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## FDIC Significantly Exceeds Goal for CFC Contributions

By Sonya Weakley  
Writer, Office of Communications

The FDIC's 2024-2025 contributions to the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) far exceeded this year's goal of \$300,000, reaching a total of \$444,624.24, which included \$439,307.24 in monetary pledges and \$5,317 in volunteer time pledges.

FDIC CFC Vice Chair Shanna Webbers, Deputy Director, Acquisitions Services, Department of Administration, thanked FDIC employees for showing up to help others. "I couldn't be prouder of the generosity and kindness the FDIC showed during this year's CFC campaign," she said.

Webbers sent a special thank-you to Sloane Bailey, Data Strategy Section Chief in the Division of Information Technology, for volunteering to lead the effort as the FDIC's CFC Campaign Manager this year.

"This was such a team effort by all of the Coordinators and Keyworkers to get information about the CFC out to the divisions and offices," Bailey said. "We could not have done it without the generosity of everyone who contributed."



Bailey sent a special thank-you to Renee Cash of the Special Events and Hospitality Unit for her tireless commitment to making the campaign a success.

The CFC is a government-wide fundraising program managed by the Office of Personnel Management that provides federal employees an opportunity to donate money or time directly to thousands of international, national and local participating charities.

Each federal agency conducts its own campaign, relying on volunteer

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employees to be Keyworkers, who support the campaign by inviting colleagues in their offices or divisions to participate, and coordinators, who host events, support Keyworkers and publicize the campaign.

“The keyworkers who volunteered did a great job by sharing impactful stories of how CFC helped improve the lives of so many,” Webbers said. “For me personally, their efforts inspired me to give to more than one organization.”

Cassandra Ashe, Digital Information Specialist, has been a CFC Keyworker in

the Office of Communications for more than 10 years.

“I am thrilled to have been part of helping the FDIC successfully reach and surpass our goal for this year’s Combined Federal Campaign,” Ashe said. “This achievement reflects the incredible generosity, dedication, and teamwork of everyone in our agency.”

Every contribution makes a meaningful difference, helping to support countless charitable organizations and the vital causes they serve, she said. “Each donation, no matter the size, played a

critical role in reaching this milestone, and we couldn’t have done it without you.”

She thanked employees for “demonstrating the spirit of compassion and commitment that makes our agency so special.”

Webbers reminded managers to extend a sincere thank you to their keyworkers and staff for Giving Happy. “CFC is the gift that keeps on giving,” she said. 🏠

# Examination Specialist Can Say “President Carter Slept Here”

By Sonya Weakley  
Writer, Office of Communications

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As the country observed the funeral and other services for former President Jimmy Carter last week, Truvander Kennedy, Examination Specialist (ICR) in the Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection (DCP), Jackson Field Office, enjoyed a special connection to the events—her home.

In July 1977, President Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter visited Kennedy’s hometown of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and stayed at a home on Grande Avenue owned at the time by local business leader, humanitarian and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

“Most people in Yazoo City around my age and older knew that President Carter came and stayed in this home,” Kennedy said. “It just happened to come up for sale and I ran to purchase it.”

That was in October 2013, and she and her family have lived there since. In addition, her mother bought the house next door. “The Secret Service stayed there, so the previous family moved to the neighbor’s home behind them during the visit,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy also got to briefly meet Carter during that visit. [View her story, which was aired on the local](#)



**Grande Avenue, Mississippi house**

[NBC affiliate station WLBT of Jackson, Mississippi, on January 7, 2025.](#) 🏠

# Happy New Year from the FDIC Library: Here's What's New

By Kay Lewandowska, Reference and Collection Management Librarian, and Kate McGovern, Acquisitions Librarian

As we usher in the new year, we extend our warmest wishes to our community. With the arrival of 2025 comes an opportunity for reflection, goal-setting, and resolutions aimed at personal and professional growth. The library remains steadfast in its commitment to hosting events that foster awareness and educate our community on pertinent issues related to research and learning in the information age. This dedication will not waver.

## GET TO KNOW THE FDIC

We are particularly excited to announce a new ongoing series titled "Get to Know the FDIC." This innovative initiative seeks to bridge gaps between divisions by providing insights into various professional roles within our organization. Have you ever found yourself curious about what colleagues in different departments do or how their jobs manifest on a day-to-day basis? This series aims to facilitate meaningful exchanges of perspectives regarding individual contributions and responsibilities.

On January 30, 2025, Cameron Doss, the Assistant Director of Strategic Partnerships and Program Development in the Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection (DCP), will provide an overview of the FDIC Economic Inclusion Strategic Plan and the role Strategic Partnerships and Program Development plays in implementing it. He will highlight several initiatives and accomplishments that underscore the FDIC's commitment to fostering economic inclusivity. We expect this event to provide valuable insights into the ways in which strategic collaboration can improve the financial accessibility of diverse communities.

Please join us on March 27, 2025, when Matt Elliott, Senior Complex Financial Institution Resolution Specialist in the Division of Complex Institution Supervision and Resolution (CISR), will provide an overview of Bridge Banks. The FDIC has the authority, using a bridge bank, to operate a failed bank until a buyer can be found. The collapses of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Signature



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Bank (Signature) brought to the forefront that function of the FDIC in winding down a failed financial institution. As part of the process of taking over SVB and Signature, the FDIC created bridge banks, which may be employed to avoid systemic financial risk to the economy or credit markets. They can assuage creditors and depositors and prevent negative effects, such as panics and bank runs. A bridge bank is meant to be a temporary measure—hence, the term "bridge." It provides the time needed to find a buyer for the insolvent bank so that the insolvent bank can be absorbed under a new ownership structure.

Initially conceived as a standalone event rather than an ongoing series, the inaugural session of "Get to Know" featured a presentation from the Office of Inspector General (OIG). Special Agent Eric Potocek spoke on the important work that OIG does to promote the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of agency programs and operations and to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse. FDIC employees had the opportunity to speak with Potocek and ask him about becoming a Special Agent, interesting crimes, and other functions of the OIG.

The event garnered such positive feedback that we decided to reinstate it during the FDIC Expo with Alex Greenberg from the Asset Management Division in the Division of Resolutions and Receiverships (DRR) leading another engaging discussion.

## EXISTING EDUCATION SERIES REMAIN

Rest assured, our other two beloved series—Economic Conditions and Author Chats—will continue. In the next installment of the Economic Conditions Series on Wednesday, February 26, 2025,

Kate Fritzdixon, Ph.D., Senior Financial Economist, Division of Insurance and Research (DIR), will provide an overview of the current state of the U.S. economy and identify some existing and emerging risks to U.S. economic growth. As a senior economist, Fritzdixon identifies emerging risks to the macroeconomy and the banking system, with a specific focus on households and consumer lending. Fritzdixon earned her Ph.D. in economics from Vanderbilt University and her bachelor's degree in economics and political science from the University of Pittsburgh.

## NEW EBOOKS AVAILABLE

If one of your new year's resolutions is to enhance your reading habits, the library has you covered. We invite you to explore the latest eBooks added to our collection, which provides a diverse array of genres and topics tailored to suit your interests. If you are looking for eBook recommendations, check out our monthly Speaking of Books. We also encourage you to sign up for our eRouting service. This feature ensures that you receive timely notifications when new editions of your favorite journals are published, keeping you informed and engaged with current research.

You can find these and other library events posted to the Corporate Calendar of Events. Each event posted there includes a description and a calendar invitation, which you can easily add to Outlook.

As always, if you have any questions or you need some help researching a topic, please contact us for assistance at [library@fdic.gov](mailto:library@fdic.gov).

*This article is part of an ongoing series of contributions from the FDIC Library. 📖*

## Briefs



### Vice Chairman Provides Views on FDIC Policies

January 10, 2025

Read the remarks of Vice Chairman Travis Hill, who shared his thoughts on [Charting a New Course: Preliminary Thoughts on FDIC Policy Issues](#) in a speech before the American Bar Association on January 10, 2025

### FDIC Podcast: Small Business Lending

January 6, 2025

With all of today's financial technology, has small business lending lost the human touch? In our latest episode of the FDIC Podcast, economists Nick Frazier and Jacob Goldston discuss the results of the [FDIC's 2024 Small Business Lending Survey](#), a national survey of 1,300 banks that finds that from the smallest banks to the largest institutions, small business loans are still generally made by . . . people.



### Chairman Gruenberg to Share Lessons from Financial Crises January 14

January 10, 2025

The Brookings Institution will host FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg at 2 p.m. ET Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in its Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, D.C. Following his speech, Gruenberg will also participate in a fireside chat. Employees may watch the event online [by visiting the Brookings website to preregister](#). Questions may be submitted in advance to [events@brookings.edu](#). 🏛️

## Moving On

On January 17, 2025, **Doreen R. Eberley**, Director of the Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS), announced she will retire from the FDIC on March 29, 2025, following a distinguished 38-year career.

Former FDIC Chairman Gruenberg said, "Doreen epitomizes the FDIC's dedication to its mission of maintaining public confidence in the banking system. As Director of our Division of Risk Management Supervision, she has set the highest standards of performance with ceaseless commitment and extraordinary leadership. It has been a privilege to work with her."

The FDIC Board of Directors appointed Eberley to lead RMS in January 2013. During her tenure, she focused on embedding lessons from prior financial crises into the supervision program; strengthening and maturing the FDIC's approach to the supervision of a growing portfolio of large, complex institutions; preparing the FDIC's examiner workforce

for the future; and modernizing the supervision technology systems.

Prior to her appointment as Director, Eberley served as Senior Deputy Director in RMS and New York Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director. During her tenure as Regional Director, she served on several special assignments. She served a nearly year-long assignment to the FDIC's Washington Office beginning in September 2008 as Acting Deputy Director in RMS, managing the Division's strategic planning and resource management functions, leading a group to develop the eligibility criteria for the Debt Guaranty Program, and creating processes for the ongoing administration of the program. This assignment was followed by a year-long assignment leading the Atlanta Region during the height of the financial crisis. She additionally served a year-long assignment beginning in August 2010 as Acting Deputy to former Chairman Sheila Bair,



**Doreen Eberley**

where she led the work to develop a chief risk officer position for the FDIC.

Eberley began her career with the FDIC in 1987 in the Division of Liquidation in Bossier City, Louisiana, then transferred

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in 1988 to the then-Division of Bank Supervision and became a commissioned bank examiner. She held a variety of positions within the supervision program area, including Applications Review Examiner, Case Manager, Senior Case Manager and Assistant Regional Director

in Atlanta. She served on the staff of the House Financial Services Committee through a fellowship program during the 105th Congress.

Eberley has served as the FDIC's representative on the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's Task Force on Supervision for the past 12 years,

serving as Chairman of the Task Force on several occasions. She also serves as an Executive Sponsor for the FDIC's Employee Resource Group Partnership of Women in the Workplace National Advisory Board and has served on Cornell University's President's Council of Cornell Women since 2014. 🏠

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**Name:** Kristie K. Elmquist

**Most recent position:** Regional Director

**Division/Office:** Divisions of Risk Management Supervision & Depositor and Consumer Protection

**Location:** Dallas Regional Office

**When and where joined the FDIC:** I joined the FDIC on January 17, 1989 in Urbandale, Iowa field office.

**Other experience:** Dually commissioned examiner who worked for three regions (Kansas City, New York, and Dallas). Served as a team leader, field supervisor, Corporate University chair, assistant regional director, acting associate director, and deputy regional director prior to becoming a regional director. Completed numerous details, led and participated on several corporate and divisional committees and project teams, and served as the Chair of the Training

Oversight Committee.

**Career highlights:** Obtaining two bank examiner commissions, being selected as a field manager and to serve as regional director, and receiving Chairman's Excellence team and individual awards.

**Retirement date:** February 15, 2025

**Plans for retirement:** Spending time with family and friends, traveling, golfing, trying to improve my skills at gardening and DIY remodeling projects, and being more active in community service.

**Comments and thoughts:** While I enjoyed the challenges of the job and I am very proud of the work we did as a team to accomplish our mission every year, I will miss the people at FDIC the most. No matter where I worked, or what team I was a part of, I was blessed to have been surrounded by intelligent, caring, thoughtful, and dedicated people throughout my career. 🏠



Kristie Elmquist

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**Name:** Kathleen M. Doyle

**Most recent position:** Field Supervisor (Risk Management)

**Division/Office:** Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS)

**Location:** Dallas/RMS Houston Field Office

**When and where joined the FDIC:** I joined the FDIC in June 1990 in the Tampa, Florida Field Office.

**Career highlights:** I earned my commission and was promoted to a Bank Examiner in 1993. I became a Supervisor Examiner in the Tampa office in 1999, then became the Field Supervisor in the Houston, Texas Field Office in 2002, where I completed my career. Positions and collateral duties included Acting Assistant Regional Director, Acting

Chief of Strategy, Performance and Governance, and the Dallas Region representative on the national Field Supervisor's Council. I served on the Workplace Excellence Council when the Council was awarded the 2016 Creativity and Innovation Award by the Chairman for their extensive employee outreach efforts. Additionally, under my leadership, the Houston Field Office was recognized by the Chairman in 2011 for its outstanding efforts to incorporate cultural change.

**Retirement date:** January 31, 2025

**Plans for retirement:** I plan to travel the world with my husband, allowing me ample opportunities to enhance my photography skills. 🏠



Kathleen M. Doyle

# In Memoriam

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## **Ronald J. Gentile**

*Former Field Examiner*

Ronald J. Gentile, 75 of West Palm Beach, Florida passed away on December 6, 2024. A beloved father, proud grandfather, loving husband and cherished friend, Ron will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Ron is survived by his best friend and wife, Suzanne with whom he shared many years of happiness, love and companionship. He leaves behind his two children, Kristen Pinto and Thomas Gentile, and his daughter-in-law, Laura Gentile. He also leaves behind his two stepchildren, Tony Scarito and David Scarito and his six grandchildren, Olivia, Emily, Julia, Benjamin, William and May. He is also cherished by his step-grandchildren, Anthony Thomas, Allie and JT. His family brought him immense happiness and filled his life with joy.

Born on April 28, 1949, in Long Beach, New York, Ron lived a fulfilling life both personally and professionally. Throughout his career, he achieved remarkable success starting with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

(FDIC) and then as a Bank President and CEO at the Warwick Savings Bank in Warwick, New York where he helped build the bank from a small community bank into a publicly traded company. After success at the Warwick Savings Bank, Ron brought his leadership, work ethic and unwavering commitment to the Community Bank of Orange and then the USA Bank, serving as President and CEO of both banks before retiring full time to Florida.

Outside of his professional life, Ron was known for his sense of humor, his love for his family, and his enjoyment of life's simple pleasures. He was a connoisseur of fine wine and cigars, often savoring both in the company of good friends and loved ones. He approached every moment with enthusiasm and a deep appreciation for the things that brought him joy.

Though Pop (or Pop Pop) as he was known to his grandchildren, is no longer with us, his memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. We are thankful for the time we had with him and the love he gave us.



**Ronald Joseph Gentile**

Rest in peace, Ron. You will never be forgotten.

To quote his favorite artist, Rod Stewart "You're in my heart, you're in my soul. You'll be my breath should I grow old. You are my lover, you're my best friend. You're in my soul." 🏠

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## **Gerry McAteer**

*Former Field Examiner*

Gerald (Gerry) Barton McAteer, 80, of West Linn, Oregon, passed away on December 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving daughters, Barbara and Kathleen. Gerry was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and attended St. Thomas Apostle School and St. John's College High School where he ran track and played football in the city championship game of 1961, which attracted what was then the largest sports crowd in D.C. history of over 49,500 spectators. He graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics in 1967.

After graduating from college, Gerry joined the Philadelphia Field Office as a safety-and-soundness examiner trainee. In 1968, he entered military service with the U.S. Army and became a reconnaissance platoon leader stationed

at the Korean Demilitarized Zone. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. After leaving Korea, he was assigned duty in the Pentagon.

After his Army service, Gerry returned to the FDIC in 1971, and resumed working as an examiner in Philadelphia, earning his commission in 1974. In addition to his risk examination responsibilities, he was also recruited to examine banks in Maryland for compliance.

In 1981, he participated in a voluntary transfer program and moved to Portland, Oregon, where he spent the remainder of his career. In the early 1990s, when the former Division of Compliance and Consumer Affairs was established and a formal commission in compliance was offered, McAteer earned his second commission. He continued to work in both disciplines but eventually specialized solely in compliance. Over the years,



**Gerald (Gerry) Barton McAteer**

he also mentored many examiners and taught at the FDIC's examination schools.

Another role Gerry enjoyed was serving as Vice President and later President of the San Francisco Chapter of the National

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Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), continuing his involvement with the NTEU in retirement.

Gerry had a great sense of humor; he had a generous laugh, quick wit, and was always comfortable to share his opinion of current events or to discuss his beloved Washington football team. He was the oldest with four siblings, and he stayed in

contact multiple times during the years with all of them. He was patriotic and proud of his country and service with the Army. He treasured his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He volunteered to serve in many VFW honor guard ceremonies for veteran funerals.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Kathy, daughters Barbara (Ian) and Kathleen

(Nathan). Brothers Dennis, Sean (Loretta), Kevin (Susan), sister Mary Beth (Garry), and many nephews and nieces, fellow veterans, and friends. A Committal Service with military honors is planned for Willamette National Cemetery for January 31, 2025, in Portland. 🏠

## **Gregory Eugene King**

*Former Senior Risk Examiner*

Gregory (Greg) Eugene King, 69, peacefully passed away Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at his residence in Carencro, Louisiana. He was a native of Meridian, Mississippi.

Greg was a Senior Risk Management Examiner with the FDIC for 16 years and was based in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Field Office. He joined the FDIC following several years with various community banks and prior experience as an examiner with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and retired in June 2020.

Greg embodied FDIC core values and set an example of kindness and respect that many aspire to emulate. He was affectionately called “Granddaddy” by numerous examiners and former colleagues. He taught us all to be good examiners but reiterated that it is more important to be better people.

Greg considered “mentoring the next generation” as his greatest contribution to the FDIC. He was honored with several awards and acknowledgments during his FDIC career, including a Mission Achievement Award, for work done on a bank examination that led to the identification of fraud and criminal prosecution.

He was instrumental in identifying fraud that eventually caused the failure of a New Orleans bank, and many of the workpapers and bank documents he collected were instrumental in the criminal conviction of the failed bank’s former president in 2023. He is known by many in the Louisiana Territory for kindness and willingness to help, and he is missed by many in the FDIC.

Greg was an incredible man with a heart of gold, always willing to lend a hand to those in need. He was a loving husband and father who will be greatly missed by the legacy he leaves behind. He will be sorely missed by all who had the good fortune to cross his path.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Deanna King of Carencro; one son, Alex N. Powell and his wife, Nicole, of Buford, Georgia; one daughter, Essie King of Carencro; five grandchildren, Ashiya Landry, Abrion Powell, Amyria Thibodeaux, Chris Thibodeaux Jr. and Davyn Powell; one brother, Keith King of Meridian; and three sisters, Debra Wade and her husband, Clifton, Nita Boyd, and Tonya Smith and her husband, Ernest. He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Thibodeaux Sr., and his parents, Arther James King and the former Essie Beatrice Stennis.

The family would like to extend a special thank-you to Carroll and Janice Thomas, Dianne Colbert, and Amedisys Hospice for their support and care and the FDIC for the acknowledgements, sentiments, and words of condolences.

### **Gregory's FDIC colleagues had much to say about his life and work:**

*Heath Constantine, Credit Specialist, RMS*

My condolences to the King family. I had the great fortune to work with and learn from Greg while at the FDIC. He was a mentor professionally and shared wisdom on life and he kept it fun.

*Timothy Strain, Senior Risk Examiner, RMS*

To all of Greg’s family and friends, I was blessed with having Greg in my life at the FDIC. Gregarious, infectious, and always playful, he was a great examiner



**Gregory King**

and a better human being. He is sorely missed.

*Victor T. Ingram, Field Supervisor (Risk Management), RMS*

I had the pleasure of working with and learning from Greg at the FDIC. There will never be another Greg King. Greg never met a stranger. He was one of the smartest people I know, yet he was humble and willingly shared his vast knowledge and wisdom with anyone who would listen. Greg had a way of uplifting and encouraging people to be their very best. That's why so many of us took advantage of every opportunity to be in his presence.

*Rachel S. Johnson, Senior Risk Examiner, RMS*

Mr. Greg King was one of a kind. He was a great man, mentor, colleague, and friend. I first met Greg when I was a young examiner, and he was working for a bank. He later joined us at the FDIC, and

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he definitely made a significant impact on all the people he worked with. He never met a stranger. He spoke highly of his family. He always offered the best advice. I will miss him. Rest easy Greg.

*Jeandele T. Frank, Senior Risk Examiner, RMS*

Mr. King or Granddaddy, as most of the young people in our office knew him, was one of the most impactful mentors any of us ever had at the FDIC Baton Rouge Field Office. He made us better people, which he always taught us was more important than being the best examiner. Mr. King was the best examiner hands down, but he was also the most compassionate person and that was invaluable. I will miss him.

*Glenn Richard, Examiner, RMS*

Granddaddy King was a jolly good-fellow. His legacy will live forever in the hearts and minds of many at the FDIC.

*Jennifer Stone (retired), former Senior Examiner, Large Financial Institutions, RMS*

Mr. Greg was one of a kind. I worked with him at the FDIC and remember him as an excellent examiner that was always willing to train others. Greg was the first to go out of his way to help others. Greg spoke kindly of his family. He was very proud of his Baby Girl and the boys. But he always wanted to keep Mrs. Dea happy. He will be missed.

*Roshelle Carter, Louisiana Department of Financial Institutions*

Mr. Greg or Granddaddy was an awesome man with a huge heart. From our first encounter on an exam, he took me under his wing. He made sure he poured his vast knowledge into me every chance we got, and he definitely didn't have to do that. The banking knowledge gradually turned into life lessons and for

that I'm forever grateful. While you were in his presence, you didn't have a choice but to be a better person. He had such a huge presence and was definitely the smartest person in the room, but he was so humble. You felt the love when you were around him.

*Rosie Smart, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency*

Greg taught me how to be a bank examiner; I work in the OCC Lafayette, Louisiana, office. He was also my LIFE Mentor. This was my first job and had moved from my hometown in Monroe, Louisiana. He is one of the BEST. 🏠

## **Thomas J. Conway Taylor**

*Former Bank Examiner*

Thomas J. Conway Taylor, known as Tommy or Tom, was born on March 22, 1941, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Mary Taylor and James Conway. He grew up in a lively household with five sisters and two brothers, where they often fought over the single bathtub in the house. He was a consistent prankster among his siblings and had a passion for building train sets.

Tom graduated from St. James High School, class of 1959. After high school, he worked at the West Carson Street gas station while starting college at Duquesne University. He continued to work all throughout college. In his third year at Duquesne, he got a job at UPS, and in 1965 he obtained a degree in accounting and finance.

Two years later, in May 1967, he began working with the FDIC in New York as a bank examiner. He examined banks throughout New York and New Jersey but particularly enjoyed biannual trips to Puerto Rico—especially in the winter. In April 1972, he said goodbye to the snow, transferring to Puerto Rico and buying his first apartment on the Isla

Verde Beach – which became a cherished oceanfront community for the rest of his life. He would often jog up and down that beach as part of his daily routine after coming home from work. In 1975, the FDIC increased its staff in Puerto Rico by adding five examiners, one of whom became his wife in 1981. Their first child, a son named James Conway, was born in 1982, and their second child, a daughter named Natasha Conway, was born three years later in 1985.

During the Savings and Loans crisis in the 1980s, he managed a Savings & Loans Institution in Jasper, Texas, for four months. One of the assets he managed was a non-operating oil refinery with storage tanks in Beaumont, Texas. In October 2001, he retired from the FDIC to enjoy a more relaxed life filled with tennis, biking, and travel. In September 2009, he went back to work with the FDIC when the economy of Puerto Rico and its banks were having severe financial problems. His dedication to Puerto Rico and helping make the island better is a testament to his extraordinary work ethic and commitment. He retired for the second time from FDIC in March 2012, after having some health problems.



**Thomas J. Conway Taylor**

### **THOMAS' FDIC colleagues had much to say about his life and work:**

*Yaribsa Sanchez (Administrative Support Assistant, RMS, New York Region)*

Tom was a special person, full of joy and love for his family and friends. I always enjoyed talking to him and the moments shared during the office events. Tom was very unique, he selected Puerto Rico as the place to develop his professional career and personal life. He always

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demonstrated great commitment and valued the FDIC deeply. Tom was an example for all of us! I will miss him.

*Kevin Glueckert (Field Supervisor, RMS, New York Region)*

Tom was an integral part of the FDIC's supervision of banks during difficult economic times for the island of Puerto Rico. His leadership, dedication, technical acumen, and sense of humor were all critical to the FDIC effectively contending with banking sector challenges on the island over the course of his career.

Tom's three great loves were baseball, football, and family. He spared no Sunday to football, and for this family he would

go to bat in the most selfless, caring ways possible: saving and sacrificing to help his children graduate from college without student debt, providing loving support for his grandchildren, and being a dedicated loving partner to his wife Luz Juarbe for 42 extraordinary years. As a family, they enjoyed countless road trips across the United States listening to Tom's favorite Willie Nelson and Roger Whitaker songs, many bike rides to Old San Juan, and a lifetime of sunny memories on the beach he so loved.

Along with his joy for family life, his smart wit and mischievous humor prevailed in day-to-day conversations

and interactions with family, friends, and neighbors. His pragmatic, sharp sense of politics, finance and the world in general, made him an interesting person you could enjoy talking about anything with. You could always count on him to make you laugh while sharing his insightful perspective on all things big and small.

He was an exceptional light that filled every room with laughter and witty commentary on life. In all his roles as a father, husband, brother, colleague, and friend, he gave those around him a sense of joy and loving security. The wind beneath all our wings. Till we meet again, we will love him, our Tommy, forever. 🏠