

Heidi Goodrich Kirschner is appointed to the Rondout Savings Bank's Board of Trustees

Rondout Savings Bank has appointed Heidi Goodrich Kirschner to their Board of Trustees. She will be replacing Frank Reis, who will be retiring at the end of this year. Mr. Reis has served on the Rondout Savings Bank board for over a decade, most recently as Chairman.

“Appointing a person of Heidi’s caliber, someone who has already contributed so much to the area, underscores the value Rondout Savings Bank places on being an active partner in the communities we serve,” James F. Davenport, President and CEO of Rondout Savings Bank explained. “ We have always been focused on the success of our clients and the community... Heidi’s appointment further exemplifies this commitment.”

For Mr. Reis, retiring from the board is admittedly a bittersweet experience. An active board member and community business booster for decades, he says he will miss the role he has played on the Rondout Savings Bank board, but he is also looking forward to actually retiring and spending more time at his second home in Florida.

“I love being on the Rondout board,” Reis explained. “But the New York State Banking Charter that we operate under does not allow a board member to serve past the end of the year of their 75th birthday, so I will be stepping down on December 31st.”

Mr. Reis said Mrs. Kirschner will bring fresh energy to the Rondout board and that she is the kind of community leader the board was seeking to help lead the bank now.

“Heidi is exactly the sort of person that will add even more value to the bank’s excellent board,” he explained. “She is a real leader with an accomplished business background. Heidi will bring a fresh perspective and new energy to our bank’s community service mission.”

Mrs. Kirschner is the CEO and President of the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County. Prior to the YMCA, she worked for Alcoa Fastening Systems as the Director of Distribution of the Americas, where she provided sales and marketing leadership for a team servicing Canada, the United States and Latin America.

At the YMCA, she has been widely credited with masterminding the organization's tremendous growth in the last few years. Heidi has worked with the United Way as a "Loaned Executive", has served on the Board of Directors for the Children's Home of Kingston and volunteered for the Boys and Girls Club, the American Red Cross, Family of Woodstock, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Queen's Galley, as well as several other local organizations.

Mrs. Kirschner has an MBA from the College of St. Rose in Albany and a BS in Math and Computer Science from SUNY Albany.

"I am a strategic thinker," said Kirschner, describing one of the attributes she feels she will bring to the Rondout board. "I like to think about our community and where our community is going and then figure out how you fit the pieces together. It's truly a delight for me and I really like that aspect of planning."

Adding that she is also a "stickler for details," this is a quality she feels would also be an asset to the board in their mission to provide good input guidance and oversight of the bank's operations.

"Rondout Savings Bank has an awesome management team," said Mrs. Kirschner. "Anything that I can do on the board to help them build an even better operation, I am anxious to do."