

RCB Banker's Celebrate Retirement For Longtime Employees



June 4, 2009 - On Tuesday, May 19th, Reading Co-operative Bank celebrated the retirement of three of its long-time employees at the Tewksbury Country Club. Over 120 past and present bank employees, Board of Directors, family members and friends gathered to celebrate the combined 51 years of service Linda Cottone, Maureen Eagleston and Noreen Conlan dedicated to the Bank.

In January, Linda Cottone became the first of the three women to retire. Ms. Cottone joined the Bank in 1994 as a mortgage lender. Based on her talents and hard work, Cottone was promoted to Marketing Director and then to Assistant Vice President, and Director of Marketing. "Linda's secret was her hard work- and detail orientation; she made the classiest event appear effortless and her invitations sought after," said Julieann M. Thurlow, President and CEO of Reading Co-operative Bank. Linda was responsible for the marketing of 4 new branches for Reading Co-operative Bank during her tenure. Linda Cottone resides in Andover with her husband, Vincent. The couple has two daughters and four beautiful grandchildren.

Maureen Eagleston, retiring in May, also joined Reading Co-operative Bank in 1994. Eagleston started as most employees do as a Teller but made the leap to Bookkeeping shortly thereafter. She spent the next 14 years diligently paying all of the Bank's bills on

time, balancing the Bank's accounts and keeping the Bank flush with cash as its Daily Cash Manager. "For me, I will always remember Maureen to be one of the first to thank management when something special was done for staff; she is never shy with her opinion," remembers Thurlow. Eagleston's love for her children and grandchildren shines through like the sun. Maureen Eagleston lives in Reading with her husband Richard.

At the beginning of July, Noreen Conlan will retire from Reading Co-operative Bank after 21 ½ years. In 1988 Conlan joined the Bank as a part-time teller and within less than 2 years she had become the full-time Head Teller of the Main Office in Reading. Conlan's perfectionism showed through and in 1996 was promoted to Saving Service Manager. Her knowledge of IRA's stood out among her peers and in 2000 Conlan joined Deposit Operations, officially servicing all of the Bank's IRA's accounts. "Noreen never forgets a birthday, graduation and is always thinking of others - she has done that while remembering and doing everything needed in her ever changing job," states Thurlow. Noreen resides in Reading with her husband and looks forward to spending time with her 3 children and grandchildren at her beach house in Maine.

During the 20 plus years Cottone, Eagleston and Conlan dedicated to Reading Co-operative Bank, the Bank has grown to almost 5 times the size it was in when they began. In her closing remarks, Thurlow promised the women that the Bank "will continue what you started here and committed to for so many years. You have been and will continue to be a part of the Bank family."

Reading Co-operative Bank is a community bank, founded in 1886 on the principle that profit and growth go hand in hand with responsible banking and service to the community. All deposits at Reading Co-operative Bank are insured in full through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Share Insurance Fund. The Bank has received the highest Bauer Financial Five Star rating for the past 70 consecutive quarters and has five full-service banking locations - Reading, North Reading, Woburn and 2 locations in Wilmington; the Bank also offers an educational school branch at the Reading Memorial High School.