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From Your Chapter President

Welcome to our fall newsletter. I hope you take the time to read through it and give us your comments. It is designed for our chapter members.

If you have suggestions for future topics, or if you would like to write an article for the newsletter, please let us know. The goal of this newsletter is to provide you with information you can use within your area.

Stephanie Sartell
Chapter President

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Volunteer Spotlight



Thank you to our Spokane Chapter Board President Stephanie Sartell for her continuous efforts to help our Chapter be a valuable resource for its members. Through her leadership, the Spokane Chapter was awarded Gold status. This award gives us national recognition for the work she and the board put in to provide quality education and programs.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

Brett Stauffer with Northwest Farm Credit Services

Josh Graybill with US Bank

2017–2018 Calendar of Events

Upcoming Programs:

November 29th, 2017 Economic Panel Breakfast

January 25th, 2018 Loan Fraud

2018 Education:

March 27th 2018 Structuring Commercial Loans I

June 14th 2018 Construction Loan Management

Our chapter presents opportunities for individuals to get involved. Chapters rely on the talents of volunteers to stage many of their programs, conduct membership development efforts, and promote the ideals of the Association. To find out more about how you can get involved in our chapter, call [Stephanie Sartell at 509.458.8555 ext. 2152](tel:509.458.8555) or ssartell@nwbusiness.org.

RMA SCHOLARS: Give Cause for Optimism, Foundation Board Members Say

By Frank Devlin for the July/August 2017 *RMA Journal*

THE BOARD MEMBERS of The RMA Foundation, the entity that funds the annual RMA scholarships for college students pursuing financial services careers, joined the foundation as a way to give back to RMA and the industry as a whole.

"Serving on The RMA Foundation board is a small way to give back to an organization which has given so much to me in supporting my career," said David

Coxon, president and CEO of Georgia Primary Bank and one of the former RMA chairs on the board. "Knowing the foundation was based in supporting the education of individuals with interest in the banking industry was important to me."

But it eventually became apparent that, in addition to helping usher bright students into banking, the board members were benefiting from the process too. When they read the scholarship applications or made calls to notify the students who had won awards, the board members felt optimistic and just generally got a kick out of the experience.

"I had the distinct honor and privilege of calling a young lady from my alma mater, Penn State University," said Jack Wixted, consumer private wealth risk executive, SunTrust Bank and RMA chair for 2011-2012. "To be able to reach out to someone who walked the same halls, attended the same courses, and participated in the same curriculum that I had participated in 40+ years ago, and to be able to announce to her that she was one of the winners of the scholarship, was really special for me."

"We actually started the call with the chant, "We Are...Penn State," and that connection between us, and the ability to discuss her future aspirations and her questioning of me on my experience over the last 40 years was really special."

"I was impressed by the gratitude and surprise shown by the winners," said Malcolm Griggs, chief risk officer at Citizens Bank and RMA chair for 2009-10. "Even when I had to leave a voicemail I always received a call back from the student, thanking RMA."

"One young lady said that I had made her day because not only was it her birthday, but she now had some extra tuition money—so it was perhaps her best day all year!" said M. Robert Rose, chief credit officer at Brookline Bank and RMA chair for 2012-13.

That exchange, Rose noted, was "very different from the usual conversations of a chief credit officer."

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RMA Annual Risk Management Conference

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