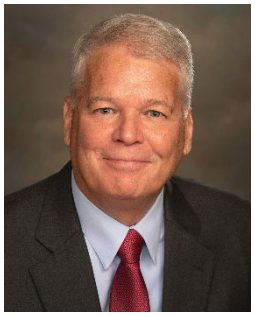
News Release

Kleer Named Leader in Banking Excellence

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Garry D. Kleer, chairman, president and CEO of First Bank Richmond and Richmond Mutual Bancorporation, is being honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, to be presented on Aug. 5 at a special ceremony in Indianapolis. This award celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Four other members of the Indiana banking community are being inducted into the class of 2022 leaders.

At the upcoming awards event, Indiana dignitaries will be making presentations, and award recipients will have the opportunity to offer comments. Each honoree will be presented with an ebony plaque etched with a portrait and biography. Identical crystal plaques will be on permanent display at the IBA offices in Indianapolis.

The Leaders in Banking Excellence awards are the Association's highest honor. For more information about the awards, visit indiana.bank/leaders-banking-excellence.

Biography:

Garry D. Kleer is chairman, president and CEO of First Bank Richmond and Richmond Mutual Bancorporation. He joined the bank in 1994 and was promoted to president and CEO in 2001. Kleer's community leadership includes service with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County, Reid Health Foundation, Richmond Symphony Orchestra and Wayne County Foundation. He has been recognized with the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame, Richmond/Wayne County Distinguished Community Leader, Boys & Girls Clubs Man and Youth Award, Indiana University East Chancellor's Medallion, and the IU Bicentennial Medal. Kleer is 2022 chairman of the Indiana Bankers Association and a member of the Large Community Bank Council of the Independent Community Bankers of America. He is a graduate of Indiana University, the Graduate School of Commercial Lending and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, and he is a member of the IBA 40 Year Club.

Congratulations to the 2022 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

Andrew J. Briggs, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Geneva
Harriett Brown *(deceased)*, Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company, French Lick
David W. Heeter, Northwest Bank, Muncie
John M. Kennedy, gbcBANK, Greenfield
Garry D. Kleer, First Bank Richmond

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