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Merchants Bank Springfield Office President Hands Gavel to New Springfield Rotary Club President, Jeff Mobus

SPRINGFIELD, VT—Paul Kowalski, President of Merchants Bank’s Springfield Office announced that he was handing the gavel of the Springfield Rotary Club to a new president, Jeff Mobus.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Kowalski led the Springfield Rotary for the 2006-2007 year. His responsibilities included presiding over the Club’s weekly meetings and monthly Board of Directors’ meetings. The motto for Rotary International during Kowalski’s year in office was, “Lead the Way,” which Paul embraced by encouraging strong participation in the Club’s fundraising and community service activities. Beneficiaries of the Springfield Rotary Club’s community service and financial support this year included: The Springfield Family Center, Project Feed the Thousands, Springfield’s July 4 Celebration, United Way of Southern Windsor County, The Rotary Foundation and others. In its efforts to address the needs of youth in the Springfield community, the Club founded an Interact Club chapter at Springfield High School. Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people, ages 14-18, with chapters worldwide.

“I have really enjoyed my involvement in the Springfield Rotary club. It has been an honor to serve the community in this fashion. I have the privilege to continue serving the Springfield community through my work as President of the Springfield Merchants Bank office,” commented Kowalski.

Mobus, a Springfield native, is the finance manager for the Town of Springfield, and is active in United Way of Southern Windsor County.

“I look forward to the opportunities of my new position and to continuing to serve the members of the Springfield Rotary and our community,” commented Mobus.



Merchants Bank's Springfield Office President, Paul Kowalski, hands the gavel of the Springfield Rotary Presidency to Jeff Mobus

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