

# YOU SHALL BLOSSOM AS A ROSE

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LOUISE SORENSON AS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT LYDIA, MEMBERS OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL, AND GUESTS, GOOD EVENING.

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE 1977-78 YEAR FOR CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL HAS PASSED SO QUICKLY, AND HERE WE ARE - TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER YEAR IN LIFE OF OUR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

YES, JUST A SHORT YEAR AGO, PRESIDENT LYDIA RODRIQUEZ CHALLENGED US WITH HER THEME, "STRENGTH THROUGH EDUCATION." SHE REMINDED US IN HER ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, "STRENGTH IS THE QUALITY OR STATE OF BEING STRONG." I AM SURE WE ALL AGREE THAT WE DO HAVE A STRONG ORGANIZATION, AND A GREAT DEAL OF THAT COMES FROM THE CONSTANT, CONTINUING PROMOTION OF THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL.

AS THE CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE BRINGS ITSELF TO A CONCLUSION, WE ARE ALWAYS PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE RETIRING OFFICERS. TODAY, WE KNOW THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IS DUE TO THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP OF ITS OFFICERS OF THE PAST, COMBINED WITH THE COMPLETE COOPERATION OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW.

(ASK LYDIA TO STAND)

PRESIDENT LYDIA, WE ARE PROUD OF THE DEDICATION YOU HAVE PRACTICED

THROUGHOUT YOUR OFFICES OF CW-I. YOU HAVE GIVEN UNSELFISHLY OF YOUR TIME, ENERGY, AND TALENT. AS YOU STEP INTO THE RANKS OF PAST PRESIDENTS AND TAKE YOUR PLACE IN OUR HISTORY, YOU HAVE EARNED OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION.

(WILL ALL THE OUTGOING OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN PLEASE STAND?)

LET US SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT LYDIA, AND ALL THESE WONDERFUL LADIES WHO HAVE SERVED US SO FAITHFULLY THE PAST YEAR.

(LEAD THE APPLAUSE)

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR IS ALWAYS AN EXCITING TIME. EACH DAY UNFOLDS HER CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND, EACH DAY - WE PURSUE THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE SHE OFFERS.

EACH DAY --WE PLAN OUR ACTIVITIES, -- BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN OURSELVES, --BECAUSE WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR OWN ABILITY -- WE ARE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE TASKS WE HAVE SET FOR OURSELVES.

AS WE STRIVE TO BELIEVE IN OURSELVES, WE ARE REMINDED AS WE SET OUR GOALS, THAT WE OFTEN THINK IN PICTURES OR SYMBOLS. SO IT SEEMS VERY APPROPRIATE THAT EACH YEAR THE INTERNATIONAL THEME CHOSEN BY YOUR INCOMING PRESIDENT CARRIES WITH IT A MEANINGFUL SYMBOL.

OVER THE YEARS, THE ROSE HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF FRAGRANCE AND BEAUTY; NO OTHER FLOWER HAS SO MANY POETIC TRIBUTES PAID TO IT. SEVERAL STATES AND A CANADIAN PROVINCE HAVE CHOSEN THE ROSE AS THEIR OFFICIAL SYMBOL, AND THE RED ROSE IS THE NATIONAL EMBLEM OF ENGLAND.

HOWEVER, AS WE LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL ROSES DISPLAYED THIS EVENING, WE NOTICE YOUR INCOMING PRESIDENT LOUISE SORENSON HAS CHOSEN A PINK ROSE. PINK IS NOT ONLY A COLOR, BUT WEBSTER DEFINES 'PINK' AS "THE COMPARISON OF EXCELLENCE" OR MEANING "IN FINE CONDITION."

THE DESCRIPTION COULD WELL DESCRIBE OUR QUALITY MEMBERS AND OUR QUALITY ORGANIZATION.

FROM THE VERY SMALL BEGINNINGS OF OUR ORGANIZATION MANY DEDICATED LADIES, TOO NUMEROUS TO NAME, HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL LEADERS. THEIR EFFORTS HAVE ACCUMULATED ENABLING THOSE FOLLOWING TO FLOURISH, JUST AS WELL TENDED ROSE GARDENS FLOURISH.

THE PRESENT EXAMPLES OF OUR QUALITY ROSES ARE THE MEMBERS REPRESENTING OUR INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THEY ARE THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL AND THE 12 DISTRICT PRESIDENTS. THEY ARE THE MEMBERS WHO, TONIGHT, WILL REAFFIRM THEIR BELIEF IN CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL, ITS PURPOSES AND ITS OBJECTIVES. THEY WILL DEDICATE THEIR SERVICE TO YOU, THE MEMBERS, BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN YOU.

AS I CALL THE NAMES OF EACH DISTRICT PRESIDENT, WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD TO FORM THE BEGINNING OF OUR GARDEN OF ROSES.

DISTRICT ONE - JOAN DiPRIMO

DISTRICT TWO - LOUISE DOMINICK

DISTRICT THREE AND FOUR - LORNA COLLINS

DISTRICT FIVE - WINNIFRED CALLAHAN

DISTRICT SIX - ALRETTE PETERSON

DISTRICT SEVEN - JUDY DAVID

DISTRICT EIGHT - CAROLYN STEVENS

DISTRICT NINE - PAT OLIGMUELLER

DISTRICT TEN - HAZEL WILSON

DISTRICT ELEVEN - ANNE LENHART

DISTRICT TWELVE - THELMA MADREN

DISTRICT THIRTEEN - BEVERLY ZIELINSKI

THROUGH THE YEARS AS CLUBS HAVE BLOSSOMED ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, THEY WERE DRAWN TOGETHER BY OUR WELL-PLANNED OBJECTIVES. FROM THE BEGINNING THE PURPOSES OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL HAVE CONTINUED TO BE:

- TO DEVELOP A CLOSER CONTACT BETWEEN PEOPLE IN THE CREDIT PROFESSION,
- TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN CREDIT DEPARTMENTS OF FIRMS REPRESENTED AND THE LOCAL CREDIT BUREAU,
- TO FURTHER EDUCATION IN CREDIT WORK, AND
- TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF SIMILAR CLUBS.

TO ARRIVE AT THIS PLATEAU THIS EVENING, YOUR DISTRICT PRESIDENTS HAVE SERVED

YOUR LOCAL CLUBS, STATE AND DISTRICTS WELL. WE KNOW THROUGH THE PAST FEW YEARS THEY HAVE BECOME VERY FAMILAR WITH THE PURPOSES OF CW-I AND THEY BELEIVE IN THE CREED OF CW-I.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, IF YOU ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A DIRECTOR OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL, PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR BELIEF BY ANSWERING FROM THE FIRST THREE LINES OF OUR CREED:

"I BELIEVE IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF CREDIT WOMEN."

"I STRIVE ALWAYS TO BECOME MORE EFFIEIENT."

"I MOVE FORWARD IN THE ENDEAVOR OF CREDIT."

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

EVERY SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION MUST HAVE AN OFFICER OF FINANCES. AS TREASURER YOU SHALL GIVE ATTENTION TO THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION. YOU WILL REVIEW ALL VOUCHERS AND SEE THAT A REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COPORATION BE MADE AT REGULAR INTERVALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

IF YOU ACCEPT THE OBLIGATION OF THIS PLEASE INDICATE BY REPEATING THE 4TH LINE OF OUR CREED:

"I PROTECT THE CONFIDENCE ENTRUSTED TO ME."

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_, AS SECRETARY YOU SHALL PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

IT SHALL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE MINUTES OF ALL BOARD, CORPORATE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED BE BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS REQUIRED BY LAW, OR AS PRESCRIBED IN THE BYLAWS.

IF YOU ACCEPT THESE OBLIGATIONS PLEASE RESPOND BY REPEATING THE 5TH LINE OF OUR CREED:

"I AM READY TO GIVE AS WELL AS TO TAKE."

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

AS THIRD VICE PRESIDENT, \_\_\_\_\_, YOU SHALL BE THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.

IT WILL BE YOUR DUTY TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP AS YOU WORK WITH THE DISTRICT THIRD VICE PRESIDENTS, WHO, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR OFFICE, ARE THE MEMBES OF YOUR COMMITTEE.

IF YOU ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF WORKING DILIGENTLY TO INSPIRE INCREASED MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE RESPOND BY REPEATING THE 6TH LINE OF OUR CREED:

"I COOPERATE UNIVERSALLY FOR THE WELFARE OF CREDIT."

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

AS SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, \_\_\_\_\_, YOU HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY. THE MEMBERS WILL LOOK TO YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WHO ARE THE DISTRICT SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS, AS YOU WORK TOGETHER ON EDUCATION. PRIMARILY, YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING THE AUTHORS OF CHAPTERS FOR THE 1979-80 STUDY MANUAL. YOU SHALL ALSO WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL OFFICE AND THE BULLETIN EDITOR TO PRESENT TIMELY EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BULLETINS.

IF YOU ACCEPT THESE CHALLENGES PLEASE RESPOND BY REPEATING THE 7TH LINE OF OUR CREED:

"I AM LOYAL TO MY CLUB IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED."

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK WITH THE DISTRICT EXTENSION CHAIRMAN, THE FIRST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS, ON FULFILLING OUR LAST OBJECTIVE, THAT OF ORGANIZATING NEW CLUBS.

IN ADDITION, YOU WILL NEED TO STAND READY TO ASSIST YOUR PRESIDENT WITH HER DUTIES AND CARRY OUT ALL SERVICES REQUESTED BY HER ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. YOU ALSO MUST BE READY TO ACT IN THE EVENT SHE IS UNABLE TO DO SO.

IF YOU ACCEPT THESE IMPORTANT OBLIGATIONS, PLEASE RESPOND BY REPEATING THE 10TH LINE OF OUR CREED:

"I AM TRUE TO MYSELF, MY ASSOCIATES, AND TO MY GOD."

NOT ONLY IS IT AN HONOR TO BE AN INSTALLING OFFICER BUT IT IS ALWAYS A THRILL TO WATCH A VERY PERSONABLE, YOUNG LADY ADVANCE THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL CW-I OFFICES, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE OBSERVED HER DOING A CONSCIENTIOUS JOB IN EACH OFFICE, ALWAYS PUTTING FORTH HER BEST EFFORTS.

\_\_\_\_\_, WILL YOU TAKE YOUR PLACE AS OUR NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

\_\_\_\_\_, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL, BECAUSE YOU ARE WELL QUALIFIED TO ASSUME THE MANY RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIVILEGES ATTENDANT TO THAT OFFICE.

THE MEMBERS HAVE ELECTED YOU BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IN YOU. AND BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN SO DEDICATED THROUGH THE YEARS, WE KNOW YOU BELIEVE IN CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL.

AS PRESIDENT YOU SHALL BE THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION, AND SHALL, IN GENERAL, SUPERVISE ALL BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION. YOU SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN OF ALL COMMITTEES EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THE BYLAWS, AND YOU SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL COMMITTEES, EXCEPT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

IF YOU ACCEPT THE MANY RESPONSIBILITIES AS YOU BECOME OUR FIRST LADY OF CREDIT, PLEASE RESPOND BY REPEATING THE LAST LINE OF OUR CREED:

"I MAINTAIN ALWAYS, FAITH, VISION AND COURAGE."

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_, YOU AND YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE INDICATED THAT YOU BELIEVE IN CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL THROUGH PLEDGING OUR CREED. WILL



YOU, EACH AND EVERYONE REAFFIRM THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR OFFICE?

"I WILL."

WILL THE MEMBERS PLEASE STAND.

AS YOU, OUR MEMBERS, ARE IMPRESSED AND PROUD OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS DULY INSTALLED THIS EVENING, REMEMBER THEY HAVE BEEN ELEVATED TO THESE POSITIONS THROUGH YOUR WISHES. BY YOUR VOTES, YOU HAVE TOLD THEM "WE BELIEVE IN YOU."

THESE OFFICERS ALSO BELIEVE IN YOU, AND THEY EXPECT YOU TO ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS OF CREDIT WOMEN-INTERNATIONAL; ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBERS OF CREDIT PROFESSION; AND ACCEPT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU LIVE, SO THAT EVERY IMAGE PRESENTED WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

WILL YOU PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION TO THESE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS BY SAYING "I WILL."

(THANK YOU, YOU MAY BE SEATED)

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_, AS WE TURN TO YOU AND YOUR BOARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE COMING YEAR, MAY I JUST REMIND YOU TO ALWAYS REMEMBER TO "BELIEVE IN YOURSELF. THAT YOU MAY CONTROL YOUR DESTINY AND YOU SHALL BOSSOM AS A ROSE.

"BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, FOR IT'S TRUE,

WHAT EVER YOU WILL, YOU'VE BEEN GIFTED TO DO

YES, YOU HAVE ALL THE GOD-GIVEN TALENTS YOU NEED.

BUT, YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOUR SELF TO SUCCEED.

AND NOW, AS I REITRE FROM THE CW-I EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IT IS WITH PLEASURE  
I PLEDGE MY BELIEF IN ALL OF YOU AND I OFFER MY CONTINUED SUPPORT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I NOW DECLARE YOUR INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS AND BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS FOR 1978-79 DULY INSTALLED AND PROUDLY PRESENT OUR NEW PRESIDENT

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