FROM WHICH YOU CAME AND BECOME A PAST PRESIDENT, YOU TAKE WITH YOU EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING WHICH OUR ORGANIZATION LOOKS TO YOU FOR USE IN A LEADERSHIP. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE CWI IN WHATEVER CAPACITY YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM. THANK YOU, _____ YOU HAVE EARNED THE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP.

WE HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT TAKE PICTURES DURING THE INSTALLATION. YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY AT THE END OF THE INSTALLATION TO TAKE PICTURES TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

WHEN PRIMITIVE MAN FELT THE NEED TO CREATE AND BUILD HE DISCOVERED THAT ROUND STONES MOVED MORE EASILY THAN SQUARE OR ODD SHAPES, AND THEN THE WHEEL WAS BORN. FROM THE FIRST CRUDE WHEEL CIVILIZATION PROGRESSED TO THE POTTER'S WHEEL FOR NAVIGATING, TO THE ROULETTE WHEELS OF FORTUNE, TO THE WHEEL OF THE COVERED WAGONS THAT HELPING SHAPE THE DESTINY OF OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE FANCIER WHEELS

ON THE SURREY WITH THE FRINGE ON TOP, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE EARLY STEAM RIGGIES AND THE EARLY AUTOMOBILES AND THEN ON TO THE WHEELS OF THE MORE MODERN AUTOMOBILES AND OF COURSE, THEN ON THE WHEELS OF THE GIANT BIRDS OF THE AIR, THE AIRPLANES THAT LEAVE THE GROUND TO PROGRESS AT GREAT SPEED INTO THE FUTURE.

THUS IT WAS WITH CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL. THEY BEGAN WITH A SMALL GROUP OF WOMEN WHO WERE REALLY FRIENDS WHO HAD JUST NEVER MET. THE PRIMITIVE STAGE. THEY PROGRESSED AS THE FAST MOVING POTTER'S WHEEL INTO NUMEROUS CLUBS AND THEN JOINED TO BECOME THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING THE EARLY AUTOMOBILE STAGE. THEY CONTINUE TO GROW AND MOVE INTO THE MODERN STAGE AS OUR AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY HAD GROWN, WITH WHEELS ALWAYS TURNING AND MOVING FORWARD AT A FASTER AND FASTER PACE. THEN IN THE PAST RECENT YEARS AS THE ASPIRATIONS OF CWI PROGRESSED THEY PROGRESSED WITH THE WHEELS OF THE AIRPLANE TO SOAR TO GREATER HEIGHTS IN PLANNING FOR MORE CLUBS, BROADER EDUCATION AND INCREASED MEMBERSHIP. YES, CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL IS DEFINITELY GOING FORWARD ON WHEELS OF PROGRESS. AS YOU KNOW SOMETIMES WHEELS MUST GO BACKWARD BUT ONLY TO GET INTO A BETTER POSITION TO GO FORWARD AGAIN. SO OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO GO FORWARD WITH "WHEELS OF PROGRESS."

THE DICTIONARY DEFINES THE WHEELS AS A CIRCULAR FRAME OR DISK ARRANGED TO REVOLVE ON AN AXLE.

SO IT WITH CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL. THE AXLE, OR PRESIDENT, IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WHEEL FROM WHENCE THE ACTION SHALL BE MOTIVATED. SHE SHALL POSITION THE WHEEL TO MOVE FORWARD IN MOTION. THE HUB, OR THE OFFICERS, FITS CLOSELY TO THE AXLE AS IT MOVES IN A CIRCULAR MOTION AND IN TURN SUPPORTS THE SPOKES, OR THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS. ALL PARTS ARE HELD TOGETHER BY THE RIM WHICH IS ALL OF YOU, OUR ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP. THE WHEEL NEEDS ALL PARTS MOVING TOGETHER IF THERE IS TO BE PROGRESS.

TONIGHT WE SHALL USE THE SYMBOL OF THE WHEEL IN OUR INSTALLATION. FIRST OF ALL YOU IN THE AUDIENCE FORM THE IMAGINARY RIM OF OUR GREAT WHEEL OF PROGRESS. YOU HOLD ALL PARTS TOGETHER. WITHOUT YOU THERE WOULD BE NO CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL, AND TO YOU WE GIVE HONOR, RESPECT AND ALLEGIENCE.

NEXT WE ASSEMBLE THE SPOKES. OUR 12 DISTRICT PRESIDENTS REPRESENT OUR SPOKES. EACH SPOKE REPRESENTS A DISTRICT WITHIN THE CIRCLE OF OUR ORGANIZATION. AS I CALL YOUR NAME PLEASE COME FORWARD AND TAKE YOUR PLACES.

DISTRICT ONE THROUGH THIRTEEN. (IN LOCAL INSTALLATIONS THIS IS ELIMINATED.)

AS PRESIDENT OF YOUR DISTRICT YOU AUTOMATICALLY BECOME A DIRECTOR OF THIS CORPORATION. THE SPOKE YOU REPRESENT HAS A DUAL MEANING -- A MEANING OF GUIDANCE AND WISDOM. YOU MUST EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT IN EVERY MATTER REFERRED TO YOU AND DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH PRINCIPALS AND IDEAS OF YOUR DISTRICT. IF YOU ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A DIRECTOR ANSWER - I Do.

WE SHALL NOW FORM THE HUB.

TREASURER _____ . YOURS IS A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT REQUIRES CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION. AS TREASURER YOU WILL REVIEW ALL VOUCHERS AND SEE THAT A FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CORPORATION IS MADE AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO THE BOARD. DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS? IF SO, ANSWER - I Do.

SECRETARY _____ , AS SECRETARY YOUR DUTIES REQUIRE THAT YOU ACCURATELY KEEP THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND CORPORATE ANNUAL MEETING. THE MINUTES OF OUR MEETINGS BECOME THE HISTORY OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND WILL BE REFERRED TO MANY TIMES IN THE

YEARS AHEAD. YOU WILL PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR PRESCRIBED IN THE BYLAWS OR OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN WHICH WE ARE INCORPORATED. DO YOU PROMISE TO FAITHFULLY KEEP THE RECORDS OF OUR ORGANIZATION? IF SO, ANSWER BY SAYING - I WILL.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT _____ AS 3RD VICE PRESIDENT, YOU ARE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO KEEP THE WHEELS MOVING AS YOU WORK WITH THE 12 DISTRICT THIRD VICE PRESIDENTS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP. WE ASK FOR YOUR PLEDGE TO GUARD AND PROTECT OUR MEMBERSHIP AND TO OFFER THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO NEW MEMBERS IN KEEPING WITH OUR BYLAWS. WILL YOU EXTEND YOUR HAND IN FRIENDSHIP? IF SO, ANSWER I WILL.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT _____. YOUR MAIN OBLIGATION WILL BE THAT OF EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN WITH THE DISTRICT 2ND VICE PRESIDENTS AS MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMITTEE. SINCE OUR ORGANIZATION PLACES SO MUCH EMPHASIS ON THIS PHASE OF OUR LIFE GUIDING OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IS A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT JOB. IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO STIMULATE THEIR DESIRE FOR GREATER KNOWLEDGE THROUGH STUDY OF OUR MANUAL. YOU WILL ALSO ASSIST THE PRESIDENT WHENEVER CALLED UPON, OR PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY REQUIRE. DO YOU ACCEPT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES? IF SO, ANSWER - I WILL.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT _____. ONE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT IS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND TO ACT IN THE EVENT SHE IS UNABLE TO DO SO. IT IS ALSO YOUR DUTY TO ASSIST AND CO-OPERATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO CARRY ON THE FUNCTIONS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. YOU WILL NEED TO STAND READY TO ASSIST YOUR PRESIDENT WITH HER DUTIES AND TO CARRY OUT ALL SERVICES REQUESTED BY HER OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. YOU WILL ALSO SERVE AS EXTENSION CHAIRMAN COOPERATING WITH THE DISTRICT FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS TO FORM

NEW CLUBS WHICH WILL KEEP OUR WHEELS MOVING EVER FORWARD TO EXPAND PROGRAMS OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL. DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY? IF SO, ANSWER I DO.

WE NOW ADD THE AXLE, THE PRESIDENT _____ . YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE HIGHEST OFFICE THAT CAN BE AWARDED TO A MEMBER OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL, THAT OF OUR PRESIDENT. IT CARRIES WITH IT MANY RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES WHICH YOU ARE WELL QUALIFIED TO ASSUME. LEADERSHIP REQUIRES A RARE COMBINATION OF COURAGE, HUMILITY, IMPARTIAL JUDGEMENT AND INSPIRATION. YOU HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN OTHER OFFICES WHICH WITH YOUR NATURAL ABILITY GIVES YOU A CLEAR CONCEPT OF WHAT LEADERSHIP MEANS TO CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL.

AS THE AXLE OR STABILIZER OF OUR "WHEELS OF PROGRESS" YOU ARE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION AND SHALL, IN GENERAL, SUPERVISE ALL OF THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION.

THE SPOKES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE AND THE HUB OF OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND EACH HAS PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT AND LOYALTY. NOW IT IS UP TO YOU TO PUT INTO MOTION OUR "WHEELS OF PROGRESS," ALWAYS REMEMBERING TO USE YOUR POWER AND AUTHORITY WISELY AT ALL TIMES. IF YOU ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT REPEAT AFTER ME - I, _____, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, PROMISE TO FAITHFULLY FULFILL MY OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN OUR BYLAWS."

WILL THE MEMBERS PLEASE STAND. YOU HAVE CHOSEN TODAY THE HUB AND AXLE OF OUR WHEELS OF PROGRESS. YOU HAVE ALSO ELECTED IN YOUR DISTRICTS THE SPOKES WHO WILL SUPPORT THE INNER PORTION OF THE WHEEL AND NOW WE ASK IF YOU, THE OUTER PORTION WILL FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATIONS AS FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF CREDIT WOMEN-

INTERNATIONAL BY PROMISING TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT AND COMPLETE COOPERATION TO YOUR
NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT, OFFICERS, AND LEADERS. IF SO, PLEASE PLEDGE BY SAYING
"I Do."

YOU MAY BE SEATED.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE "WHEELS OF PROGRESS" HAVE BEGUN AND THESE ARE YOUR
OFFICERS. IT IS WITH GREAT JOY AND PRIDE THAT I PRESENT TO YOU OUR NEW
PRESIDENT _____.

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