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Two Stephenson National Bank & Trust Employees Receive Lifetime Service Awards from the Community Bankers of Wisconsin



Mary L. Staudenmaier and John K. Reinke from The Stephenson National Bank & Trust (SNBT), received Lifetime Service Awards from the Community Bankers of Wisconsin at the trade association's annual meeting in Madison on Sept. 11, 2013.

This year's award honored a total of 31 individuals who have dedicated over 30, 40 or even 50 years to serving their banks, their customers and their community. Recipients were chosen based on their commitment to the industry and service to their customers and community as well as their positive attitude and personality.

Staudenmaier, who recently retired as the bank's chairman of the board, was honored for her 50 years of service to SNBT. During her half-century career, Staudenmaier worked her way through the ranks of the financial services industry starting with a part-time teller position following her graduation from Mount Mary College. She then went to work full-time in the trust department at the First Wisconsin Trust Company.

Staudenmaier earned a law degree from Marquette University in 1971 and continued to gain experience in the trust business, moving from First Wisconsin to American City Bank & Trust in Milwaukee where she became a trust officer and then vice president. When Stephenson National sought to develop a trust department, Staudenmaier, who was serving as a board member of the Marinette bank at the time, was tapped to advise them.

She later became vice president of Heritage Trust Company before moving to Marinette to run Stephenson's trust department in 1977. She was elected president of the Marinette bank in 1979.

In 2000, Staudenmaier transitioned to SNBT Chairman as retired from active management. Under her leadership, the bank grew from \$27 million in assets to its current \$750 million.

Along with her business contributions, Staudenmaier is noted for her personal service in the community. She was twice named Person of the Year in 2002 and 2003 by the Marinette Menominee Chamber of Commerce. Her service also includes:

- Past president and founding board member of the M&M Community Foundation
- Founder and past treasurer of the Twin Counties Free Clinic
- Founder of the Marinette Medical Care Foundation

Staudenmaier is also a member of the Marinette County Bar Association, Mount Mary College Board of Trustees. She serves on the Dean's Advisory Board of Marquette University Law School and is the former chairman of the Wisconsin State Board of Bar Examiners.

Reinke, who recently retired as president of The Stephenson National Bank & Trust, was honored for his 40 years of service. He has transitioned to chairman of the board of SNBT.

Reinke joined SNBT on Oct. 1, 1974, as a consumer loan officer before moving into the commercial lending department of Stephenson National Bank.

Since Reinke joined the bank, assets grew from \$25 million to over \$750 million; deposits have gone from \$21 million to \$244 million and loans increased from \$13 million to \$222 million.

Reinke became a bank director in 1992 and was promoted to president in 2000.

His service to the financial services industry includes being asked to serve on the board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

An active community volunteer, Reinke received the Ron Wipfli Person of the Year Award presented by the Menominee Chamber of Commerce in 1999. He has also been involved with:

- Bay Area Medical Center Board
- Chamber of Commerce chairman
- M&M Area Community Foundation president
- M&M Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen president
- M&M YMCA president
- Marinette County Revolving Loan Committee president

The Stephenson National Bank & Trust is locally owned with over \$750 million in assets. It has four locations in Marinette and Oconto, Wis. and Menominee and Marquette, Mich.

CBW was founded in 1981 and is dedicated to promoting and supporting community banks. It represents 200 Wisconsin community banks with approximately 900 banking offices located in small towns, rural areas, suburbs, and cities. CBW members employ approximately 9,500 individuals and have collective assets of almost \$40 billion.

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