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Chatham, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To recognize, commend and promote the volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize an outstanding community volunteer who personally exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities.

Rollo Saucier has been chosen as the current Peoples Bank & Trust Volunteer of the Quarter for his many years of community service and volunteerism. Rollo began volunteering as a boy growing up in Maine. He said that he was fortunate to be associated with very civic minded people his entire life. He never felt that anything he did was out of the ordinary, and he would expect the same of anyone else.

While riding his bike in Chatham Community Park in 1998, he stopped to help shuck corn for the Sweet Corn Festival. He was invited to come back the next night to help cook and continued to do so for several years after. He became a troop organizer for his son's Boy Scout Troop while they helped with the food line at the Sweet Corn Festival, which in turn got him involved with the Jaycees. He began attending meetings and ended up in charge of the food line at the Festival for more than 10 years. He also served as Jaycee President for 2 years and Chairman of the Board for one year. While Rollo was President, the Jaycees were named "Non-Profit Organization of the Year" by the Greater Chatham Chamber of Commerce. He noted that the Jaycees help so many organizations on a regular basis. They cook for the Special Olympics soccer, track & field and softball competitions each year. They also cook for the Glenwood football games and Chatham's Homecoming for the American Legion. They have provided \$2,000 - \$2,500 scholarships each year and have built 2 playgrounds the last several years along with other park improvements.

His favorite event is "Clothes for Kids". Each holiday season, they take about 80 needy children shopping for clothes at Meijer. Each child is assigned a personal shopper, and is bought clothing to keep them warm through the winter. Teachers tell them that the children's confidence and self-esteem skyrockets the following week when they come to school in nice new clothing that fits and looks good.

Rollo was actively involved with Boy Scouts from 1997 to 2010 and continues to work and advise Eagle Scout Projects. He said that exposing flatland scouts to the wonders of Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, whale watching in Maine, Gettysburg, camping on the USS Yorktown and numerous ski trips to Wisconsin were very gratifying. He and his family joined other scout families to plant seedlings that are now the 20' pine trees that line the south and east sides of Chatham Community Park. He later recruited his son and some of his old scout buddies and installed the benches located at the village basketball courts and

the blue benches at the community park playground. The benches were purchased by the Jaycees.

In 2012, Rollo was named one of two Horace Mann Community Spirit Award winners. The company donated \$1,000 among 10 local charities in his honor. He is also a team member of Brian's Avengers, a group which raises money for "Relay for Life" in memory and honor of his friend and co-worker, Brian Austin, who battled gallantly against cancer. Rollo has donated over 100 pints of blood, manned the phones for WSEC Telethons for at least 12 years, was an active volunteer at the ALPLM on Wednesday nights from 2005 -2009, a member of the Village of Chatham Public Properties and Recreation Commission since Nov. 2011, served on one of three United Way of Central Illinois funding boards, a founding member of Friends of Chatham Parks, chairman of the Chatham "Light Up the Park" holiday light display, member of Greater Chatham Chamber of Commerce sponsored Tree Committee and participated in all but one of the Chamber sponsored cleanup days. He has acted as Santa for teacher friends over the years and has played the role for schools that his employer, Horace Mann, adopted over the past nine years.

Rollo said that volunteering rarely feels like a burden. You can achieve great satisfaction by helping to make a difference. He has met many interesting people while working on various projects. He has always tried to live by the outdoor code of "leave it better than you found it."

In honor of Rollo's many years of volunteer services, Peoples Bank has donated to the Chatham Friends of the Parks and his name will be placed on a plaque displayed at the bank.

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