

FIFTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

(Installation of International President 1987-88, Lorna Collins)

What an exciting, memorable time - Credit Professionals International Golden Anniversary. This is a special night for all members of the credit profession as we join together for CPI's Fiftieth Installation Ceremony.

We look back with pride in our past and forward with great faith and enthusiasm to our future. Credit has provided this nation with the highest standard of living in the history of mankind. The early leaders of the credit industry recognized the need for knowledgeable, capable people to fill positions in this field of endeavor which would so change our world, to develop the highest caliber individuals through educational programs. Thus the beginning. We are grateful to the leaders of the Associated Credit Bureaus and the hundreds of bureau managers who helped organize and give support to clubs from the very beginning to the present time.

We express our appreciation to ICA's Lindley Crowder and Arthur Hert, who in our first years, were active in our support and helped us in publishing our first study manual.

We have a special lady in our audience who was present in Spokane, Washington in 1937 when the first Bylaws were agreed upon and the Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs of North America became a reality.

(Introduce Helen B. Sawyers)

During the years since 1937 - with growth and progress naturally followed - changes - to accommodate challenging times - we have changed our name and membership requirements. But our original principles and purposes so elegantly stated in our Creed have remained constant - to offer to ambitious individuals a chance for success. The opportunity for personal growth and development through education, to learn leadership skills, to become more knowledgeable, to make new friends and business acquaintances, to become

involved in State, District and International Credit Organizations, to find satisfaction in achievements, to become the best they can be.

Some of our leaders who were responsible for our past progress and success are in the audience. We would like to honor them on this special evening. Their themes insured continuation our aims and goals through the years. As I call your name and theme, will you please rise, and remain standing until all have been introduced.

Kitty Lofton	"Making the Most of Yourself"
Helen B. Sawyers	"Credit Where Credit Is Due"
Dorothe Bolte	"Time and Talent"
Margie Smith	"Open Doors to Career Advancement"
Lillian Greenstock	"Palette For Credit"
Syble Plehn	"Harmony in the Key of C"
Theda Shadel	"Hands of Time"
Wanda Brown	"Bouquet For The Future"
Ferris Beia	"Bee A Builder"
Helen Luke	"Keep the Promise of the Future"
E. Maurine Watson	"Luck is What We Make It"
Lydia Rodriguez	"Strength Through Education"
Louise O'Connor	"You Shall Blossom as the Rose"
Mary Floyd	"Pearls of Wisdom"
Nadine Kennedy	"Wings of Change"
Beulah Schofield	"Soaring to Greater Heights"
Marilyn Landers	"Follow Your Dreams"
Rose Knox	"Together We Shall Grow"

We are grateful, not only to these Past Presidents, but to all the officers, chairmen and members who have contributed their ideas and energies through the years toward making each passing year a rewarding one.

Would President Rose Knox and her officers please stand? We salute this year's out-going officers and chairmen. Rose, you have been a President

with accomplishments, we are all proud of your leadership style and abilities, you have handled your duties and responsibilities in a professional, capable manner and endeared yourself to each and every member. Thank you.

Our past provides us with insight and awareness to go confidently into our future.

Our theme for the coming year is "Fifty Years of Excellence" with the emphasis on Career Development, Widening Horizons and Innovative Leadership.

These goals we carry into our future. A future represented by our new Board of Directors.

Will the District Presidents please take their places? You are a very important factor in making our future successful. You are the communicating links between the International and the State and Local Clubs. You carry the messages both ways - you make sure that the goals and the ideas for carrying them out are understood at all levels. As leaders of the Districts, you have a demanding and challenging year ahead. Your successes will insure a successful year for International. Do you accept these responsibilities?

Treasurer, La Donna Smith. This year you will serve on the Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee. It will be your duty to supervise the financial operations of Credit Professionals International and work closely with the Executive Vice President and others involved in these matters. Do you accept these responsibilities.

Secretary, Martha Philip. Your duty will be to attend all Board and Executive Committee meetings, to record and distribute the minutes as requested, and to perform such other duties as pertaining to the office of Secretary as outlined in our Bylaws. Do you accept these responsibilities?

Third Vice President, Barbara Hinman, as Membership Chairman, it will be

your duty to promote the addition of new members as well as to plan for the activities which will retain our present membership. Do you accept these responsibilities?

Second Vice President, Venie Whitt, as Education Chairman, one of your important duties will be to prepare the material for our next year's study manual, as well as to promote other phases of education for our members. Do you accept these responsibilities?

First Vice President, Hazel Wilson, as Extension Chairman, you will be concerned with promoting the organization of new Clubs, as well as the retention of those we already have. Your year will be one of standing ready to assist the President, and of learning the steps you will be taking next year on your own. Do you accept these responsibilities?

President, Lorna Collins, one of our first installation ceremonies said it well: You have been elected to the highest office any organization can bestow. We look to you as a strong and resourceful leader for this, the first of our next fifty years – another "Fifty Years of Excellence." You have our trust and our confidence and we pledge you our support. Do you accept these responsibilities?

Ladies & Gentlemen - I present to you the duly installed leaders of Credit Professionals International for our 51st year!