

GEMS II

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Since the dawn of civilization precious stones have been highly valued by mankind for their beauty and usefulness. Certain intangible qualities have come to be associated with some of the individual gemstones. These ladies that you have chosen to lead _____ Woman's Club will truly be the "jewels" that will help your club shine in the coming two years.

As officers you should all strive to be diamonds because they represent innocence. Let our club collect frequently remind you to be innocent of such things as pettiness, fault-finding, self-seeking, pretense, selfpity, prejudice, and hasty judgement. Make kindness your primary responsibility.

Individually, you will each need special qualities to successfully carry out the jobs assigned to you.

_____, as **Parliamentarian** you should be like an amethyst. This purple quartz-like stone represents sincerity. As the one in charge of keeping order in the meetings a sincere effort at fairness to all members is important. Robert's Rules of Order and a little common sense are the most useful guides in this endeavor. (Full Name) , I install you as Parliamentarian of _____ Woman's Club. (Pin on Amethyst)

_____, another officer needing amethyst-like qualities is the club's **Corresponding Secretary**. Sincerity is the heart of any thank you note or sympathy card. All correspondence should reflect the true and sincere sentiments of the club. I install you as Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Club. (Pin on Amethyst.)

_____, as **Historian**, you will need to be like the turquoise. This opaque blue-green stone represents success. Your duty is to collect and neatly label all mementos and pictures of the club's activities. The scrapbook should visually depict a club's achievements and successes. The brown lines randomly running throughout the turquoise are a reminder of the common threads that bind the members of _____ Woman's Club, namely a common interest in the Arts, Federation, and the betterment of the community. (Full Name) , I install you as Historian of _____ Woman's Club. (Pin on Turquoise.)

_____, as **Treasurer**, it is vital that you reflect the purity of a pearl. Be pure and blameless in the way you handle the club finances. Always strive for detailed accuracy with figures. Let this pearl remind you of purity and honesty with club monies. (Full Name) , I install you as Treasurer of Woman's Club. (Pin on Pearl.)

_____, as **Recording Secretary** needs the special qualities of a topaz. This tawny yellow gem indicates fidelity. Fidelity is defined as "adherence to facts or truth." Careful accuracy is essential when recording the proceedings of club meetings. Remember that today's minutes are tomorrow's club history. (Full Name) , I install you as Recording Secretary of _____ Woman's Club. (Pin on Topaz.)

_____, the clear blue sapphire stone is often associated with wisdom. A **Vice President** needs this desired quality for her job as second-in-command. As you assist the president, your wise counsel and support will be a valuable resource in accomplishing the goals of the club. As you work closely with the president you will gain a knowledge of current club activities and interests that will enable you to easily fill in for the president in her absence. _____, I install you as Vice President of _____ Woman's Club. (Pin on Sapphire.)

Since ancient times the ruby has been called "lord of stones" and "gem of gems." This deep red jewel is the rarest of all gems and has come to be associated with nobility. (Full Name) , as the person holding the noble or highest position in your club for the coming two years, remember that you are the club's most visible representative to the community. I challenge you to make them proud. Combine a positive, enthusiastic approach with all of the strengths previously mentioned ... that is, sincerity, purity, fidelity, wisdom, and nobility. If you do this, you will have a highly successful administration. _____, I install you as President _____ of Woman's Club. (Pin on Ruby.)

Competent and willing officers are a must for the smooth operation of any club. But without the support of the members, very little would be accomplished. Members of _____ Woman's Club, I challenge you to be emeralds because they are the symbol of happiness. I'd like to ask the outgoing president to close the installation service by reading the quote on the bookmarks that were passed out earlier.

"That action is best, which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest number." (Francis Hutcheson)

Props needed:

1. Pin Holders for each officer installed - Make these from 1-2 inch wide, 4-5 inches long satin ribbon in dark blue or black. Glue pin backs to back of ribbon for attaching to officers' clothing. At the top of each pin holder glue a plastic "diamond" stone.
2. Jewel brooches representing each office. Imitation jewels can be glued to a metal jewelry craft disk. Glue a tie tack (scatter pin) pin back to back of each jewel brooch.
3. Paper bookmarks or index cards with a tiny "emerald" or green sequin attached. Type or print following verse onto each card ... ["That action is best, which procures the greatest happiness for the greatest number." - (Francis Hutcheson)] Make enough of these for each member to have one.

Note: Request outgoing president to assist as need by distributing "emerald" bookmarks and attaching pin holders to incoming officers at start of installation. As installing officer says, "I install you as ...etc." she pins the appropriate jewel brooch onto the pin holder of the incoming officer.

