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CBT Investor Relations Manager Elected President Of National Organization

CBT Vice President and Manager of Investor Relations **Geraldine U. Foster** has been elected to serve as president of the Bank Investor Relations Association.

Gerry was one of the founding officers of this association, newly established in November, 1981. Then serving as treasurer, she has seen membership increase to include 100 of the largest banks in the United States and the Royal Bank of Canada.

The Bank Investor Relations Association emerged from the National Investor Relations Association, when a handful of bank investor relations professionals met to discuss their specific concerns. A roundtable discussion progressed, they evaluated their level of expertise and, within the past year, conducted programs, such as "How to Analyze Your Shareholder Base", and had

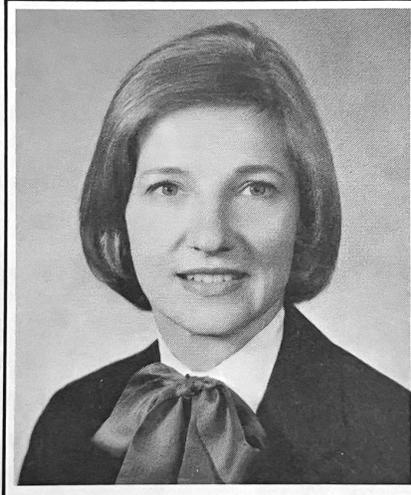
members from rating agencies and bank analysts discuss financial reporting requirements for banks in their annual reports.

"Our organization is focused on how we can be more effective in our jobs," says Gerry. "We do have a wide range of experience in bank investor relations personnel from the newly-appointed to the well-seasoned, which makes for interesting sessions."

As president, Gerry, an Essex resident, sees the Bank Investor Relations Association striving to increase membership to include the smaller, regional banks "with only part-time investor relations personnel", while making a greater impact on the investment community as a viable organization.

Part of the strategy for increasing

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membership is encouraging the present members of the association to solicit banks in their region.

"Presently, we have at least one member from almost every state," Gerry points out. Other members from Connecticut include representatives of Connecticut National Bank and Colonial Bancorp.

Geraldine U. Foster, 80, of North Branford, Conn., beloved wife of Johnnie D. Johnson, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at her residence. Mrs. Foster was born May 25, 1942, in Wilkinsburg, the

daughter of Adolph and Julia Bartolomucci. She attended Mary Lawrence Webster College in Washington, D.C., as well as Mary O'Russell Sage in Troy, N.Y. She was a vice president at CBT Bank in Hartford and Boston as well as a senior vice president at Continental Insurance in New York City. She started her pharmaceutical career with Schering-Plough, then retiring from Merck Pharmaceutical as a senior vice president of public and investor relations.

Geraldine adopted and rescued senior cats. She took on more than 30 cats during her lifetime and still has two. Besides her husband, Johnnie, of 35 years, Gerry is survived by her stepdaughter, Judith M. Johnson and her husband, Nigel J. Grainge, of Morocco; her brother, Gerald R. Bartolomucci; and her sister, Eileen M. Bartolomucci, both of Pennsylvania.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Twin Valley Cemetery in Delmont. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in Grassy Hill Church, 371 Grassy Hill Road, Lyme, CT. Later, a celebration of life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, in SWAN FUNERAL HOME, 1224 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Please visit www.swanfuneralhomeoldsaybrook.com for more service information and directions.

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