

CPI LIGHT OF THE FUTURE
I NSTALLATION
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Tonight we are on the threshold of another year for Credit Professionals International. As we prepare for the future let us show our gratitude to those who have done a great job this past year, of leadership, enthusiasm and excitement.

President Nona and the 2001-2002 officers, directors and appointees please stand and be recognized.

We are counting on all of you to continue to serve this Association in whatever way you can. We will continue to reap the harvest from seeds you have planted to achieve our goals.

With echoes of Dorothy & the Wizard of OZ, Carousels and Hearts ringing in our ears, we look to the Lighthouse, which President Mary Jo has chosen as the logo to go with the theme, Light of the Future. It reflects deep thought and meaning, thus we have a greater awareness of the depth of our new President.

As we discussed the theme, it took some reflection to make the connection between how a Lighthouse compares to Leadership of this Association.

The Lighthouse has always presented an aura of mystery to me. Stories of ships saved from crashing on the rocks, to amusing tales of orphans and dragons taking up residence in the Lighthouse of Captain January and of Pete's Dragon created by Hollywood, have often made for an interesting tale.

Lighthouses have stood on the water's edge for centuries, shining their light onto treacherous waters to guide ships into safe harbor, away from rocky shores and to give reassurance to those who might be seeking help or guidance. Mechanical devices have long since replaced the Keeper of the Light, but the light that shines will provide safe passage to those desiring it.

If you think about it, the Leaders of our Association are also standing on the--extending themselves, giving guidance and leading others. They must chart a course to take Credit Professionals International into and be a part of the new century. They will illuminate their own path as they attempt to light the way of this Association. Chart your course to be a solid rock on the path to the Lighthouse to help them attain their goals.

The new Officers, Directors and Appointees of Credit Professionals International have already dedicated years to the organization. From past experiences they have developed the abilities necessary to lead. Leadership is taking the responsibility to direct, being responsible for growth through membership, for education of our members and to make the general public aware of our Association

These leaders must function with a balanced budget, while at the same time, plan for the future of the International, District, State and Local Associations. While managing all of these things, they must also provide the LIGHT for those who will follow, giving one of Life's greatest gifts, holding a torch to light another's path.

We see the lighthouse as a symbol, not only as a guide for all our tomorrows, but also as a symbol of security. During the night the Lighthouse with its constant watchfulness and beam of light gives hope to all. At daybreak, its welcome sight gives assurance, at sunset it is a promise to give guidance. As we stand on the shore and look toward the blue of the ocean meeting and blending with the blue of the heaven stretching far into the horizon, as to the future. This is our vision of Hope.

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Credit Professionals Internationals can closely relate to the Lighthouse because of what it signifies. The lighthouse is a beacon of hope for our purposes and objectives

It is now that we place our confidence and hope in the new Officers, Directors and Appointees who will direct the beacons of light this coming year.

As I call the names of the Board of Directors, please come forward.

(NADINE WILL PRESENT A GIFT OF A LIGHTHOUSE)

First, the three immediate past presidents.

Sharon DeShazer---Mary Lou Addy---Nona Ellzey

Presidents of the Districts— District 3-4 Cheryl B Davis

District 5- Linda Ramey

District 7- Linda Zenor

District 8—Inez Medina

District 9- Maralyn Tack

District 10- Terry Rowe

District 12- Patricia Bivens.

You are the lighthouses situated throughout our nation. Your light of leadership will give assurance and security to all members in your area. Your responsibility is great. As one Lighthouse cannot adequately shed light to the entire membership, your lights are especially needed. No Lighthouse would be needed if not for the

most important section of our great organization, the individual members. It is through you that we can thrive and grow. You have agreed to be a Beacon of Light for the Credit Professionals International Lighthouse. Will you help spread this light to all members of the Association and help keep the Lighthouse beacon shining.

ALL ANSWER—I WILL

LINDA BRIDGEFORD, as Secretary/Treasurer you have been given the responsibility and honor of recording history. The chain of continuity is important to the proper functioning of any organization. You will be responsible for the recording of the minutes of the Executive Board and all business meeting of the Association in the coming year. Your logbook and charts will not only be maintaining the present, but information for the future. It will also be your responsibility to handle the finances of Credit Professionals as directed by the Executive board. You will have the budget as your map and goals for the amount of money needed to meet the obligations of the Association. Chart your course to keep good records, keep the Executive Board and members updated on the financial condition and to help devise ways to meet the financial obligations when necessary.

Are you willing to accept this responsibility?

Answer- I will

CAROL NEAL. as Second Vice President you will be the beam of light to remind all members that education is our primary purpose. You shall encourage the use of the educational programs available to give interest and purpose to all meetings. You shall serve as Editor of our education manual along with the help of all District Second Vice Presidents. Your office is a symbol of beginning and knowledge.

You will be the Second mate of the Lighthouse.

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Are you wilting to accept this responsibility to teach us?.

Answer- I Will

MARLENE WILCOX. as First Vice President you will be the light ready to help your President and others as needed to guide through the night. It is your responsibility to be ready to do the assignments made to you by the President and/or the Executive Board.

Your main light beam shall be to help guide the way for new growth for the Association and to help attain the goals set forth by your Board of Directors and the general membership. You shall encourage the retention-recruiting and regaining of members for the future of this Association. Your beacon tells all that we have an organization that is beneficial to all persons. Another of your light beams shall be in organizing new Associations. You shall provide strength, encouragement, enthusiasm and support to the Officers and members of this association. Our President will look to you for constant help and strength that must come from the second in command. Your advice and counsel will be most valuable to the success of this year. You will be the first mate of the Lighthouse.

Do you accept these responsibilities?

Answer- I will

As President, MARY JO MULARZ it is your responsibility to conduct the business of the Association and to oversee all Officers, Directors, committees and activities of the Association. You are the Captain and Keeper of the Light. You must keep the true course; see that the Association ships reach safe harbor with the crew intact and its goals met. It will be your responsibility

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to see that the Lighthouse beacon does not falter or grow dim, as it constantly reminds all, that Credit Professionals is a leading and worthwhile organization that can give guidance and security to each and every member. We shall look to your leadership with trust and confidence for the coming year. This challenge offers you the privilege and joy of service. The members of this Association have indicated their trust and gratitude to you for the faithful services already rendered. We shall look to you with the assurance that you will illuminate with confidence the purposes and objectives of Credit Professionals International.

Do you accept the responsibility of the office of President?

Answer—I am

BARB— LOOK TO THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The combination of talents, experiences and insight that lies within each of you may be the key to unlock doors that have never been opened, to explore ideas that have not been known, to achieve beyond that which has never been perceived. The contribution you can make, the influences you can have on the members of this Organization are as far-reaching as those of the Lighthouse beacons of light are as they shine into the waters.

With the blue of the sea... the blue of the skies and our guardian Lighthouse, we

Look to this day
Yesterday is already a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision
But, today, well lived, makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness and every tomorrow
A vision of hope.

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Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, you see before you the guiding lights for the 2002-2003 year for Credit Professionals International.

Are you ready to support the Lighthouse and be a beacon of light for the Credit Professionals International. If so, please respond WE ARE!

I present to you the Officers and Directors of Credit Professionals International and declare them duly installed.

(BARB LEADS APPLAUSE.)