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## FDIC Alumni; Keeping Connected, Staying Safe

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While COVID-19 has certainly impacted connections with family and friends, the Association of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Alumni, Inc. (AFDICA) continued helping RTC and FDIC alums stay connected. This past spring, with both COVID and inclement weather in many places contributing to some cabin fever, alums convened to share experiences, fellowship, and memories. Despite the hurdles, AFDICA sponsored virtual happy hours and lunches in all FDIC regions and Washington, D.C. with more than 100 alums from nearly every division and geographic location attending the events.

The events included informational sessions facilitated by AFDICA alums in the DC Metro area, New York, Dallas, Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, and San Francisco regions. In one session, "DOF and Friends," AFDICA Board Member Ned Goldberg served as a technical expert on all things Zoom,

helping less tech-savvy alums navigate the tool to maximize participation. President Fred Selby welcomed all attendees and then I, as Vice President for Fellowship, talked about AFDICA's three missions: education (primarily financial literacy), charity (scholarships for veterans' children, scholarships for teachers to attend the annual National Educator Conference hosted by the Jumpstart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, and support of food programs during the pandemic), and of course – fellowship.

Each session proved an effective and fun forum for all alums to share recent activities, recount war stories or funny anecdotes from their FDIC tenure, and inspire others with personal tales of overcoming challenges, volunteerism, and continuous learning. Alums' activities ranged from starting second careers, biking, piano lessons, teaching, working with veterans, travel, golf, continuing education, building homes overseas with charitable organizations, celebrating family events, and just maintaining

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their sanity during COVID. A few of the more moving stories involved an alum visiting isolated disabled veterans via Zoom and mailing goody packages, an alum recovering from serious illness and turning the experience into a mission to counsel and inspire others going through similar challenges, and an alum that was technically challenged but volunteered to host a call and ended up getting his computer fixed from afar (thanks Ned!), and is now able to Zoom his doctors and grandkids!

Fred Selby writes, "I was able to sit in on all the calls and hosted the "DOF and Friends" session as the former Director of DOF. It was interesting that the DOF call included Bill Longbrake, former FDIC CFO, Steve Seelig, Craig

Jarvill, and me as former DOF Directors. The calls reminded me of a fact that I have observed over the lifespan of the AFDICA--that former RTC/FDIC employees are keenly focused on helping others from teaching FDIC's Money Smart curriculum, to serving as Adjunct Professors, to assisting Veterans, to serving in leadership positions in their local communities, to learning new musical instruments or brushing off long unused talents, to spending quality times with grandchildren, and traveling nearly to the ends of the earth--despite a world-wide pandemic."

Member and former Executive Director, Ed Butler from New York, also commented that "I was surprised and proud to be associated with people that are pursuing so many different and worthwhile activities, which reflects well

on the FDIC and our Alumni Association."

Some members attended several events and sessions since they worked in multiple regions during their FDIC tenure. All events were open to members and nonmembers. AFDIC currently has plans for in-person regional gatherings later this year and looks forward to the annual meeting on November 12, 2021 which will be via Zoom.

For interested future alumni that want to help us with any of our Mission areas, start by becoming a member and telling your friends to do so. Please connect with us [www.afdica.com](http://www.afdica.com). We look forward to future activities that reconnect, support, and inspire us as FDIC alums! 📌

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