

CLARINDA FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTS NEW MEMBERS



Randy Pullen II and Gilbert Thomas were elected to serve as directors on the Clarinda Foundation Board at the Foundation's annual meeting held in May. Outgoing Board members Jon Baier, Sandy Geer and Dale McAllister were recognized at the Board's grant recognition and 30th Anniversary celebration on August 9th.

Randy has been at Cornerstone Bank for 12 years acting as the Executive Vice President and serves on the Bank's Board of Directors. This year marks Randy's 21st year in banking. Randy has served the community as a member of the Clarinda Chamber of Commerce Board, Clarinda Regional Health Center Board of Trustees, Page County Extension Council and is the current Treasurer of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Randy is a graduate of IWCC and Buena Vista University. Randy and his wife Trulla have two children, daughter Emma age 19 and son Connor age 13.

Randy states "Clarinda has been a big part of my family's life and we realize the reason Clarinda has so much to offer is because of the support of community members, both financially and physically. Without the passion of the people, many projects would be left undone. Giving back to the community that has given us so much is important to us. Trulla and I started giving to the Clarinda Foundation through the Share with Clarinda program. My hope is to help others see the benefits of giving to the Foundation as a means to better our lives through our community's projects."

Gilbert Thomas grew up on a 480 acre farm near Missouri Valley with row crop and livestock production. Gilbert has held positions with banks in Iowa and Missouri that included: Farm Manager; Senior Loan Officer; Vice President; Senior Vice President; Executive Vice President and most recently as Market President of a community bank in Council Bluffs and is currently the Regional President for Bank Iowa Clarinda.

Gilbert graduated from Iowa State University in Ames with a Bachelor of Science-Agricultural Business Degree.

Throughout Gilbert's 30 plus year banking career he has chosen to be involved in the community through membership in numerous civic organizations, serving as a Board member of local chambers, development boards and school foundation boards. Gilbert states "I've always been highly involved and active in the 6 midwest communities I lived in since college. It's important to me to leave the community in a better position for those



that will follow you. This is one reason I got involved with the Clarinda Foundation. The Foundation is a way for people in the community to collectively and individually contribute their resources to be distributed in ways to improve Clarinda for future generations.”