

News from Genoa Main Street



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\$2,500 Donation:

State Farm Bank Supports Genoa Main Street

Genoa Main Street, Inc.'s fundraising efforts got a boost recently thanks to the efforts of Genoa's State Farm Insurance agent Jack Godde and office manager Maria Bennett, who were able to secure a \$2,500 donation from State Farm Bank.

"We are pleased to support Genoa Main Street in its continuing efforts to preserve and promote downtown Genoa," said Godde, who has been a Genoa Main Street "partner" for many years. In addition, Bennett serves on the Genoa Main Street board of directors and is a member of its Economic Restructuring/Springboard committee.

"The support of State Farm Insurance and State Farm Bank is very much appreciated this year," said Pattie Marx, Genoa Main Street President. "We have worked diligently this year to make up the loss of funding from traditional sources. This \$2,500 donation will enable us to carry out some programming that had been put on hold."

State Farm Bank, F.S.B. received formal approval for a thrift charter from the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) in November 1998 and is generally referred to as "State Farm Bank®." Its focus is on consumer-oriented financial products, complementing State Farm's insurance focus on personal lines. State Farm Bank is a nontraditional financial institution and does not have branch offices. The bulk of direct customer interaction and product assistance is provided by State Farm agents®, augmented by a telephone call center, mail and Internet. For additional information, visit the State Farm Bank Web site at <http://www.statefarm.com/bank/bank.asp>.

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Genoa Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa's historic heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements. Genoa has been an Illinois Main Street designated community since 1996. A complete list of donors and supporters is available on line at www.genoamainstreet.com. Click on the Donors & Sponsors button on the home page.



Jack Godde (right), Genoa State Farm Insurance agent, presents a Corporate Partnership donation of \$2,500 to Pattie Marx (left), president of Genoa Main Street, Inc. on behalf of State Farm Bank. State Farm Bank focuses on consumer-oriented financial products, complementing State Farm's insurance focus on personal lines.