Iva Clavelle Heads TIRAA

Iva Clavelle became the first woman to be elected president of the International Relations Association of Acadia during the annual banquet of TIRAA in Lafayette Saturday night.

The Canavo businesswoman is a charter member of the association founded in 1967 to promote international trade, tourism and goodwill. She has served as secretary and executive director of TIRAA and was instrumental in coordinating trade missions into Canada and Latin America beginning in 1973.

Another first for TIRAA was the election of a married woman to serve on the board of directors. They are Mrs. Fletcher, secretary, and her husband, Dr. George Fletcher. The Fletchers are from Kaplan.

Mrs. Clavelle succeeds N.R. Broussard in the presidency. Broussard, a Vermilion Parish industrialist, remains on the board. Another industrialist, Dalrymple Boudreaux of New Iberia, was second vice president.

Other members of the board are J.P. Thibodaux, and Howard Pelt of New Iberia; Leslie Rhodes of Lake Charles; Robert Marder of L.J. Landry and Chauncey Lowry of Lafayette; Eliza Haugb of Backhouse; and Louis Jones of Opelousas; Wm. M. and Harry; Robert Harrington of Dr. Martinville and Rollin Broussard of Kaplan. Past president of TIRAA, married in board advisors are Judge Allen Buhlmann, Bob McLeans, Charles Broussard, and C.Gerhardt Martin.

Eugene Schreiber, managing director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, was principal speaker at the banquet and underscored the role of the market ensuring Louisiana's foreign trade needs. He will be one of the coordinators of an Acadiana mission scheduled to visit New Orleans Feb. 5-6.

The outgoing president of TIRAA, a former president, was elected president of the association continuing trade missions during fall to both Guatemala and Belgium. Broussard, a wagenin by Buhlmann, is reporting on the mission to Quebec and New Brunswick.

Martin announced that the second annual outstanding
citizen of Acadia will be held at Jacob's Restaurant in Lafayette at 7 p.m. tomorrow, March 21. He added that all nominees for the 33rd annual TIRAA office, Feb. 4-6, Lafayette, will be selected by Feb. 5.

Presented at the banquet meeting were Mike Aron, president of the New Orleans mission, and Maggy Z. Olibert, an Egyptian import-export specialist in Lafayette.

Mrs. Clavelle responded to her election as president. The Witko sugared the plaque of allegiance in French, Spanish and English. Buhlmann gave the invocation in French and Walter Landry, the benediction in Spanish.

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