

Women's Division of the Electric Association CELEBRATING 85 YEARS!

 In 1926, Miss Sophia Malicki of the Middle West Utilities Company conceived the idea of establishing a Women's Division within the Electric Association

Their mission:

"to forward the torch of progress lighted by electricity"

Founding Board of Directors:

Helen M. Danker, Pierce Electric Ila Douglass, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. May S. Fletemeyer, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. Mabel O'Hara, Illinois Bell Telephone Co. Luella H. Lawrence, Radio Corporation of America Sophia Malicki, Middle West Utilities Co. Christine L. Ostrom, McGraw Hill Publishing Co. Katherine Strickland, Waters Genter Co. Wilma M. Venk, Midland Lamp Division, National Lamp Works, General Electric Florence Webster, Chicago Rapid Transit Co. Olive A. Wells, Graybar Electric Co. Lydia Zummerman, Curtis Lighting Co.

They held their first meeting in April, 1927 Speakers included EA President, John F. Gilchrist, (Commonwealth Edison), whom encouraged women to "further the use of electricity in the home" to other "housewives".

> Other Meeting Topics Included: + Home Management + Intelligent use of Energy + Proper Care of Food Preparation + Artistic use of Light



No, this is not an early ballet class—it's a group of Chicago telephone operators exercising on top of the Company's "Main" exchange building at Washington and Franklin Streets back in 1912. They're playing the old-fashioned game of "bean-bag."

The employees of Illinois Bell Telephone Company getting ready for a day's work





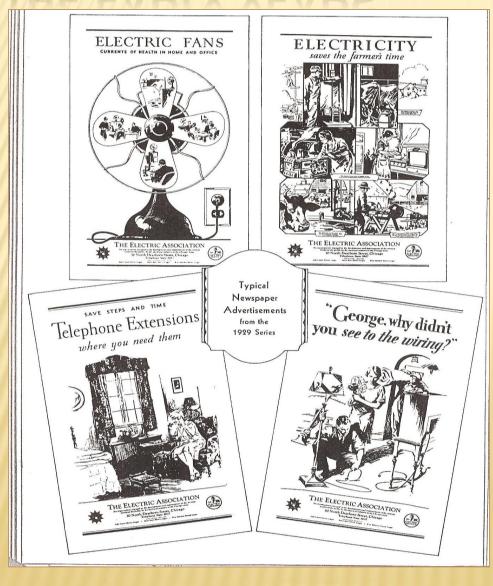
The Appleton Electric office staff.

Early Women's Division members were telephone switchboard operators and administrative staff.

The Electric Association's first offices in the Civic Opera Building at 20 North Wacker Drive. The association's Office occupied the entire 38<sup>th</sup> floor.



Our guarters occupy the entire thirty-eighth floor



Women's Division members helped the EA create these early Advertisements to appeal to the use of electricity in the home.

## THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TODAY...

- We've come a long way! Today, our members are: Company Owners & Presidents, Sales Professionals, Managers, Marketers, Customer Service Representatives, Purchasing Agents, Administrative Professionals, Trainers, and More!
- Our Members represent each segment of the industry: Contractors, Engineers, Distribution, Manufacturing, and Manufacturer's Representatives.



## THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TODAY...

#### **Our Mission:**

- To bring together women in all branches of the electrical industry for the advancement and better understanding of the service rendered by electricity.
- × Our primary goals:
  - + Networking, Education & Information



## THE WOMEN'S DIVISION TODAY...

#### **Our Events**

- Jobsite Tours: Soldier Field, McCormick Place, Panduit International Headquarters, Art Institute Modern Wing, and many more.
- Manufacturing / Facility Tours: Juno Lighting, Cooper Lighting, Eaton Corporation, KSA Lighting
- Social & Networking Events: Arlington Racetrack, Ravinia Festival, Baseball Outings, Architectural Tours, Annual Holiday Party





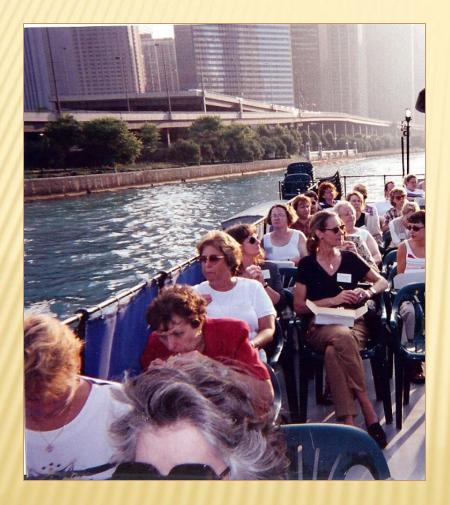










































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The Electric Association was founded in 1926. Its purpose is to serve as the umbrella organization for the various electrical disciplines in the Chicagoland area.

#### The Mission of the Electric Association is

To provide members of the elec industry of Chicagoland and employees with formal educa opportunities, professional dev informational exchange member services

To serve as the interface various organizations servi industry, and foster the e ideas, product knowledge an in order to create the best environment possible for co business in the electrical

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The Electric Association is home to three individual membership divisions:

Communications Technology Forum (CTF)

Consulting trical Engineers (CEE) Division

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