

Patriotic

This installation is given to all GFWC Officers, State Presidents and Junior Directors with the hope that you will use it as a means of promoting Patriotism in our clubs.

"I believe in America. I believe it became great because of its faith in God, its hope for independence, and its love of freedom. I am grateful for America's glorious past; I am awed by its unbelievable present; I am confident of its limitless future. I am not ashamed to take my hat off and to stand at attention when Old Glory passes by. I do not apologize for the lump in my throat when I repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. I am not embarrassed by the tears in my eyes when I hear the Star Spangled Banner. Like millions of Americans, I want a free choice, not a free handout. I prefer an opportunity to prove my abilities on the job rather than a license to demonstrate my frustrations in the street. I am an old-fashioned American with a newfound determination to do my part to make democracy work."

(Tape music, such as Battle Hymn of the Republic, or This is My Country can be played as background music when the above quotation is read)

The words you have just heard were written by William Arthur Ward in his "Allegiance to America", and they express the thoughts of millions of clubwomen throughout this great land of ours. As we come to the time for installing a new slate of officers, let us compare being a good clubwoman to being a good American.

A good American must have **FAITH** in her country and be faithful to her country. And so a good clubwoman must have faith in her club and be faithful to her club work. _____, as **PARLIAMENTARIAN** of this club, I charge you to be found faithful in all your responsibilities.

A good American must have **HONOR** and must honor her country. "He loves America most who values integrity above influence, morality above money, and principle above popularity." And so it is with a good clubwoman. _____ as **TREASURER** of this club, I charge you to continue being the honorable person you have always been, and to honor your club and all its members.

A good American must have **CONCERN** for her country and all its citizens. Likewise, a good clubwoman must have concern for her club and all its members. _____, as **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** I charge you to show concern as you fulfill the duties of your office.

A good American must be **DEDICATED** to her country. And so it is with a good clubwoman. _____, as **RECORDING SECRETARY** you must be dedicated to your duties as well as your club.

A good American must have **ENDURANCE**. _____, being **THIRD VICE PRESIDENT** carries with it much responsibility and requires much endurance. I charge you to fulfill your duties to this club with patience and endurance.

A good American must have **ENTHUSIASM** for her country and must share this enthusiasm with her fellow citizens. Likewise, a good clubwoman will be enthusiastic and will share this enthusiasm with her fellow club members. I charge you to plan your programs and work enthusiastically with the new department chairmen as you assume the office of **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**.

A good American must have HOPE for the future of her country, and so it is with a good clubwoman. _____, as **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** you hold the key to the future for this club, for I charge you with the responsibility of seeking new members for the Woman's Club.

And the greatest of these is LOVE. As Americans, love for our country; as clubwomen, love for our club and our Federation. _____, as President of the Woman's Club, I charge you to love your club - love each member, love your Federation, and love the privilege of serving your club, your community, and your country through this club.

Now will all the members of the _____ Woman's Club please stand and pledge your support to your new officers. If I had a bookmark for each of you, it would say **LOYALTY**. As good Americans, loyalty to our great nation; as clubwomen, loyalty to this club, for through it you have an opportunity to continue to do great things for your community and nation.

I now declare you the duly installed officers of the _____ Woman's Club for _____ (club year.)

(Before installation begins, give each new officer a flag to carry as she comes up at the beginning of the ceremony to stand with the installing officer. Have officers stand in a semi-circle around the container in which she will deposit her flag as she is installed. Make bookmarks with respective words which are used for each officer. (I.E. LOVE for President, etc.) Bookmarks may be made from paper or fabric such as felt or ribbon. Present bookmarks to officers as they are given their challenge.)

