



ANN WOOD – “Mrs. Bowling” was once known as Cincinnati’s most prominent woman in international tenpins. Ann was inducted into the National, State and Local Hall of Fames for Meritorious Service honoring her for continuous years of service, devotion, sincerity, enthusiasm and trust.

Her local career started with the Cincinnati WBA board in 1930. She is mostly remembered for her long-run as association secretary. Ann was instrumental for the 50-year success of Stone’s Bowling Tournament and Ladies Handicap Tournament. Ann’s influence grew our GCWBA membership to its peak in 1976 with 43,107 members.

Six years after taking over the Cincinnati office, Ann branched out to the state and national levels. In 1944, she began her 32 year career with Ohio WBA. She served as director for 8 years, 2nd VP for 10 years, and Parliamentarian for 14 years. Ann was appointed to the WIBC board in 1945 as an executive director. She was elected 4th VP in 1950 and served in that office until 1968. Ann’s most notable WIBC accomplishment was the development of the WIBC Queens Tournament in 1961 and served as the tournament manager until she retired from the WIBC board in 1968.

“I was a very low average bowler, you can’t be in the work end of it and be a good bowler, too...I devoted my whole life to bowling because I love it....It gives you a good feeling inside to feel needed.....I feel if you don’t do for others, life isn’t worth living.”

Ann Wood’s quote from 1970 Enquirer

It is our pleasure to honor the bowler of the month with an award named after our most accomplished bowling ambassador - **THE ANN WOOD AWARD.**