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Thalacker Recognized by Fox Valley Savings Bank for Outstanding Community Volunteerism

SHE MAKES A COMMUNITY DIFFERENCE--Fox Valley Savings Bank President James Rothenbach presents Mortgage Consultant Paula Thalacker with the FVSBank Make a Difference Award in recognition of outstanding community efforts in 2013. "I love giving back to the community and the people in it," Thalacker said of her volunteerism for FDL Noon Kiwanis, SIGMA and Beacon House. "There are many ways and reasons, but mostly because I find it to be more fulfilling to give than to receive, and also because there are so many who need so much and I have been so blessed." Thalacker served as president and is a current board member of FDL Noon Kiwanis, which she joined in 2003. She currently co-chairs the group's Walleye Weekend efforts; facilitated the creation of the Aktion Club service club for developmentally disabled individuals at Brooke Industries and bakes with the group; rings bells for the Salvation Army; and chairs the new Grilled Cheese and Chili Lunch/Winter raffle slated for February to support Cops for Kids and YMCA Learn to Swim, the Noon Kiwanis' signature program for 90 years. Current president of SIGMA women's organization, which she joined in 2008, she is preparing appropriations of \$22,500 to be distributed to local non-profit organizations and individuals by the club, with which she also has worked at a Habitat House, served meals at Loaves and Fishes, rung bells for Salvation Army, cleaned highways, and reviewed applications for the SIGMA Scholarship. As a new Beacon House board member, Thalacker shares with the half-way house residents and team her experience, strength, hope and gratitude for 30 years as a recovering person.

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