

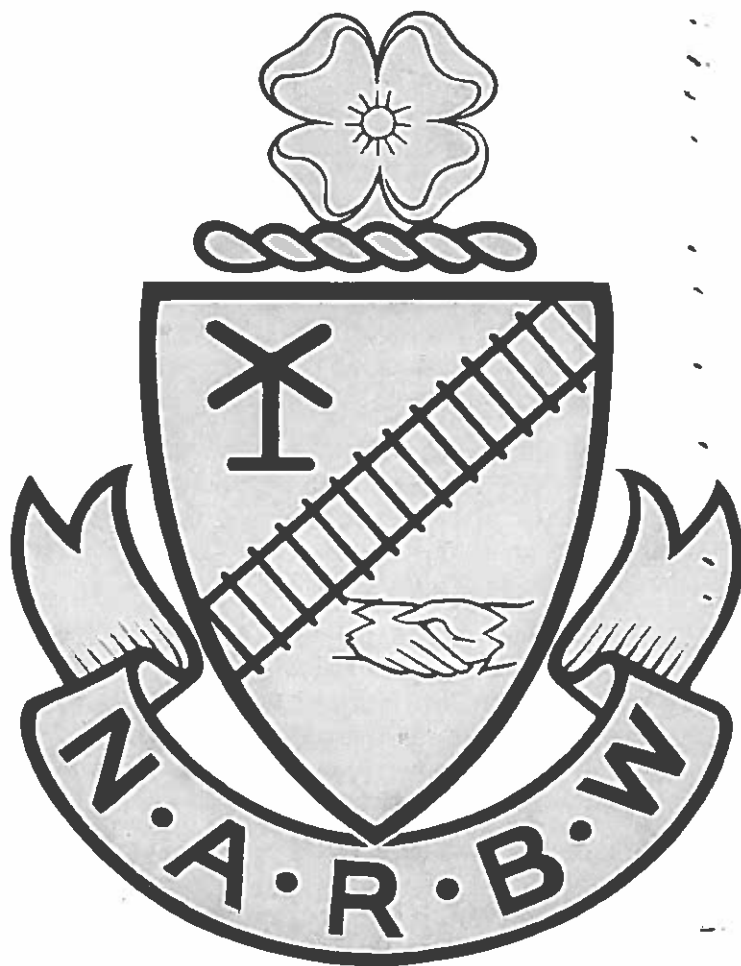
# NATIONAL RAILWAY WOMEN

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

We have passed through a crucial decade and now there is "Optimism at the Crossroads" and a "New Refrain for the Passenger Train."

The good news is called "Railpax" or National Railroad Passenger Corporation. The plan to rejuvenate passenger train service comes at a time when the nation's transportation planners are researching for new concepts and re-examining each form of transportation. Back of their planning are the shifts and dramatic transportation changes that took place in the "Sixties". We were, and are aware, of course, of those developments.

We watched completion of the longest round-trip in man's history when Astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin returned from their moon walk. We recently saw the dream of Astronaut Alan Shepard come true when he captained the Apollo to and from man's longest walk on the moon.

I recall ten years ago the dream of man's walking on the moon and the predictions that he would indeed go there were received in jest and the idea ridiculed by many! The impossible being achieved in this restores our faith in the restoration to service of our passenger trains.

We in our organization are finding dreams coming true: Building another five units at Green Valley has become a reality. We have been able, and will continue to be able, to give financial assistance through our Benevolent Fund to those members in dire need. Our insurance program enables us to secure coverage favorable to us on a personal as well as financial basis.

It is my dream that the future holds the realization of the vital issues for which our organization was originated: Love, friendship, the betterment of self through education, society, public relations and good will toward our railroads and, last, but not least, self attainment for a satisfaction that will be lasting.

REMEMBER: THE SIGN ON THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY READS . . . "PUSH"!!

*Ruth*



**MRS. RUTH MALONEY**  
*Kansas City Chapter*

## **Awarded 1970 National Railroad Woman of the Year**

**Mrs. Ruth Maloney**, Kansas City Chapter, was awarded the tribute "National Railroad Woman of the Year" at the Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention held at Denver, Colorado, May 25-28, 1970.

Mrs. Nadine Hale, National First Vice President, and Chairman of Public Affairs, attributed the honor to Ruth's active promotion of the railroad industry. She secured equipment for the Agricultural Hall of Fame at Bonner Springs, Kansas, and the Smoky Hill Railroad Historical Society, at Lenexa, Kansas; prepared safety pamphlets for high schools; was instrumental in tak-

ing Kansas City Chapter's float, an annual entry in the City's American Royal Parade each October, to Minneapolis for the Winter Carnival Parade, and to Utah for the Union Pacific Golden Spike Celebration.

She is past-president of Kansas City Chapter, NARBW, and the Women's Traffic Club; is a member of the Kansas Women for Highway Safety committee and was NARBW District Three Legislation and Public Affairs Chairman 1969-70. Ruth is presently serving as District Three Safety, Public Affairs, and Legislation Chairman.

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# CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

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Akron	Mrs. Sarah B. Allgood	Los Angeles	Mrs. Myrtle Boettger
Albany	Miss Dorothy Ryan	Marion	Mrs. Pat Collins
Amarillo	Mrs. Frances Phillips	Memphis	Mrs. Ethel Puckett
Atlanta	Mrs. Anne Trebony	Miami	Mrs. Laura DeWese
Baltimore	Miss Ella McWilliams	Milwaukee	Mrs. Edna Klatte
Baton Rouge	Mrs. Polly Harper	Mobile	Mrs. Mary Lou Sanders
Birmingham	Mrs. Ernestine Gudgen	New York	Mrs. Anna Neerhaut
Boston	Mrs. Edith McCarthy	Ogden	Mrs. Doria Hains
Buffalo	Miss Suzanne Klein	Omaha	Miss Onelda Schrader
Chattanooga	Mrs. Fro Cairns	Peoria	Miss Zane Preston
Chicago	Mrs. Helen Dalton	Philadelphia	Mrs. Dorothy Long
Cincinnati	Miss Luella Grause	Pittsburgh	Miss Harriet McAulay
Cleveland	Mrs. Carolyn Meldane	Pocatello	Mrs. Lila Andrus
Columbus	Mrs. Martha White	Portland	Mrs. Lillian Delamater
Cumberland	Mrs. Irene Martin	Richmond	Miss Mary Keane
Dallas	Miss Otha Smith	Roanoke	Mrs. Adelaide Oliver
Denver	Mrs. Jeanne Gustafson	Sacramento	Mrs. Rose Swanson
Detroit	Mrs. Ruth Cloar	Salt Lake City	Mrs. Arlene Melif
El Paso	Mrs. Edythe Flood	San Francisco	Mrs. Dorris Kilpatrick
Galveston	Mrs. Viola Edmonson	Savannah	Mrs. Ivy Warth
Grand Rapids	Mrs. Edithe Percell	St. Augustine	Mrs. Jo Ann Stovall
Hinton	Mrs. Nancy Smith	St. Louis	Mrs. Ruth Polson
Houston	Mrs. Frances Hitchcock	Spokane	Mrs. Josephine Batty
Huntington	Mrs. Bonnie Cave	Tampa	Mrs. Betty Jo Owen
Indianapolis	Mrs. Florence McKitrick	Toledo	Mrs. Marguerite Lutz
Jacksonville	Mrs. Betty McElhaney	Tucson	Miss Gertrude M. Malone
Kansas City	Mrs. Betty Roberts	Twin Cities	Mrs. Ramona O'Connell
Las Vegas	Miss Dorothy Spangenberg	Washington	Mrs. Margaret H. Weiss
Little Rock	Mrs. Katherine Fletcher	Waycross	Mrs. Mary G. Bryant

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JEN U. MONTWILLO  
Director



ANNE M. AYLWARD  
Secretary-Treasurer



BEATRICE NYE  
Historian

## District One History

### DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

- 1954-55 — Helen Richardson (Wash., D. C.)
- 1955-56 — Janice Marks (Richmond, Va.)
- 1956-57 — Gladys Holroyd (Roanoke, Va.)
- 1957-58 — Mae Hayes (Wash., D. C.)
- 1958-59 — Alma Mansini (Richmond, Va.)
- 1959-60 — Lillian Mack (N. Y., N. Y.)
- 1960-62 — Geraldine Austin (Phila., Pa.)
- 1962-63 — Janice Marks (Richmond, Va.)
- 1963-65 — Leatha Taylor (Phila., Pa.)
- 1965-67 — Leigh Sturgill (Roanoke, Va.)
- 1967-68 — Esther Medinger (Baltimore, Md.)
- 1968-70 — Isabella Griffith (Phila., Pa.)
- 1970-71 — Jen Montwillo (New York, N. Y.)

### DISTRICT ONE CHAPTERS:

- No. 9—Philadelphia, Pa. .... 6/25/1949
- No. 12—New York, N. Y. .... 2/17/1951
- No. 14—Washington, D. C. .... 10/25/1950
- No. 19—Roanoke, Va. .... 2/9/1952
- No. 32—Boston, Mass. .... 10/10/1953

### SECRETARY-TREASURERS:

- Fran Kozak (Miami, Fla.)
- Gladys Holroyd (Roanoke, Va.)
- Anna Kasten (N. Y., N. Y.)
- Marie Hoepp (Phila., Pa.)
- Rosalye Bryant (Richmond, Va.)
- Jen Montwillo (N. Y., N. Y.)
- Mary Welsh (Phila., Pa.)
- Nell O'Donnell (Richmond, Va.)
- Dorothy Herrick (Phila., Pa.)
- Adelaide Oliver (Roanoke, Va.)
- Mary Bunnell (Baltimore, Md.)
- Mary Welsh (Phila., Pa.)
- Anne M. Aylward (N.Y., N.Y.)

- No. 38—Richmond, Va. .... 2/1/1954
- No. 45—Albany N. Y. .... 3/5/1955
- No. 55—Baltimore, Md. .... 4/26/1958
- No. 65—Cumberland, Md. .... 9/20/1969

**May, 1954** — District One was inaugurated, comprising nine chapters: Boston, Mass., Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa, Florida, New York City, Philadelphia, Penn., Richmond and Roanoke, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. Helen Richardson (Washington, D. C.) acted as Director, and Fran Kozak (Miami, Florida), Secretary-Treasurer.

**September 18, 1954** — First Board Meeting, Washington, D. C.

**January 29, 1955** — First Conference and Second Board Meeting, New York City. Janice Marks was elected District Director.

**January, 1956** — Second Conference, in Roanoke, Virginia. Speaker: Mr. Stuart Saunders, Vice President, N & W Railway.

**January, 1957** — Third Conference, in Washington, D. C. Opening thought by Evelyn Pierce, National President: "The importance of working together, each member taking an active part." (Newport News Chapter installed in June, 1957, by Evelyn Pierce, National President.)

**October, 1957** — Fourth Conference, in Richmond, Virginia. Voted to adopt Multiple Sclerosis as a National Welfare Project account NARBW being tax exempt.

**January, 1958** — Fifth Conference, in Boston, Mass. District Rules brought into conformity with National Standard By-Laws.

**October, 1958** — Sixth Conference, in Albany, New York. It was voted to hold the one-day Board Meetings in Washington, D. C., a central location.

**October, 1959** — Seventh Conference, in Richmond, Virginia. Theme: "Developing Our Talents." Each chapter is supporting the M. S. project 100%.

**October, 1960** — District Board Meeting, Washington, D. C. It was voted to raise the Per Capita Tax to \$1.00. Miss Frances Krimmel, Manager, Women's Division, A.A.R., guest speaker.

**October, 1961** — Eighth Conference, at Old Point Comfort, Virginia. It was voted that contributions to "Hurricane Carla Fund" will be used to help those chapter members who suffered hardships due to the floods in Texas, the remaining money to be used to start a Fund to allay the suffering of member hardship cases.

**September, 1962** — Ninth Conference, Philadelphia, Pa., district membership is now 662. Speakers' topics: "Women and Today's Challenge," and "The Vital Role of Railroad Women."

**October, 1963** — Tenth Conference, in New York City. Three "firsts" instituted: Issuance of District Directory to chapters; a monthly newsletter, "District One Signals"; and adoption of a working theme, "Self-Improvement," all of which were credited to Director Leatha Taylor.

**October, 1964** — Eleventh Conference, Roanoke, Virginia. Theme: "Improving Our Public Image." N.A.R.B.W. Insurance Plan introduced and color slides of Boca Raton Residence shown.

**October, 1965** — Twelfth Conference, Washington, D. C. (Voted at the 1965 Washington Board Meeting that future Board Meetings be alternated between Washington, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

Newport News Chapter disbanded account members' jobs transferred.)

**October, 1966** — Thirteenth Conference, Boston, Mass. Breakfast speaker, Mrs. Louise M. Morse, who travels widely under the auspices of "CARE," her fee going to help children all over the world.

**October, 1967** — Fourteenth Conference, Albany, N. Y. Banquet speaker: Mr. John H. O'Neill, Vice President, Finance, Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

**October, 1968** — Fifteenth Conference, Atlantic City, N. J. Banquet speaker: Mr. Joseph Shallit, Editor, Penn Central Post.

**October, 1969** — Sixteenth Conference, Richmond, Virginia. National President, Catherine Krimm, luncheon speaker. Banquet speaker: Miss Jean L. Gilpatrick, Regional Manager, Sales and Service, Maine Central Railroad.

### *Highlights*

**May, 1962** — Kate Shelley Individual Achievement Award went to Miss Dorothea Mahn, New York Ticket Office, Pennsylvania Railroad.

**May, 1964** — First prize Membership Award—\$25.00—won by Boston Chapter at New Orleans, National Convention.

**May, 1965** — Kate Shelley Chapter Achievement Awards won by Washington, D. C., Baltimore, and Richmond.

**September 20, 1969** — Cumberland, Maryland Chapter No. 65 installed by our National President, Catherine Krimm.

**May, 1970** — Denver Convention, District One luncheon honored its former district directors. **National Conventions:** Philadelphia, May, 1959, and Washington, D. C., May, 1967. Roanoke will host the 1971 Convention. Leigh Sturgill Russell, Convention Chairman.

District One has given N.A.R.B.W. one National President, Mrs. Catherine Krimm, of Baltimore Chapter.



ELINORE PRIZE  
Director



HELEN SPENGLER  
Secretary-Treasurer  
and Historian

## District Two History

DATE OF CONFERENCE	LOCATION	HOSTESS PRESIDENT	DISTRICT OFFICERS
Sept. 11, 1954 (first)	Cleveland, Ohio	Josephine Ryan	Grace Bowlus, Director Jeanne Keegan, Secy.-Treas.
Oct. 22, 1955	Indianapolis, Ind.	Minnie Stoneking	Jeanne Keegan, Director June Stoye, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 29, 1956	Columbus, Ohio	Ruth Craig	Bess Bowling, Director Sherry Fredrick, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 14, 1957	Cincinnati, Ohio	Marie Koch	Bess Bowling, Director Esther Ruetty, Secretary Virginia Pielemeir, Treasurer
Sept. 20, 1958	Toledo, Ohio	Esther Roberts	Thelma MacLeod, Director Sophia Sowinski, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 12, 1959	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Agnes Ironside	Ethel Donaldson, Director Mary O'Donnell, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 17, 1960	Detroit, Mich.	Amy Cook	Ann Trebilcock, Director Estelle Pieczarka, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 16, 1961	Toledo, Ohio	Sophia Sowinski	Pauline Christy, Director Mildred Blankenship, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 22, 1962	Buffalo, N. Y.	Joan Rountree	Pauline Christy, Director Mildred Blankenship, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 21, 1963	Indianapolis, Ind.	Elizabeth Golay	Marie Koch, Director Jeanne Keegan, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 12, 1964	Huntington, W. Va.	Eleanor Trader	Marie Koch, Director Jeanne Keegan, Secy.-Treas.
Oct. 2, 1965	Cleveland, Ohio	Helen Spengler	Frances McBriar, Director Bernadette Devereaux, Secy.-Treas.
Oct. 1, 1966	Cincinnati, Ohio	Marie Minshall	Frances McBriar, Director Bernadette Devereaux, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 16, 1967	Columbus, Ohio	Ruth Achatz	Elizabeth Golay, Director Lula Wright, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 21, 1968	Akron, Ohio	Martha Streza	Elizabeth Golay, Director Lula Wright, Secy.-Treas.
Oct. 4, 1969	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Harriet McAuley	Elinore Prize, Director Helen Spengler, Secy.-Treas.
Sept. 26, 1970	Saginaw, Mich.	Edithe Percell	Elinore Prize, Director Helen Spengler, Secy.-Treas.

## District Two Chapter Awards

1956 — PITTSBURGH .....	Honorable Mention — Publication
1956 — CINCINNATI .....	Honorable Mention — Publication
1957 — CINCINNATI .....	Honorable Mention — Publication
1957 — COLUMBUS .....	Honorable Mention — Publication
1960 — CINCINNATI .....	Second Place — Publication
1961 — CINCINNATI .....	First Place — Quarterly Publication
1962 — COLUMBUS .....	Individual Kate Shelley — Bess Bowling
1962 — CLEVELAND .....	(2) Chapter Kate Shelley Awards
1963 — COLUMBUS .....	Chapter Kate Shelley Award
1964 — CINCINNATI .....	Chapter Kate Shelley Award
1965 — AKRON .....	Membership Award
1965 — HUNTINGTON .....	4th Place Membership Award
1966 — HUNTINGTON .....	"Hail to Thee, NARBW" song written by Mary A. Faulkner, adopted at National Convention
1967 — PITTSBURGH .....	Public Affairs Certificate of Merit
1967 — TOLEDO .....	Individual Public Affairs Award — Lillian Hergert
1967 — TOLEDO .....	Chapter Public Affairs Award
1968 — HUNTINGTON .....	Public Affairs Award — Chapter 2nd Place Membership Award
1968 — TOLEDO .....	Public Affairs Award — Chapter
1968 — PITTSBURGH .....	Public Affairs Certificate of Merit
1969 — AKRON .....	1st Place "Golden Spike" Promotion
1969 — HUNTINGTON .....	2nd Place "Golden Spike" Promotion
1969 — HUNTINGTON .....	Public Affairs Certificate of Merit
1969 — HUNTINGTON .....	Membership Certificate of Merit
1969 — PITTSBURGH .....	Membership Certificate of Merit
1969 — TOLEDO .....	Public Affairs Award — Chapter
1970 — TOLEDO .....	Membership Award
1970 — DETROIT .....	Membership Award
1970 — INDIANAPOLIS .....	"Working Women of Indianapolis" Award, given annually by Chamber of Commerce.

District Two has given NARBW **three National Presidents**: Miss Kathryn Whelan, Buffalo, N. Y., 1946-48; Miss Margaret Grahn, Detroit, Mich., 1948-50; and Mrs. Bess Bowling, Columbus, Ohio, 1960-62.

**Four National Conventions** have been hosted by District Two, i.e., June 27-29, 1947, Buffalo, N. Y.; June 25-27, 1948, Buffalo, N. Y.; June 24-26, 1949, Detroit, Mich.; and May 22-24, 1962, Cleveland, Ohio.

District Two is made up of thirteen

chapters, viz: No. 62, Akron, April 1960; \* No. 6, Buffalo-Niagara Frontier, January 1941; \* No. 4, Cincinnati, January 1941; \* No. 3, Cleveland, January 1941; \* No. 40, Columbus, May 1954; \* No. 5, Detroit, January 1941; No. 58, Grand Rapids, November 1960; No. 51, Hinton, October 1956; No. 56, Huntington, May 1959; \* No. 8, Indianapolis, June 1947; No. 44, Pittsburgh, January 1955; \* No. 28, Toledo, April 1953; and No. 57, Marion, May 1959.

\* Denotes District Charter Chapters. Dates are charter dates under NARBW.



# EXUBERANCE - EXCELLENCE - ENTHUSIASM



## Cumberland, Maryland, Chapter No. 65



First row, left to right—Betty Munson, Aurelia Drenning, Irene Martin, Mary Jane Kessler, Patricia Zollner, Mary Easton, Judith Rice. Second row, left to right—Edith McNabb, Bonnie Ratke, Filomena Bender, Dolores Walton, Margaret Hensel, Frances Brown.

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When these National Association of Railway Business Women are working for their chapter and for their railroads, you can't miss them. Creation of blue and gold blazers identify these members as proud promoters of the images of NARBW and railroad industry.



DOROTHY L. KRUMMES  
District Director & Historian



VERA LINDGREN  
Secretary-Treasurer

## District Three History

TERM	DIRECTOR	CHAPTER	CONFERENCE
1954	Evelyn Pierce	Twin Cities	1 - Chicago
1955	Boe Higgins	Kansas City	2 - Kansas City
1956	Margaret Comer	Kansas City	3 - Omaha
1957	Dorothy Nagan	Twin Cities	4 - Milwaukee
1958	Dorothy Powers	Chicago	5 - Chicago
1959	Dorothy Powers	Chicago	6 - Omaha
1960	Jeanne Gustafson	Denver	7 - Denver
1961	Aurelia O'Connor	Kansas City	8 - Minneapolis
1962	Marie O'Connor	Omaha	9 - Peoria
1963	Edythe Reeve	Peoria	10 - Milwaukee
1964	Nadine Hale	Kansas City	11 - Kansas City
1965	Nadine Hale	Kansas City	12 - Chicago
1966	Valerie Carlson	Twin Cities	13 - Omaha
1967	Valerie Carlson	Twin Cities	14 - Denver
1968	Hazelle Anderson	Chicago	15 - Peoria
1969	Hazelle Anderson	Chicago	16 - Twin Cities
1970	Dorothy L. Krummes	Omaha	17 - Amarillo

On Sunday, September 27, 1953, a meeting was held in Omaha, Neb., to formulate plans for District 3 as the National Association of Railway Business Women had grown to the extent that a liaison was needed between the Presidents of the sixty chapters and the National Offices, to efficiently correlate projects, communications, and functions. Therefore, six districts were formed nationally at or about this time.

The Chapter Presidents of Twin Cities, Milwaukee, Chicago, Kansas City, and Omaha, as well as the National President, Georgia Turpin, members of the National Board, and nine eastern chapter representatives attended this meeting. The Dis-

trict Rules and functions were proposed, and the decision made that Chapter Presidents were to compose the District Board, with a District Director and District Secretary - Treasurer. The routine functions proposed at this time are still in operation today with only minor changes. The District Directors are members of the National Board and the National Residence Committee.

The first Official Board Meeting of District Three was held in Chicago, Illinois, on September 25, 1954, with five chapter presidents attending, viz.: Chicago, (Lorraine Lewand); Kansas City, (Margaret Comer); Milwaukee, (Pearl Freund); Omaha,

(Aileen Reardon); and Twin Cities, (Doris Frank).

Here the proposed functions and standing rules were adopted and the first District Director, Evelyn Pierce, was elected. Conferences and Board Meetings were to rotate among the Chapters composing the District.

Three National Presidents were given by

District Three, namely: Bessie Ross, Chicago, 1954-56 (deceased); Evelyn Pierce, Twin Cities, 1956-58; and Grace Johnson, Milwaukee, 1966-68.

Three National Conventions were hosted by: Chicago, May, 1955; Minneapolis, May, 1966; and Denver, May 1970.

Amarillo, Texas, Chapter transferred to this district in June, 1965.

### District Three Chapter Awards

- 1964 — Kate Shelley Achievement Award (Denver)
- 1965 — Kate Shelley Achievement Award (Amarillo)
- 1966 — NARBW President of the Year, Dorothy Eustace (Amarillo)  
National 3rd Place Membership (Amarillo)  
First Place National Achievement Award (Amarillo)
- 1967 — Certificate of Commendation (Elaine Williams, President-Amarillo Chapter)
- 1969 — Public Affairs, Safety and Membership Awards (Omaha)
- 1970 — "Railroad Woman of the Year", Ruth Maloney (Kansas City)  
National Slogan Contest (Omaha).

### District Three Chapters

NO.	NAME	ORGANIZED
1	Twin Cities	1921
2	Chicago, Illinois	1926
7	Greater Kansas City	1939
13	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1951
18	Omaha, Nebraska	1951
25	Amarillo, Texas	1952
29	Denver, Colorado	1953
53	Peoria, Illinois	1957

In 1970, District Three membership totaled some 1,550 women, of which Chicago Chapter claimed around 1,000. Chicago Chapter is divided into seventeen divisions by railroads, each guided by a chairman who reports to the chapter president and board.

# NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**\* Mrs. Ruth Elliott**  
President  
(Little Rock, Ark.)



**Mrs. Maizie Hester**  
First Vice President  
Public Affairs Chairman  
(Denver, Colorado)



**Miss Elnor L. Puth**  
Second Vice President  
"Dean of Directors"  
(Portland, Oregon)



**Mrs. Betty Woodside**  
Third Vice President  
Membership Chairman  
(Los Angeles, Calif.)



**Mrs. Mary A. Faulkner**  
Publications Chairman  
(Huntington, W. Va.)



**Mrs. Alma David**  
Finance and Jewelry Chairman  
(Baton Rouge, La.)



**Miss Rose Haut**  
Revisions Chairman  
(Chicago, Ill.)



**Mrs. Leigh S. Russell**  
Convention Chairman  
(Roanoke, Va.)



**Mrs. Catherine Krimm**  
Immediate Past-President  
Welfare and Nominating Chairman  
(Baltimore, Maryland)



**Mrs. Orpha Wardle**  
Parliamentarian

\* EXECUTIVE BOARD



\* Miss Concetta Roccazzella  
Recording Secretary  
(Cleveland, Ohio)



Mrs. Wynelle Akin  
Corresponding Secretary  
(Little Rock, Ark.)



\* Miss Valerie Carlson  
Treasurer  
(Twin Cities)



Mrs. Betty Goodwin  
Chairman Residence, East  
(Jacksonville, Florida)



Mrs. Laurel Dievendorf  
Chairman Residence, West  
(Los Angeles, Calif.)



Mrs. Jen U. Montwillo  
Director, District I  
(New York City)



Miss Elinore Prize  
Director, District II  
(Cleveland, Ohio)



Miss Dorothy L. Krummes  
Director, District III  
(Omaha, Nebraska)



Miss Jane Stallings  
Director, District IV  
(Dallas, Texas)



Mrs. Kay Eacho  
Director, District V  
(Spokane, Washington)



Miss Helen Schmid  
Director, District VI  
(Atlanta, Georgia)



JANE STALLINGS  
District Director



PEARL OLDHAM  
Secretary-Treasurer



EDNA COX  
Historian

## District Four History

### CHAPTERS

AMARILLO, Texas (Now District 3)	October 27, 1952
BATON ROUGE, La.	October 14, 1951
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.	November 13, 1954
DALLAS, Texas	October, 1952
GALVESTON, Texas	February 4, 1954
HOUSTON, Texas	October 26, 1952
LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas	June 21, 1956
MEMPHIS, Tennessee	May, 1953
MOBILE, Alabama	September 29, 1951
ST. LOUIS, Missouri	February, 1949

### CHARTERED

District Four was originated on **November 22, 1953**, in the Andrew Jackson Room, Battle House Hotel, Mobile Alabama, with Mary C. Ellerman, Acting Chairman, presiding. Helen Muscat acted as Secretary. At that time District Four was comprised of ten chapters, of which representatives of seven chapters were present, viz., Birmingham, Dallas, Houston, Mobile, New Orleans, San Antonio, and St. Louis. Amarillo, El Paso and Memphis were not represented. Miss Georgia Turpin, St. Louis, District Four, was National President.

The first official District Four Board Meeting was held **September 18, 1954**, at the Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas, District Director Catherine Ryan presiding, Elizabeth Smith serving as Secretary-Treasurer. District rules were adopted.

**November 27-28, 1954** — First Conference, St. Louis, Mo. Hostess Chapter President: Josephine Spoettel; District Officers: Director Catherine Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Smith. Honored guest was Mrs. Bessie Ross, National President, who advised that the national membership now totaled 6,452. She outlined the purposes of the organization and emphasized the importance of the individual member. Directors, she said, were for the purpose of assisting the president of each chapter in her District. Two chapters were received in District Four during 1954, viz., Galveston, Texas, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, for a total of twelve chapters.

**January 14-15, 1956** — Second Conference, Rice Hotel, Houston, Texas. Presiding officer, Director Elizabeth Smith, Minnie Leigh Shields, Secretary-Treasurer.

Ten chapters represented and five members of the National Board were present, together with National President Bessie Ross who advised that national membership now totaled 7,000, with a total of 40 chapters.

**September 21-22, 1956** — Third Conference, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Presiding officer, Director Clara Mayhall; Fro Cairns, Secretary - Treasurer. Hostess Chapter President: Jeanette Brown. Three members of National Board present, together with National President Evelyn Pierce.

**September 7-8, 1957** — Fourth Conference, Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee. Presiding officer, Director Fro Cairns. Hostess Chapter President: Mary Payne. Five National Board members present, together with National President Evelyn Pierce. Eleven chapters were represented.

**September 13-14, 1958** — Fifth Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas. Presiding officer, Director Mary Payne; Mabel Covington, Secretary-Treasurer. Hostess Chapter President: Arvie Salley. National President Elizabeth Greene was present. National Second Vice President Bess Bowling held the workshop. There were 175 members attending the conference.

**October 24-25, 1959** — Sixth Conference, San Antonio, Texas. Presiding officer, Director Angela Schmit; Secretary-Treasurer, Pearl Mueller. Conference Chairman: Margaret McCarty; Hostess Chapter President: Elizabeth Smith. The National Welfare Project was "Multiple Sclerosis" and National President Elizabeth Greene advised that \$8,000 was raised by N.A.R.B.W. for research on this subject.

**October 15-16, 1960** — Seventh Conference, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas. Conference Chairman: Audrey Gengler. District Officers: Angela Schmit, Director, and Pearl Mueller, Secretary-Treasurer. Edna Cox, Hostess Chapter President. Miss Frances Krimmel, Manager

Women's Division, American Association of Railroads, Washington, D. C., main speaker. Eleven chapters represented.

**October 21-22, 1961** — Eighth Conference, Jack Tar Hotel, Galveston, Texas. District Officers: Jane Stallings, Director, and Mary McElree, Secretary-Treasurer. Eleven chapters represented. Hostess Chapter President: Cecile Abrahamsen. Voted to have all Board Meetings at New Orleans, La. National President Bess Bowling present.

**October 12-13, 1963** — Ninth Conference, Mobile, Alabama. District Officers: Clara Anderson, Director; Minnie Leigh Shields, Secretary-Treasurer. Hostess Chapter President: Kathleen Ruffin. Eleven chapters represented. Highlight of the conference was presentation of the new N.A.R.B.W. Life and Illness Insurance Plan and Coverage by National Second Vice President Grace Johnson.

**October 10-11, 1964**—Tenth Conference, St. Louis, Mo. District Officers: Clara Anderson, Director, Ruth Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer. Hostess Chapter President: Irene Hansen. Honored guests included National President Clara Mayhall.

**October 16-17, 1965** — Eleventh Conference, Dallas, Texas. District Officers: Ruth Elliott, Director; Arvie Salley, Secretary-Treasurer. Hostess Chapter President: Gladys Keene. Honored guest: National President, Clara Mayhall. N.A.R.B.W. insurance again presented and membership stressed.

**September 10-11, 1966** — Twelfth Conference, Jack Tar Capitol House, Baton Rouge, La. District Officers: Ruth Elliott, Director, and Arvie Salley, Secretary-Treasurer. Hostess Chapter President: Alma David. Conference Chairman: Betty Graves. Grace Johnson, National President, honored guest.

**October 14-15, 1967** — Thirteenth Conference, Galveston, Texas. District Officers:

Alma David, Director, and Polly Harper, Secretary-Treasurer. Hostess Chapter President: Viola Hanlon. The National President, Grace Johnson, was represented by National Second Vice President Betty Woodside.

**October 5-6, 1968** — Fourteenth Conference, Memphis, Tenn., Sheraton-Peabody Hotel. District Officers: Alma David, Director, and Polly Harper, Secretary-Treasurer. Betty Gibson, Hostess Chapter President. Among the honored guests were National President Catherine Krimm and Frances Krimmel, Manager Women's Division, A.A.R.

**September 20-21, 1969** — Fifteenth Conference, Brown Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas. District Officers: Jane Stallings, Director, and Pearl Oldham, Secretary-Treasurer. Hazel Shillcutt, Hostess Chapter President. Ruth Elliott, Conference Chairman. It was voted to forego the Spring Board Meetings.

**October 3-4, 1970** — Sixteenth Conference, Baker Hotel, Dallas, Texas. District Officers: Jane Stallings, Director, and Mary

McElree, Secretary-Treasurer. Otha Smith, Hostess Chapter President. Honored guest: National President Ruth Elliott.

### *Highlights*

District Four has had four National Presidents, viz., Georgia Turpin, St. Louis; Otha Smith, Dallas; Clara Mayhall, Mobile; and Ruth Elliott, Little Rock.

Two **National Conventions** have been hosted by District Four: May, 1953, St. Louis; and May, 1968, Little Rock. May, 1972, will see another one in Houston.

**AWARDS:** **Baton Rouge**, Membership, 1968; **Little Rock**, Safety and Public Affairs; **Amarillo**, 1963, **Hazel Crawley**—Individual Kate Shelley Award for outstanding public service in behalf of Railroad Industry; **Amarillo**, 1964 and 1965, Chapter Kate Shelley Achievement Award, also Third Place Membership Award; **Houston**, Texas Safety Awards in 1967-68-69; Second Place Public Affairs Award, 1968; Safety Award, 1968. **Mobile** (Kate Shelley Award in 1965 for a Railroad Exhibition at the Greater Mobile Fair).

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT —

N.A.R.B.W., in its prime, was second only to the National Federation of Women's Clubs in membership?

When each member contributes 25 cents per year to our Benevolent Fund it amounts to over \$1,250?

Belonging to N.A.R.B.W. automatically identifies you as a voluntary achiever in the eyes of your co-workers and railroad?

Back in 1961 over 15,000 letters written by N.A.R.B.W. members were sent to congressmen in Washington, D. C., in sup-

port of a "Magna Carta" for Transportation with legislative action giving the railroads freedom from discriminatory regulation, taxation, subsidized competition, and freedom to provide diversified transportation.

In 1962, alert, railway business woman, Miss Elaine Perkins of Cleveland Chapter, spotted a new toy game entitled "Beat the Train to the Crossing," was so disturbed at its connotation that she spearheaded her Chapter's successful efforts in forcing the manufacturer to withdraw the game from the market.





MRS. KAY M. EACHO  
Director



MISS JUNE PETERSEN  
Secretary-Treasurer



MRS. CATHERINE B. HUGHES  
Historian

## District Five History

**March 14, 1954** — District Five Organizational Meeting, Bellevue Hotel, San Francisco, California. Elsie Petterson, San Francisco Past Chapter President, acted as Chairman. Representation included the chapters of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Denver, El Paso and Sacramento, together with National President Georgia Turpin.

**September 18, 1954** — Fall Conference, Coronada, California. Mildred Bates became the first District Five Director and Rosalia Dondero was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Two new chapters, Portland and Pocatello, were added to the District at this time.

**September 17, 1955** — Fall Conference, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco. Marjorie Heyer, District Director, presided. Ogden, Utah, Chapter was received into District Five.

**September 15, 1956** — Fall Conference, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City. Una Pickett served as District Director. District Five received Las Vegas, Nevada, Chapter into membership.

**October 5, 1957** — Fall Conference, Hilton Hotel, El Paso, Texas. Jessye Allen,

District Director, presided. National President Evelyn Pierce was in attendance.

**April 26, 1958**, Spokane (Lilac) Chapter 54 chartered and added to District Five.

**October 4, 1958** — Portland, Oregon, Fall Conference. District Director Dorothy Glannister welcomed National Second Vice President Bess Bowling and National Recording Secretary Bea Brickley. Denver Chapter was transferred to District Three.

**September 19-20, 1959** — Fall Conference, Bannock Hotel, Pocatello, Ida. District Director Hilda Larsen. National guests were Miss Elizabeth Greene, National President, and Mrs. Bea Brickley, National Third Vice President.

**January 23, 1960** — Spring Board Meeting, Hotel Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah. District Director Hilda Larsen presided. Chapter President Bernice Pearson reported fifty-two in attendance.

**September 24-25, 1960** — Fall Conference, Ogden, Utah. District Director Maxine Naisbitt presided. Miss Frances K. Krimmel, Manager Women's Division, American Association of Railroads, was the guest speaker. National President Bess Bowling was present.

**October 1, 1960**, Tucson, Ariz., Chapter chartered and entered District Five.

**September 23, 1961** — Fall Conference, Spokane, Washington. District Director Elnor Puth presided.

**January 27, 1962** — Spring Conference, Tucson, Arizona. Elnor Puth, District Director, presiding officer. National President Bess Bowling was accompanied by National Recording Secretary Lillian Ryan and National Residence Chairman Eva Anderson. Miss Frances K. Krimmel of the American Association of Railroads was the main speaker.

**September 15, 1962** — Fall Conference, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles. District Director Elnor Puth presided at the business meeting. The Saturday night banquet was followed by night-clubbing, including the Millionaire's Club and the Crescendo, with the grand finale being a visit to Disneyland on Sunday.

**October 26, 1963** — Fall Conference, Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco. District Director, Iona Ross. Guest Speaker: National Second Vice President Grace Johnson. Topic: "Cooperation between the National, District and Chapter Levels of N.A.R.B.W."

**October 24, 1964** — Fall Conference, Riveria Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev. District Director Lillian Ryan introduced National Second Vice President Grace Johnson who outlined the proposed N.A.R.B.W. insurance plan.

**September 11, 1965** — Fall Conference, Ramada Inn, Salt Lake City. Presiding Officer: Lillian Ryan, District Director. Mrs. Leatha Taylor, National Second Vice President, guest.

**May, 1966** — Nampa, Idaho, Chapter received its charter at Washington, D. C., National Convention.

The Historian has no information as to the business transacted, the District Officers elected, nor the locations at which the meetings were held between September, 1965, and October, 1969.

**October 10-11, 1969** — Fall Conference, Ogden, Utah. Director Thois Wilder conducted this Golden Spike Centennial Year (1869 - 1969) District Meeting. National President Catherine Krimm was a guest at the Conference. She had been a special guest at the ceremonies at Promontory, Utah, at which the "Wedding of the Rails" was re-enacted on May 10, 1969.

Some of the awards enjoyed by District Five Chapters are:

1955—National award for Bulletin  
(Salt Lake City)

1957—First Prize—Publications  
(Sacramento)

1958—First Prize—Publications  
(Sacramento)

1959—First Prize—National Membership  
(Sacramento)

District Five has hosted four **National Conventions**, viz.: May, 1956, Los Angeles; May, 1957, Sun Valley, Idaho; May, 1961, Las Vegas, Nevada; and May, 1965, Portland, Oregon.

At this writing, Nampa, Idaho, Chapter No. 64 has disbanded. Pocatello Chapter has received Nampa's residuum membership.

Meanwhile, Spokane Chapter has sponsored a new chapter, Seattle, Washington. These nineteen ladies will receive charter No. 66. Mrs. Mae P. Lantry acted as Temporary Chairman and Miss Doris Oney as Secretary during the process of organization.



HELEN SCHMID  
District Director-Historian



MARION THORNTON  
Secretary-Treasurer

## District Six History

District Six made its debut in September, 1956, during the first year of National President Evelyn Pierce's term of office.

At that time, District Six was comprised of chapters in Atlanta, Georgia, Birmingham, Alabama, Jacksonville, Miami, St. Augustine, and Tampa, Florida. In March, 1962, Savannah, Georgia Chapter No. 61 was chartered and joined District Six and in April, 1964, Waycross, Georgia, Chapter No. 63 was chartered and joined District Six so that at the present time District Six is comprised of eight chapters representing 297 members of the National Association of Railway Business Women.

In the short span of District Six's existence, fifteen Fall Conferences have been held, which have been rotated among the chapters within the district. District Spring Board Meetings were held in Jacksonville, Florida, because of its central location, with the exception of the 1963 Spring Board Meeting which was held in Savannah, Georgia, and in 1968 District Six voted to discontinue the Spring Board Meeting.

The Annual Fall Conferences have been varied, interesting and entertaining. The briefest of descriptions follow:

**September 15-16, 1956** — Atlantic Beach Hotel, Atlantic Beach, Fla. Hostess: Jacksonville Chapter; Conference Chairman, Carrie English; District Director, Stella Miller; Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Kirkland.

**October 12-13, 1957** — Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia. Hostess, Atlanta Chapter; Conference Chairman, Elizabeth Greene; District Director, Margaret Sartor; Secretary-Treasurer, Viola White. Theme: "The Railroad Woman and Her Community — Together They Progress."

**August 30-31, 1958** — Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge, St. Augustine, Fla. Hostess, St. Augustine; Chairmen, Josephine Masters and Helen Menten; District Director, Mary Maxwell; Secretary-Treasurer, Irene Randall. Theme: "Developing Individual Membership Participation."

**September 5-7, 1959** — Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Hostess, Miami Chapter; District Director, Ruby Herrin; Secretary-Treasurer, Ann Wright.

**September 3-5, 1960** — Hillsboro Hotel, Tampa, Florida. Hostess, Tampa Chapter. Tour of Latin Fiesta in Ybor City followed conference. District Director, Helen Kirkland; Secretary-Treasurer, Hazel Jett.

**September 2-4, 1961** — Guest House Motel, Birmingham, Alabama. Hostess, Birmingham Chapter; Conference Chairman, Ione Cook; District Director, Sue West; Secretary-Treasurer, Frances Hood. Theme: "The Crest."

**September 8-10, 1962** — Robert Meyer Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla. Hostess, Jacksonville; Conference Chairman, Stella Miller; District Director, Mattie Rowe; Secretary-Treasurer, Leola Fechtel.

**September 7-8, 1963** — The Atlanta American Motor Hotel, Atlanta. Hostess, Atlanta, Georgia; Conference Chairman, Helen Schmid; District Director, Margaret Chewning; Secretary - Treasurer, Carolyn Askea.

**September 5-6, 1964** — Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Hostess, Miami Chapter; District Director, Nancy Beard; Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Connor.

**September 4-5, 1965** — Ponce de Leon Motor Lodge, St. Augustine, Fla. Hostess, St. Augustine Chapter; Conference Chairman, Ruby Richardson; District Director, Nancy Beard; Secretary-Treasurer, Rosalie Sabatini.

**September 3-4, 1966** — Downtowner Motor Inn, Savannah, Georgia. Hostess, Savannah Chapter; Conference Chairman, Mary Maxwell; District Director, Annie Ryan; Secretary-Treasurer, Kathryn Austin.

**September 2-3, 1967** — Holiday Inn, Waycross, Georgia. Hostess, Waycross Chapter; Conference Chairman, Myrtice Brooks; District Director, Annie Ryan; Secretary-Treasurer, Kathryn Austin.

**August 31 - September 2, 1968** — Parliament House Hotel, Birmingham, Ala. Hostess, Birmingham Chapter; Conference Chairman, Sue West; District Director, Frances Hood; Secretary-Treasurer, Catherine Bass. Theme: "Say It With Music."

**August 30-31, 1969** — Holiday Inn, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Hostess, Jackson-

ville Chapter; Conference Chairman, Leola Fechtel; Conference Co-Chairman, Betty Goodwin; District Director, Frances Hood; Secretary-Treasurer, Catherine Bass. The Theme: "By the Sea, By the Sea, By the Beautiful Sea."

**September 5-6, 1970** — Carillon Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Hostess, Miami Chapter; Conference Chairman, Leedy Hogan; Conference Co-Chairman, Nancy Beard; District Director, Helen Schmid; Secretary - Treasurer, Marion Thornton. Theme: "Stop—Think, Look—Ahead, Listen—Take Heed."

The history of District Six would not be complete without mentioning some of the interesting highlights that have occurred over the years.

There have been three National Conventions held within its boundaries—the Tenth Annual Convention held in May, 1954, at the Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida; the Sixteenth Annual Convention held in May, 1960, at the Dinkler Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia; the Nineteenth Annual Convention held in May, 1963, at The Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood-By-The-Sea, Florida.

Mrs. Elizabeth Greene Umhau of Atlanta, Georgia, Chapter No. 35, served as National President of N.A.R.B.W. from 1958 to 1960.

Mrs. Eva Lou Allen Medard of Tampa, Florida, Chapter No. 37, Mrs. Betty Goodwin (while still a member of Tampa Chapter) and Mrs. Annie Ryan of Savannah, Georgia, Chapter No. 61, were among the Kate Shelley winners bringing honor and fame to District Six.

A dream was realized in May, 1958, when N.A.R.B.W.'s first residence was purchased in Boca Raton, Florida.

At the 1970 Denver Convention, District Six's entry in the Railroad Woman of the Year Contest, Miss Helen Schmid, Atlanta, placed third.

# RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, America's future requires that all forms of transportation operate at top efficiency, and railroads have a unique contribution to make without adding to the already critical problems of urban congestion, land use, and air pollution.

WHEREAS, Present government policies have led to the expenditure of billions of dollars of public funds to provide facilities used by railroad competitors and to regulation of railroads that is inflexible and, in large part, outmoded, belonging to another age when railroads had a virtual transportation monopoly.

WHEREAS, these conditions have created a serious financial crisis in the railroad industry, threatening a steady deterioration of services, higher costs to the public and ultimate nationalization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Congress should take immediate steps to enable the railroads to remain in private hands and insure improvement of transportation service to the nation by (1) helping to modernize railroad operating facilities and equipment through limited financial assistance and (2) by enacting laws to make government regulation of railroads more responsive to present conditions.

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America's Sound Transportation Review Organization (ASTRO) advocates the above. Ladies, we were there in 1961 for the signing of the "Magna Carta" of Transportation, and in 1962, at the White House with President John F. Kennedy, in support of his program for righting the inequities existing in transportation, and in 1965, standing behind President L. B. Johnson's proposed "Joint User Charges" with strong emphasis on competition and private enterprise in transportation. . . . Let's stay with it and see the "Railroad Story" as we've helped to tell it come to an optimistic conclusion.

# NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS

OUR THANKS to these noble ladies — our National Past Presidents — who represent 29 years of hard-gained ground for the women of the railroad industry.



MISS HAZEL CORNELL  
Twin Cities Chapter  
1941-43



\*MRS. BERNICE KOHLER  
Chicago Chapter  
1943-46



MISS KATHRYN WHELAN  
Buffalo Chapter  
1946-48



MISS MARGARET GRAHN  
Detroit Chapter  
1948-50



\*MRS. SARA BARKER  
Twin Cities Chapter  
1950-52



MISS GEORGIA TURPIN  
St. Louis Chapter  
1952-54



\*MRS. BESSIE ROSS  
Chicago Chapter  
1954-56



MISS EVELYN PIERCE  
Twin Cities Chapter  
1956-58



MRS. "LIB" GREEN UMHAU  
Atlanta Chapter  
1958-60



MRS. BESS BOWLING  
Columbus Chapter  
1960-62



MISS OTHA SMITH  
Dallas Chapter  
1962-64



\*MISS CLARA MAYHALL  
Mobile Chapter  
1964-66



MRS. GRACE JOHNSON  
Milwaukee Chapter  
1966-68



MRS. CATHERINE KRIMM  
Baltimore Chapter  
1968-70

\* Deceased

# RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, the members of the National Association of Railway Business Women desire to record their deep appreciation for the services of their esteemed associate, Miss Hazel Cornell, Twin Cities Chapter, who served as founding president of this organization through the years 1941, 1942, and 1943; and

WHEREAS, she is truly dedicated to the purposes of the National Association of Railway Business Women, having served faithfully and well through the years, advancing the cause of this organization and the industry it represents; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hazel Cornell's contribution as a wise and enthusiastic first president strengthened the instrumental genius which guided the beginning of the nationwide movement to unite the women of the railroad industry to the mutual benefit of themselves and their industry;

WITNESSETH, we, the members of the National Board of the National Association of Railway Business Women, acting for the national membership,

RESOLVE, THEREFORE, that it is fitting this organization honor its founding president, Miss Hazel Cornell, by conferring upon her the title

## **NATIONAL PRESIDENT EMERITUS**

and that she shall pay no registration fee for any National Convention beginning the year 1971.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the original of this resolution, respectfully bearing the signatures of the National Board members, be tendered Miss Cornell personally before the current convention body, and that a copy of this formal expression of appreciation be entered upon the records and become a part of the Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention, Roanoke, Virginia, May 24-28, 1971.



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**HAZEL CORNELL**  
HELPED  
**TWIN CITIES CHAPTER**  
TO CELEBRATE



*50 Years*  
**ON JANUARY 15**