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Pat Paris to be honored for community contributions

CLAREMORE, OK – Pat Paris, a retired school teacher and active volunteer at Stuart Roosa Elementary School, will receive a service award Friday, Nov. 7 from the RCB Bank and the Oklahoma Bankers Association (OBA) for her exemplary spirit of volunteerism and community service.

“The Heart of the Community Award recognizes Ms. Paris’ enthusiastic sprit and loving attention to children,” said Roger Beverage, OBA president and CEO. “We’re fortunate to live in a state where a great deal of importance is placed on volunteerism and personal contribution to each other and our community.”

Paris works many, many hours at the school but refuses to take substitute pay because she knows in her heart how important it is to lend community support.

“Pat helps answer phones in the office, distributes mail to the teachers, works in the library and is always willing to step in and help whenever and wherever she’s needed,” said Glen Abshere, principal of Stuart Roosa Elementary. “As one teacher noted, she is a blessing to everyone in the building and we appreciate her very much.”

The Oklahoma Bankers Association started the “Heart of the Community Award” to help recognize those outstanding individuals that are willing to make the type of personal sacrifices that make our communities whole. The OBA has asked their member banks to help find these wonderful volunteers in their communities that they see meeting unmet needs all across the state.

“Most citizens serve their communities quietly without seeking recognition, making generous contributions of time and financial resources to a wide variety of worthy causes,” said Myrtle Prather, vice president of RCB Bank. “Pat Paris is the epitome of a volunteer and her service is immeasurable.”

Like the dedicated work ethic of Pat Paris, the banks of Oklahoma have been an integral part of Oklahoma life long before statehood. Beverage noted that these banks and bankers have been investing in the hearts of our communities and “the measurement of time and money is not as important as the fact that banks have played a central role in making Oklahoma a wonderful place to live and work.”

(See picture below)



Pictured are Margo Ward, OBA; Myrtle Prather, RCB Bank-Claremore; Pat Paris, first ever Heart winner; Adrian Beverage, OBA; and Ron Reiser, RCB Bank president.

Nov. 7. 2008 at Stuart Roosa Elementary School