Wisconsin Bankers Association: Bankers recognized for over 50- and 60-years of distinguished service

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Wisconsin Bankers Association Announces 50- and 60-Year Club Inductees

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Bankers Association (WBA) honors eight individuals on joining its 50-Year Club and two individuals on joining its 60-Year Club in 2025. These bankers have made exceptional contributions to their institutions, as well as to the customers and communities they serve.

"Few achievements speak more powerfully than a career defined by five or six decades of service," said **Rose Oswald Poels**, WBA president and CEO. "We are honored to celebrate the 50- and 60-Year Club inductees whose enduring commitments have left an indelible mark on Wisconsin's banking industry."

Joining the WBA 50-Year Club are:

- **MaryAnn Ewing** – The Peoples Community Bank, Mazomanie, Wis.
- **Janis Frank** – Bank of Milton
- **Julie Gebauer** – Associated Bank, Green Bay, Wis.
- **John Matter** – The Equitable Bank, S.S.B., Wauwatosa, Wis.
- **Barb Stricker** – Bank of Milton
- **Rae Valasek** – First Federal Bank of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis.
- **Jeanne Wolff** – Community First Bank, Boscobel, Wis.
- **Don Zimmerman** – The Bank of New Glarus

Joining the WBA 60-Year Club is:

- **James Caldwell** – First Citizens State Bank, Whitewater, Wis.
- **Charles Pittelkow** – The Equitable Bank, S.S.B., Wauwatosa, Wis.

Every year, the 50- and 60-Year Club inductees are recognized for their extraordinary service to Wisconsin's financial industry at the Wisconsin Bankers Association Bank Executives Conference, the largest banking event in Wisconsin. This year's event took place on February 5, 2026, in Wisconsin Dells; awardees who were unable to attend in person were presented with a plaque at a special celebration at their respective bank.