



# OKLAHOMA BANKERS ASSOCIATION EMERGING LEADERS INSIGHTS NOVEMBER 2015

## HAVE LUNCH, WILL TRAVEL

The Emerging Leaders advisory group met in mid-October to discuss the upcoming months. Based on the group discussion and conversations with Emerging Leaders throughout the state, we are trying something new with luncheons that are hosted by the OBA Emerging Leaders but open to all bankers. Each luncheon is spearheaded by an Emerging Leader, who nails down the date, location and relays a topic that is important to their market.

## #EmergingLeadersSocialMediaLuncheon

The first of these luncheons will be Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Costello's Continental Cuisine in Enid. Jeremy Cowen, OBA vice president of communications, will discuss the do's and don'ts of social media as it applies to the world of banking and your everyday life. There is no cost to register, and attendees will be responsible for the cost of their own meals. For more information and to register for the Enid luncheon, [click here](#). A big thank you to Bank of Kremlin's Taylor Skouby for securing the date and location.

## Next up, Ardmore

The next Emerging Leaders-hosted event will be Jan. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Ardmore. Jerold Phillips, Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Ardmore, is leading the charge on a legislative luncheon with Rep. Pat Ownbey and Sen. Frank Simpson, which will be open to bankers and the community. More information to follow in the December Insights and the OBA Update.

If you have interest in hosting a similar function either on social media or another topic in your market, please contact [megan@oba.com](mailto:megan@oba.com).

### SAVE THE DATE EMERGING LEADERS AT THE CAPITOL

There will be two opportunities this spring for Emerging Leaders to meet with their respective legislators at the Capitol. Save the date for Feb. 17 and/or March 9 for an Emerging Leaders Contact Banker session. We'll observe committees meeting, we'll watch the House and Senate in their daily session, visit with your legislators, and to wrap up the day, the OBA will bring lunch in for everyone. While these two Wednesdays will be reserved specifically for Emerging Leaders, you are welcome to participate in Contact Banker any Tuesday while the Senate and House are in session. Registration will open in January.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Is your bank doing something noteworthy for you community? If so, email [megan@oba.com](mailto:megan@oba.com). We'd love to feature your good deeds in an upcoming Insights newsletter.

### Women in Banking

Join your fellow Women in Banking on Dec. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the OBA's Harris Event Center in Oklahoma City. Guest speaker Elaine Dodd will help you "Raise those Holiday Spirits Cyber-Safely!" and lead a rousing discussion of cyber safety on the personal side and as a banker. Discussion will include cutting-edge issues such as alternate payment systems, impact of mobile banking and business email compromises. We will also explore some of the "tried and true" diversion methods as well as real time intrusion maps (which will keep you up at night, promised). There is no fee to register and BankOnIt is sponsoring lunch. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### SIGN UP FOR AN OBA COMMITTEE

Being a member of Emerging Leaders is just the first step in developing into an industry leader. There is no better way to further your career or to serve your profession than to become involved with one of the OBA's committees. Everything the OBA does is intended to make you a better banker which makes you more relevant to your bank. Find more information at [http://www.oba.com/bankers/oba\\_committees.php](http://www.oba.com/bankers/oba_committees.php). If you have questions, contact Janis Reeser at [janis@oba.com](mailto:janis@oba.com).



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Q&A: RENEE HILLHOUSE CREDIT ADMINISTRATOR, SVP SPIRITBANK, TULSA, OK



Renee and her husband have been married for 16 years and have an 8-year-old son named Chase. He is the light of their family. They also have two dogs — Stony the Dachshund and Chief the Doberman. They spend every summer camping on the weekends at Lake Tenkiller with friends. Renee received her degree from Tulsa Community College.

Q. What is your passion?

A. I really love what I do at the bank. I could talk about it for hours and bore most of

my family talking about work.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I grew up in a small town of 10,000 people named Monroe, Wisconsin, where if you had four feet of snow, you would still have school. Not like it is here in Oklahoma where they close with a dusting.

Q. Favorite thing about the banking industry?

A. Air conditioning (the only reason I decided to get into banking from a non-AC job 21 years ago). Who knew I would be where I am today!! Also I really like seeing others make their dreams happen.

Q. What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

A. Spending time with my son, and scrapbooking.

Q. Something people would be surprised to know about you?

A. I take my stress out at the gun range

Q. Greatest element of Emerging Leaders?

A. I really like the Emerging Leaders Program to get to know other bankers. Then be able to bounce ideas around of what are they doing that might work for our situation.

Q. Top bucket list item?

A. Jump out of a plane over the Swiss Alps, with a parachute of course!

*Each month in this section we'll highlight a member of Emerging Leaders. Would you like to be spotlighted? Do you know someone who should be spotlighted? Let us know by emailing [megan@oba.com](mailto:megan@oba.com).*

## OBA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2016

What a better candidate for the 2016 OBA Leadership Academy than an OBA Emerging leader?

The Leadership Academy will help you reach new heights with powerful speakers offering information leaders need for effectively maneuvering in today's business climate. Each session helps participants become true leaders by understanding those around you through non-traditional methods. The program is insightful, yet fast-paced and practical in its approach to leadership and management concepts and should be of special interest to mid-to-upper level bankers who want to further their

careers and grow professionally. The overall program includes six one-day sessions centered on developing leadership and management skills by using creative instruction techniques and active participation. Each session focuses on enabling participants to develop necessary management and leadership skills they can implement immediately. [Click here](#) to learn more.



### The 2016 sessions will be held as follows:

- Session I - Jan. 22
- Session II - Feb. 23
- Session III - March 24
- Session IV - April 15
- Session V - May 13
- Session VI - June 2

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