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INSTALLATION SERVICE

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Because it is our hope that every officer will "Bloom and Grow" during her term in office this year, I've chosen a flower theme for the installation this morning.

As flowers bloom and their buds open, they are a symbol of joy, praise, and unfolding promise as is often declared in the Psalms. The growth represents the kind of faith which people of God should have in their heavenly Father.

All colors in nature harmonize---only when we use ribbons, paper, and other material things, do WE make colors clash.

Even as flowers fade and wither, they give their lives to a fruitful cause. Thru the production of seed in dying, they live again.

PRESIDENT

I've chosen the rose as the flower for our president for several reasons. The first is that it is the symbol of loveliness. A second reason is that the rose comes in many hues and colors---but it is never blue. And, the rose must endure thorns. But it rises above them to grow in beauty and enjoy the surroundings..... contributing much to the joy of those nearby.

First Vice President

The Iris has long been a sign of rulers---it has been a symbol on banners of French kings for many years. So I have chosen this flower to represent our first vice president who will become our president in a year. This flower is easily recognized and adapts itself well to many locales. We hope our officer---being in charge of membership will show these attributes of adaptability and friendliness to all.

Second Vice President

The second vice president must have a certain degree of showmanship to plan and carry out programs for the year. For this officer I've chose the Gladiolus. Just as programs are slow in growing, so Gladiolus too take much time to blossom. But we are impressed with the beauty of the flower as it appears and the waiting was worthwhile.

Secretary

The Lily-of-the-Valley has tiny bell-shaped blossoms with many on a single stem. All these blossoms are needed to form a perfect flower. The secretary has many jobs that mesh together to create a vital job within our club. We have the hope that our secretary will not be hearing "bells" before her term is over.

Treasurer

Tongue-in-cheek, I've chosen for our treasurer a special flower, the snapdragon. First of all, this flower is very hardy....so must a treasurer be! Gentle pressure exerted on the blossom snaps open these flowers. Perhaps such gentle pressure by our treasurer will snap open some of our purses. In no way can we liken our new treasurer to a dragon!!!!

Scholarship Treasurer

A new officer is our scholarship treasurer. I've chosen the pussy willow for her as it marks the beginning of something new...the pussy willow promises the beginning of Spring. Our scholarship treasurer marks the beginning of a fruitful project that promises as much happiness and anticipation as does Spring.

These flowers placed together form a lovely bouquet....but still needed to finish this arrangement is foliage. Foliage may be supplied by members showing that our club will enjoy warm friendships and cooperative spirit in the year to come as we have in the years past.

We would like to present to each of you some flowers....daisies which stand for friendship, faithfulness. We thank you for being faithful this last year in your interest, your time, and in many other ways. Our officers have enjoyed this year and look forward to next year as we continue to grow together.

NOTE:

The new officers were asked to stand on one side in front of the group with the old officers on the other side. As I read about the flower and office, the old officer presented the flower to the new officer. At the conclusion of the service the new officers placed their flowers together in a large vase which was part of the front centerpiece. Concluding the service we gave each member a daisy tied with our school colors to take home. The centerpiece was given to the new president.