

Jim Caldwell Named Community Banker of the Year

MADISON—The Community Bankers of Wisconsin (CBW) named Jim Caldwell, president and CEO of First Citizens Bank, Whitewater, as its 2012 Community Banker of the Year at its annual conference in September. The selection committee included Paul Hoffmann, CBW chairman, Monona State Bank; Stan Leedle, Choice Bank, Oshkosh; Toby Steivang, 2010 Community Banker of the Year, Walworth State Bank; Ken Thompson, Capitol Bank, Madison; and Mike Mach, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

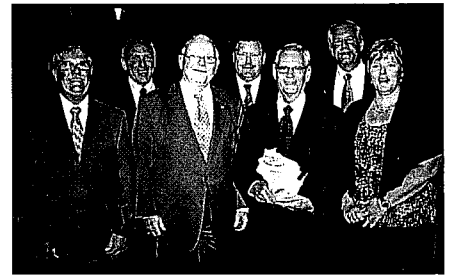
In accepting his award, Caldwell noted that being a community bank president is like being a coach—he rides on the shoulders of his associates. “This is really a tremendous recognition and award you give out each year. [It’s] a very special recognition ... and very meaningful. Thank you very much for this acknowledgement.”

Caldwell joined First Citizens as executive vice president in 1974, becoming president in 1979. Since 1974, the bank’s

assets grew from \$19 million to \$250 million. First Citizens is a 5-Star Bank, the highest ranking given by Bauer Financials Rating System.

Growing up near Morrisonville—a small community north of Madison founded by his grandfather—Caldwell earned BS and MBA degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also holds a Series 7 securities license and is a licensed insurance agent and real estate broker. Before joining First Citizens Bank, he served as VP of correspondent banking and commercial lending at First Wisconsin (now part of US Bank).

Very active in area organizations, Caldwell has served on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Foundation Board of Directors, the board for the Fort Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Whitewater Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Whitewater Kiwanis Foundation. For 30 years, he’s served on the board of Fairhaven Senior Services, which offers housing and healthcare



options to seniors in Whitewater.

Two years ago, Caldwell and his wife, Julie, donated 23 parcels of land to the UW-Whitewater Foundation. The \$1 million gift will be used to help recruit top talent to the university and provide local housing for faculty and staff.

Caldwell has also served in many capacities within the state’s banking industry, including on the boards of Palmyra State Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Wisconsin Bankers Association, and Bankers’ Bank.

Serving the area since 1863, First Citizens Bank has three offices in Whitewater and one in East Troy. It will celebrate its sesquicentennial in 2013. 🍷



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