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### *Merchants Bank Celebrates New Woodstock Avenue Office!*

**RUTLAND, VT**--Executive Vice President Thomas S. Leavitt announced that the newest office of Merchants Bank celebrated its Grand Opening on January 15. The new facility, located at 92 Woodstock Avenue in Rutland, replaces and doubles the capacity of the previously operating branch at that same location.

The new full-service ADA-compliant branch includes four lobby teller stations; two drive-up service lanes; an additional ATM drive-up lane; and offices for Community Banking, Corporate Banking, Government Banking and customer service.

Special events for the Grand Opening included a book signing by James A. "Buddy" Edgerton and Nan O'Brien, authors of "The Unknown Rockwell." Bank hospitality also included refreshments and tours of the new facility. A ribbon cutting and bank official remarks complemented presentations of special donations to the Rutland City Rescue Mission and Neighborworks of Western Vermont.

Leavitt stated this facility is the fifth Connor Contracting of Berlin and St. Albans, VT has constructed for the Bank. "We are very pleased with the great Vermont craftsmanship and working relationship with have with Connor. These beautiful and comfortable surroundings offer a great place to welcome and serve our customers."

"The space is a warm and inviting environment for both customers and staff," adds Deanna Wetherby Branch President. "Our new Woodstock Avenue home presents a wonderful opportunity to bring the best of service to our existing customers and reach out to new friends as Vermont's independent statewide bank."



**Merchants Bank's new Woodstock Avenue branch**

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From left to right: Michelle LaMoria, Market Manager, Merchants Banker; Tammy Duclos, Rutland City Mission Rescue; Kevin Coleman, Alderman, City of Rutland; Deanna Wetherby, Branch President; Nan O'Brien, Co-author, "The Unknown Rockwell"; Jim Edgerton; Tom Bernheim, Publisher, "The Unknown Rockwell"; Alexis Williams, Merchants Banker; Amy Brown, Merchants Banker; James "Buddy" Edgerton, Co-author, "The Unknown Rockwell"; Kristy Cardi, Merchants Banker; Tom Leavitt, Executive Vice President; Jamiee Kuhl, Merchants Banker; Wayne Hickey, Merchants Banker; Mike Tuttle, President and CEO; and Ludy Biddle, Neighborworks of Western Vermont

**Vermont Matters.** Merchants Bank strives to fulfill its role as the state's leading independent community bank through a wide range of initiatives. The bank supports organizations throughout Vermont in addressing essential needs, sustaining community programs, providing small business and job start capital, funding financial literacy education and delivering enrichment through local sports activities.

Merchants Bank was established in 1849 in Burlington. Its continuing mission is to provide Vermonters with a statewide community bank that combines a strong technology platform with a genuine appreciation for local markets. Merchants Bank delivers this commitment through a branch-based system that includes: 34 community bank offices and 42 ATMs throughout Vermont; local branch presidents and personal bankers dedicated to high-quality customer service; free online banking, phone banking, and electronic bill payment services; high-value depositing programs that feature Free Checking for Life<sup>®</sup>, Cash Rewards Checking, Rewards Checking for Business, business cash management, money market accounts, health savings accounts, certificates of deposit, Flexible CD, IRAs, and overdraft assurance; feature-rich loan programs including mortgages, home equity credit, vehicle loans, personal and small business loans and lines of credit; and merchant card processing. Merchants Bank offers a strong set of commercial and government banking solutions, delivered by experienced banking officers in markets throughout the state; these teams provide customized financing for medium-to-large companies, non-profits, cities, towns and school districts. Merchants Trust Company, a division of Merchants Bank, provides investment management, financial planning and trustee services.

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For information about the Rutland City Rescue Mission and Neighborworks of Western Vermont please visit <http://vermontpet.com/mission/> and <http://www.nwwvt.org/> respectively.

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