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March 2008 - "Economic Issues" Luncheon

Camden R. Fine, President and CEO
Independent Community Bankers of America
www.ICBA.org



Current Issues in the Credit Markets: A Community Bank Perspective

WHEN: Friday, March 21, 2008, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

WHERE: Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia

COST: \$15 for RABE members, \$25 for guests, and \$10 for full-time students

Camden R. Fine is president and CEO of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), the only national trade association that exclusively represents community banks.

A native Missourian, Fine came to ICBA from the Midwest Independent Bank in Jefferson City, Mo. He chartered and organized the bankers' bank and served MIB as president and CEO for nearly 20 years. In addition, Fine owned Mainstreet Bank of Ashland, Mo., a \$35 million-asset community bank in Central Missouri.

A long time member of ICBA prior to becoming the association's president and CEO, Fine served on several association standing committees and on the ICBA board of directors. He also served as the secretary/treasurer of the Missouri Independent Bankers Association for nearly 20 years.

Fine has a strong background in politics as well as banking. In 1978, he joined the Missouri state government as a budget analyst, and in 1981 former governor and current U.S. Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond appointed him director of the state's tax division. In October 2000, Fine was appointed to the Federal Advisory Council of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System representing the 10th Federal Reserve District (Kansas City).

Fine was educated at the Virginia Military Institute and the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a distinguished graduate and past chairman of the Board of Advisors of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking. Since coming to ICBA, Fine has worked to increase membership and raise the members' awareness of and participation in the association's advocacy efforts. To that end, Fine has been a passionate advocate for community bank issues and has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal* and appeared on CNN, MSNBC, Bloomberg, PBS, and NPR.

LUNCHEON DETAILS

RESERVATIONS: Reservations are required! **The deadline is 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 19.** We ask that everyone please register online at our website, www.RABEva.org. Simply go to the website and click the "Register" link. You may also e-mail your reservation to us at rabe@RABEva.org.

PAYMENT: Use your credit card at www.RABEva.org. Members may pay in advance or at the door using online, check or cash. Non-members need to pay in advance, either online or by mail (cash or check).

MEMBER NEWS

We would love to help you celebrate changes and successes in your life – professionally and personally. Please submit news to Jackie Hudson, secretary and past-president, at Jhudson@yesvirginia.org

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

RABE REQUEST: RESPONSE

Dear RABE members,

In the last issue, I asked RABE members to step up and volunteer to provide back up to our leadership. We have received volunteers to serve in non voting back up roles to the VP – Logistics, Secretary and Treasurer. We have nibbles from two others.

We particular need help from members who have talent with public relations/marketing, website management and membership. Eventually, once we have a back up for all of the roles, we will then start work on building committees around each of the disciplines.

Whatever you skills and interests may be, there is a place for you working to make RABE "THE" voice for business economics in central Virginia. Please call (804-897-0639) or email me (rick@arcmllic.com) with your ideas on how you might serve. Also, your ideas for future programs are greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
Rick

Rick Chess, President RABE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RABE is planning for the future. Share your ideas for speakers and activities.

March 27-28 (Lexington, VA)

Virginia Association of Economists
2008 Annual Meeting
Keynote: Frederic Mishkin, board member,
Federal Reserve Board of Governors
www.VAecon.org

April 10 (Richmond, VA)

World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond
Ben Bernanke
Chairman, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
www.richmondworld.org

* This is a limited attendance event.

CONTRIBUTING TO RABE

By joining RABE and taking part in our "Economic Issues" luncheons, each member contributes greatly to the organization. For that, we thank you!

Today and in the coming months, we hope that you will also consider making a financial donation to RABE. Your gift will help ensure that RABE can continue to offer educational programs about a wide variety of local, state, and national economic topics. All donations are appreciated.

You may make a contribution to RABE by mail or online:

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