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### **Four Employees Announce Retirement from First Citizens Community Bank**

MANSFIELD, PA (May 2017) Four long-time employees of First Citizens Community Bank have announced their plans to retire. According to a 2014 study conducted by the US Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the average employee stayed 4.6 years with one employer. These 4 ladies, who together have worked over 112 years in banking, are clearly not the average employee.

One interesting fact about all of these retirees is that they all joined First Citizens as the result of an acquisition. Brenda Beardslee, Nancy Oldroyd and Shawn Russell came on board when First Citizens acquired several branches of Sovereign Bank in 2000. Donna Snook became a member of the First Citizens family with the acquisition of The First National Bank of Fredericksburg in December of 2015.

Beardslee began her career in banking in 1986 as a teller for The First Bank of Troy who later became Sovereign Bank. Do you remember what you were doing in 1986? She has been a familiar face behind the teller line since well before the new office was built and has been helping the customers of the Troy market for over 30 years.

Oldroyd has been in banking for over 30 years as well serving the customers of Gillett. She too started as a teller at The First Bank of Troy but in their Gillett office. Oldroyd assumed additional customer service functions throughout her long career with First Citizens including as the office's deposit accounts specialist.

The third star performer who came to the bank with the acquisition of the Sovereign offices is Shawn Russell. Russell was a Personal Banking Representative at Sovereign's LeRaysville office. Her banking career began in 1988 and it comes to an end as a Consumer Lender in that very same office.

Donna Snook was First Citizens most recent retirement announcement. Snook joined The First National Bank of Fredericksburg in 1996 as a teller. She spent 21 years helping customers of the bank's Mount Aetna Office.

"It's tough to say goodbye to such loyalty, but these employees have certainly earned a happy retirement, and we wish them all the very best!" commented Randall E. Black, CEO and President. "I'd like to believe that their longevity supports our vision of being the employer of choice in our markets."

The First Citizens Community Bank headquarters is located in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They currently operate 26 offices throughout Pennsylvania and New York. For more information about First Citizens, visit [www.firstcitizensbank.com](http://www.firstcitizensbank.com), or find them on Facebook.

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