# Credit Professionals International: The First 75 years.

## PRESIDENTS



Credit Momen's Breakfast Clubs of North America



# MRS. EDITH SHAW JOHNSON Portland, Oregon Founder of First

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## History

In April 1930 in Portland, Oregon, Edith Shaw Johnson, then employed in The Credit Reporting Co. of that city, invited a few women engaged in credit, to breakfast, and it was at this meeting the first Credit Women's Breakfast Club was formed. Her vision of the potentialities of such an organization, was not unfounded. She realized that through goodwill, fellowship and education, our clubs could play an important part in the credit profession.

The enthusiasm of that then small club in Portland was far-reaching and soon others were embued with the desire to further this endeavor. The second club was organized in Spokane, Washington October 1930. In May 1934 in Tacoma, Washington the first District Council of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs was organized, known as the Pacific Northwest Council of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs. Soon after followed the Dixie Council. Clubs came into being in all parts of the United States and Canada.

In June 1937 when the National Retail Credit Association returned to Spokane, its birthplace, to celebrate their twenty-fifth Anniversary, delegates from the sixty-one Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs met. To continue the enthusiasm of this constructive movement and insure its permanency, their national organization came into being "The Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs of North America." The first president was Miss Avadana Cochran of Bremerton, Washington.

The growth of the organization had become so rapid by 1954, that in order to give relief to the officers and increase service to the clubs, it became necessary to open up a central office. It is now housed in the Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Missouri, and efficiently operated by Miss Geneva McQuarters, Executive Manager and two other staff members.

The organization now has 450 clubs with 14,000 membership. Membership consists of women engaged in credits and collections in retail firms and professions, who hold membership in the National Retail Credit Association.

In 1954 the Career Club was formed, whose membership is comprised of those women who have devoted 25 or more years to the Credit Profession and who are members of the Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs of North America, with total membership of 1,400.

Educational programs are issued to members each year, written by qualified professionals and constantly improved to meet changes in the Credit Picture, and with the ever-increasing demand for credit, it necessitates a keener and wider knowledge of credit granting. Members are able to improve their knowledge and better fit themselves to service their profession, through education.

Those who pioneered in the Credit Women's Breakfast Club movement, are very proud of the accomplishments over the past twenty-five years and have great hopes for its continued success. It is a splendid example of the accomplishments that can be achieved through the art of constructive application of enthusiasm. When Michelangelo was asked the question "To what great factor do you contribute your success" he answered "Constant application. If one has the spark, the flame will ignite if it is fanned."

The noble attributes embodied in our Creed have carried us through the past, will protect us through stressed times, and assure the permanency of our organization in the future. Spokane welcomes the Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs of North America to celebrate their Silver Anniversary.



Edith Shaw Johnson

Honorary President







**Avadana Cochran 1937:38** 

Marion Brooks 1938-39

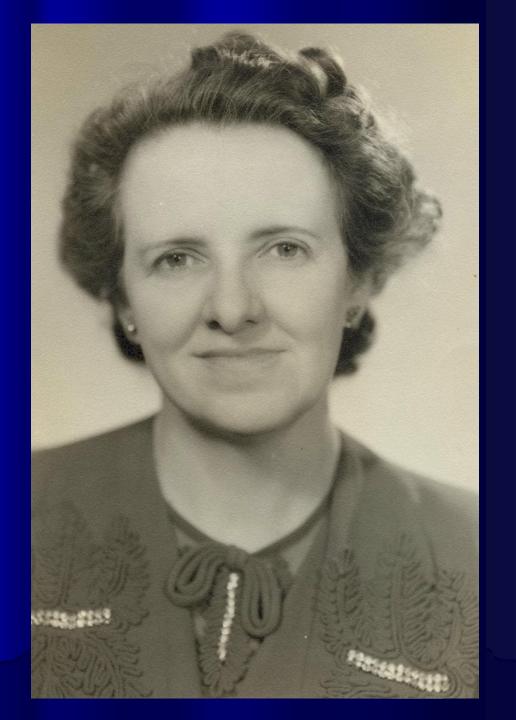


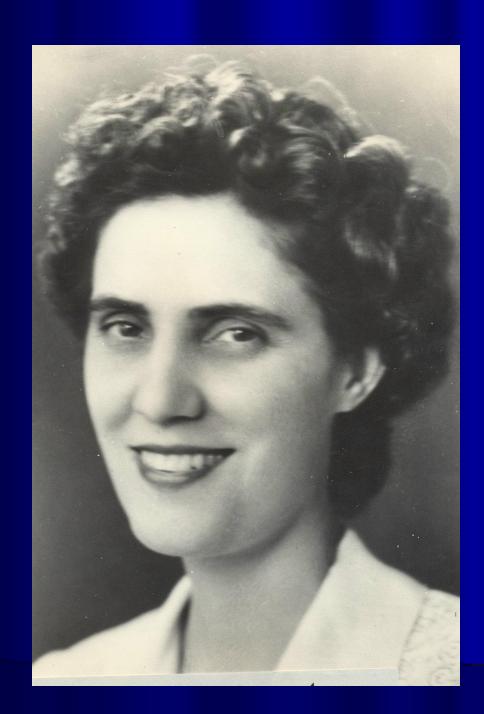
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Ethel Dopp 1940-41 Lily F. Person 1941-42



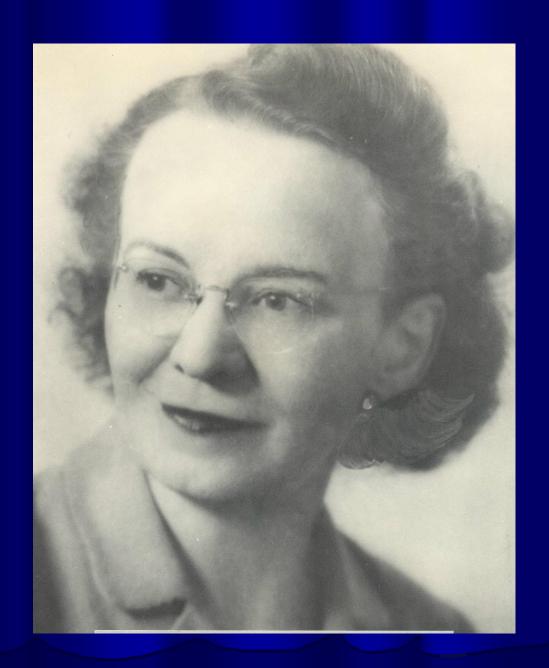


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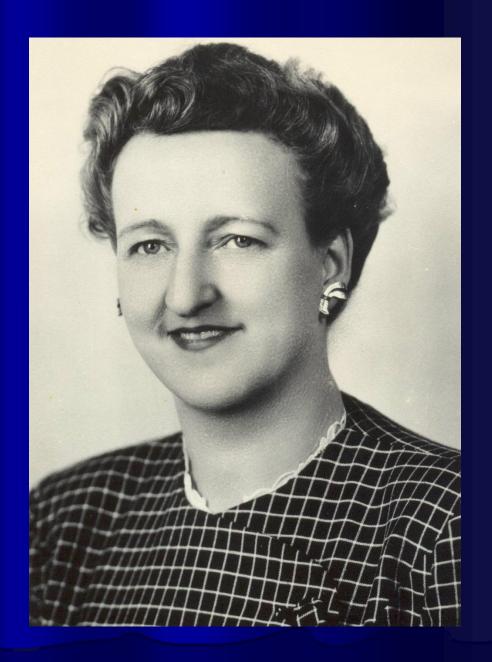




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Eleanor Wilson 1947:48





Helen Lybold 1948.49 Pat Hughes 1949.50





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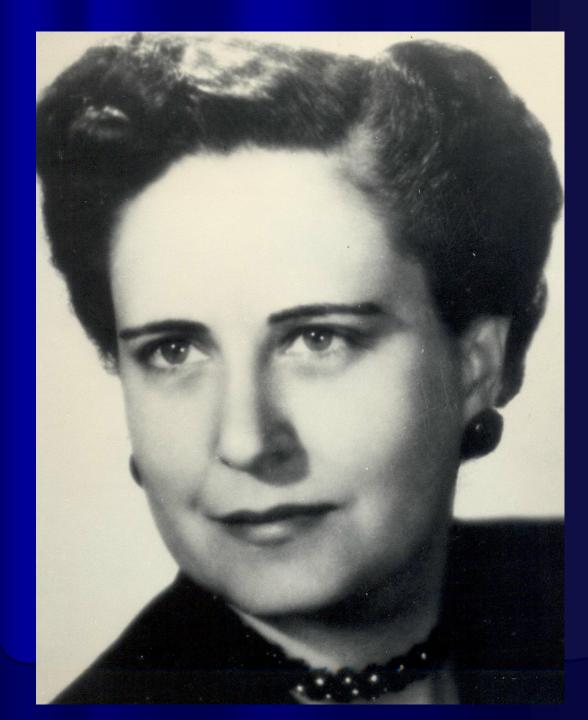


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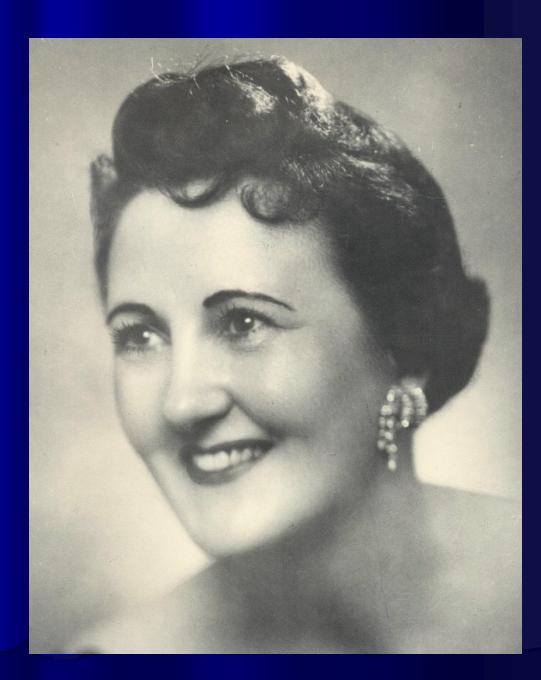


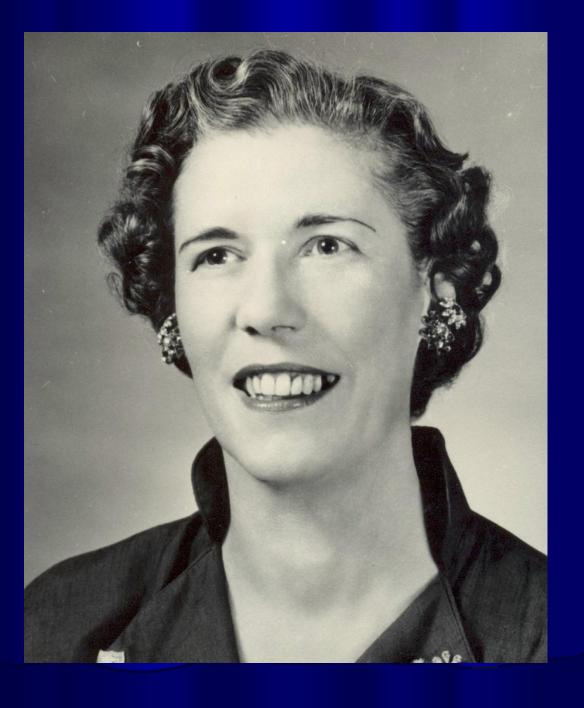
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Mary J. Morgan 1958.59

Helen J. Spendlove 1959-60

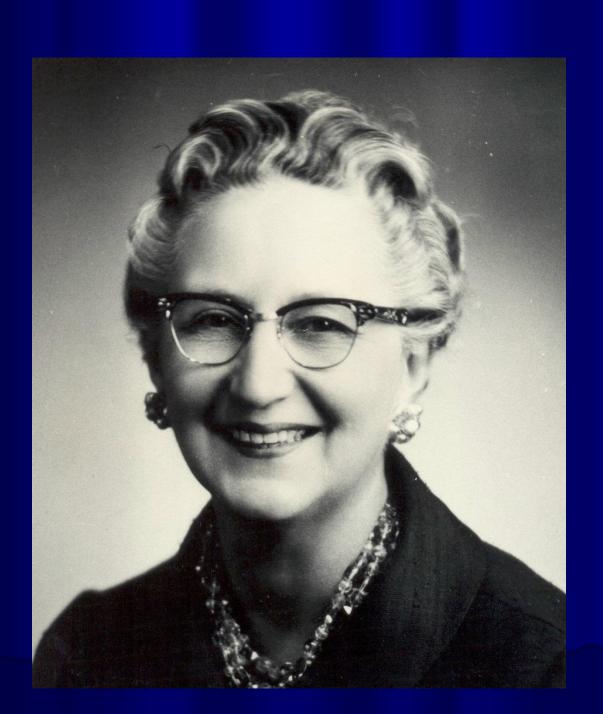




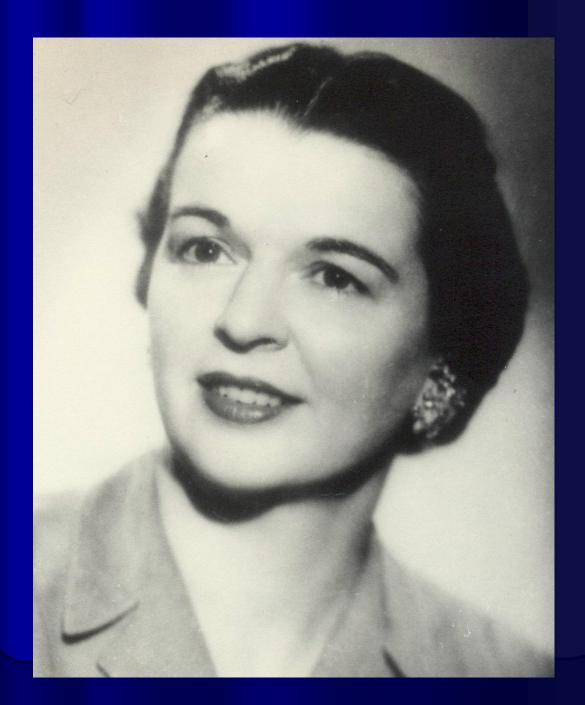
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Martha Bean Gleason 1961-62





Helen B. Sawyers 1962-63 Dorothe M. Bolte 1963-64



Martha Jones 1964.65





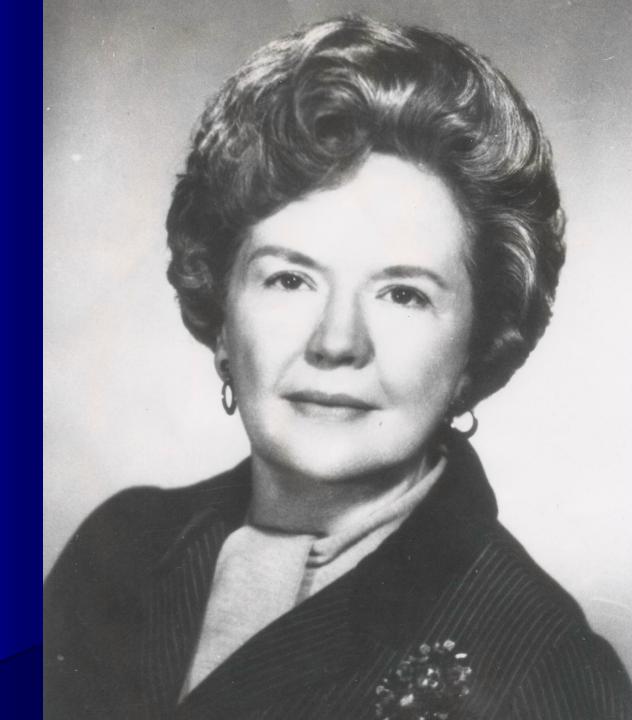
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Margie Smith 1966.67 Lillian Greenstock 1967.68



Lucille Phillips 1968-69





Jybel Plehn 1959-70



Theda Shadel 1970:71 **Wanda Brown**1971-72



Irma Masker 1972·73





Helen B. Shirley
1973.74



Ferris Beia 1974.75

Helen Luke 1975.76



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Lydia Rodriguez 1977.78



Louise O'Connor 1978.79

#### Bonnie H. Smith 1979-80

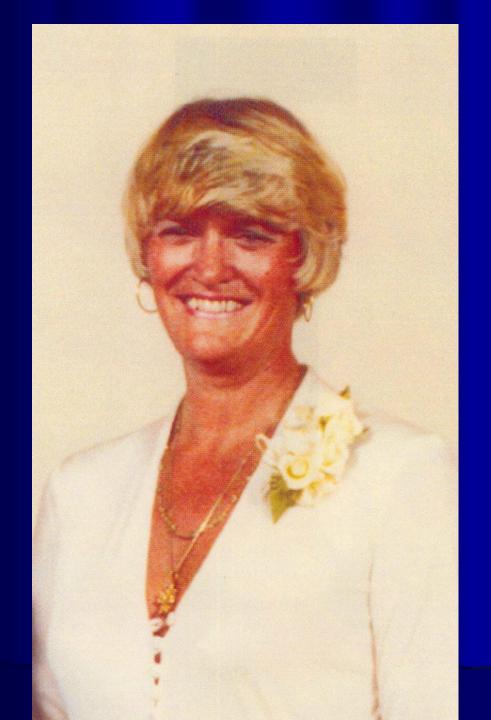


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Mary T. Floyd 1981-82



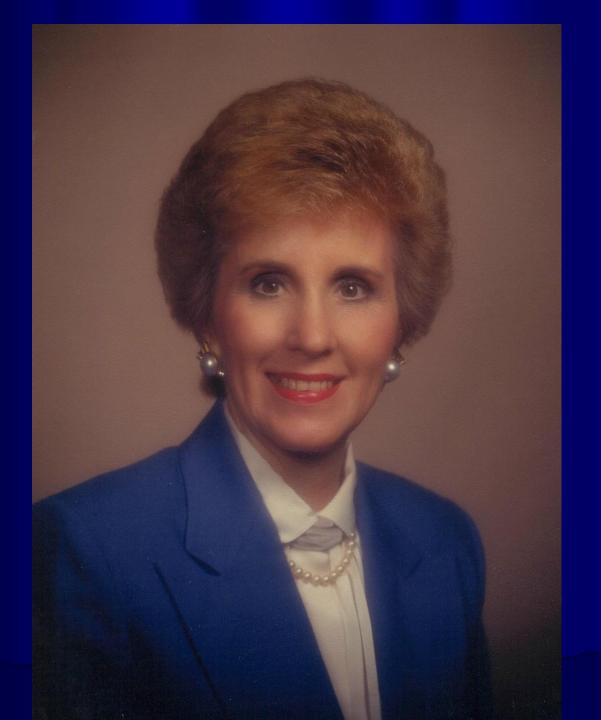
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Beulah Slagle 1984.85



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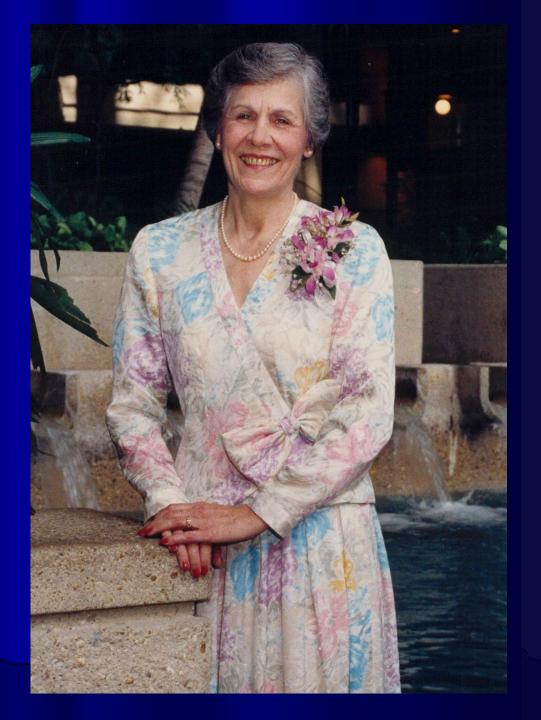


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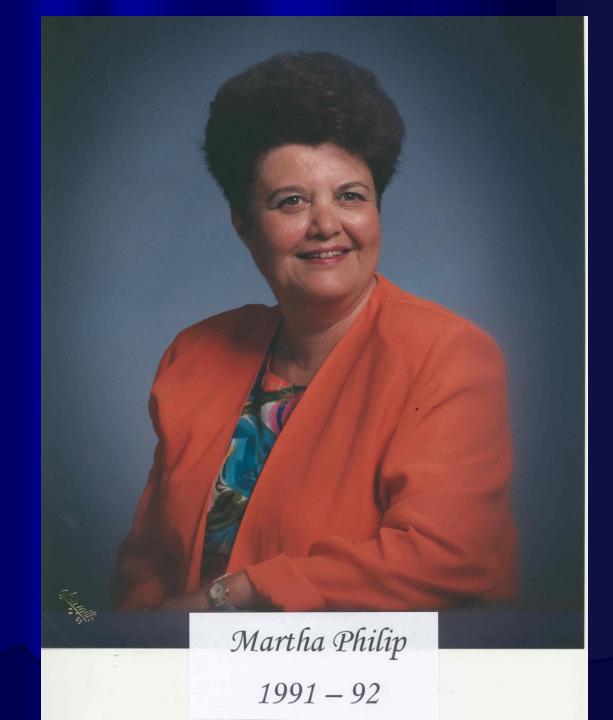
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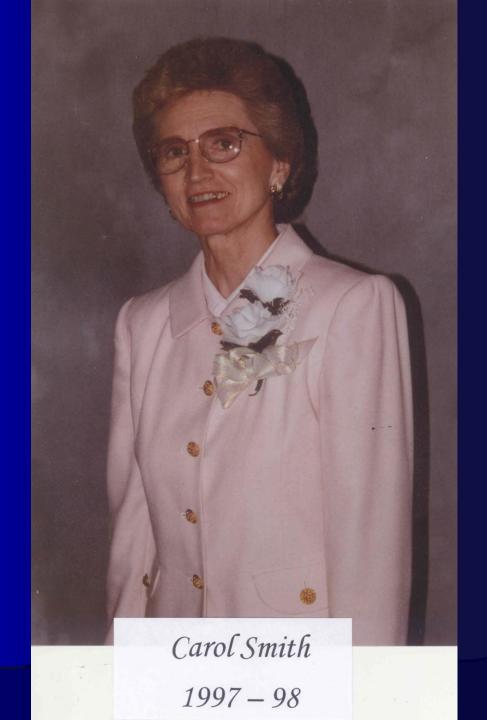


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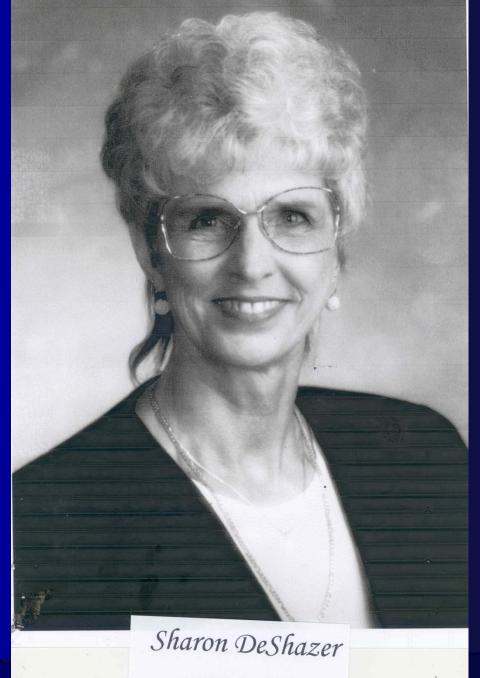
1998 – 1999 Gail Ottinger

## Aim for the Stars Gail Ottinger, CCCE/MPCE



Credit Professionals International President - 1998-1999

1999 - 2000Sharon DeShazer



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2000 – 2001 Mary Lou Addy



2001 – 2002 Nona Ellzey



2002 -2003 Mary Jo Mularz



2002 - 2003

#### 2003 – 2004 Marlene Wilcox



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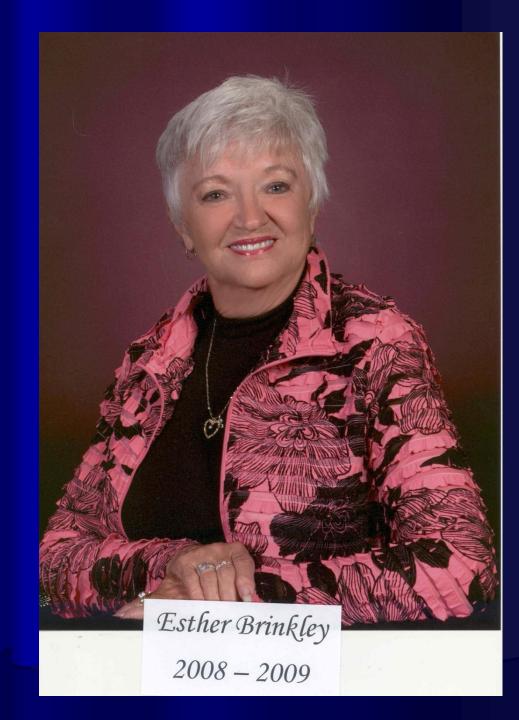
2006 – 2007 Joyce Jones



2007 – 2008 Barbara Chapin



#### 2008 – 2009 Esther Brinkley



2009 – 2010 Jean Jervis



2009 - 2010

#### 2010 – 2011 Billie Plasker



Billie Plasker 2010 – 2011

#### 2011 – 2012 Diane Radcliff



#### 2012 – 2013 Pat Evans



Pat Evans 2012 - 2013