GREEN BANKERS JOIN LOCAL POWERHOUSE TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN HOUSTON

January 31, 2012
Green Bank played a significant role in the 2012 Charter Member meeting of The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Houston chapter this January. The group, which met on January 19 at Sullivan's Steak House, supports startups in the Houston area as part of the largest network of entrepreneurs in the world. Houston hosts one of 57 chapters of TiE, comprising 15,000 members across 14 countries.

The event, held to unveil and discuss the Houston chapter's 2012 initiatives, also formalized the introduction of Green Banker Mia Hinojosa as the new seated executive director of the organization for 2012. Also recognized were Paco Rivera, executive vice president, private banking and Lisette Galindo, vice president, private banking, both representing Green Bank as a sponsor for the event and annual sponsor of the chapter.

GREEN BANCORP, INC. TO ACQUIRE OPPORTUNITY BANCSHARES, INC.

March 28, 2012
HOUSTON--Green Bancorp announced today the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire Richardson, TX-based Opportunity Bancshares, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Opportunity Bank.

Opportunity Bank operates one banking office in Richardson, TX. As of December 31, 2011, Opportunity Bank reported total assets of $52 million, total loans of $31 million and total deposits of $43 million.

“Opportunity’s commercial- and personal-banking clients are a tight mesh with our core base. We understand the needs of these clients and will be able to offer them additional services and stronger borrowing power,” said Green Bank President and CEO Geoff Greenwade. “Opportunity’s proven small-business lending team will also bring new expertise to Green Bank that we can offer across North Texas.”

“We are excited about the opportunity for our customers to partner and grow with a strong Texas-based institution like Green Bank,” said Glen Terry, president and CEO of Opportunity Bancshares, Inc. “We completed a thorough process and are confident we reached a deal that is in the best interest of our stockholders--one that will ensure a smooth transition for our customers.”
The transaction has been approved by the boards of directors of both companies and the stockholders of Opportunity, and is expected to close in mid-2012. The transaction is subject to certain conditions, including receipt of customary regulatory approvals.

Opportunity Bancshares, Inc. was advised in this transaction by Commerce Street Capital, LLC as financial advisor and Hogan Lovells US, LLP as legal counsel. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP was legal counsel to Green Bancorp, Inc.

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HOUSTON GREEN BANKER INVESTS IN HOMES

April 5, 2012
Senior commercial banker David Matthews focuses his work at Green Bank on transactions for industry-leading companies in the energy, manufacturing and steel industry sectors. On the weekends, though, he turns his attention to a different kind of investment:

David serves on the Board of Rebuilding Together Houston (RT-H), the City’s largest community outreach organization, which assists elderly & low income Houston homeowners in the inner city. He is also a long-time volunteer with the non-profit, and in March, he took part in RT-H’s Spring Volunteer Home Repair Program, joining an 18-person crew from Green Bank to help revitalize a local Houston house and keep it safe and habitable.

David has 30 years of experience as a middle market banker in Houston, as well as three years of international banking experience in Australia. He has been a CFA charterholder since 2001.

David is married with two college-age children. His hobbies and interests include tennis, gardening and marine tropical fish.

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GREEN BANK HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

April 20, 2012
Our annual golf tournament – this year benefitting Citizens’ Environmental Coalition – was held at the Redstone Tournament Course in Humble, Texas on April 18th. It was gorgeous weather, and an exciting day of golf!
First, we must thank all of our terrific sponsors who made the day a success:

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Tournament Highlights:  
Longest Drive: Herbert Day  
Closest to the Pin: Herbert Day

Winning Team:  
Katie Sandoval, vice president, commercial banking  
Darryl Schroeder, president and CEO, Lone Star Construction  
Jeff Krakowiak, assistant vice president & underwriting  
Melanie Edmondson, principal, Phase Engineering, Inc.  
Francisco Diaz, principal, Mir Fox Rodriguez, P.C.

GREEN BANK EXPANDS IN NORTH TEXAS

May 31, 2012  
HOUSTON – May 31 – Green Bancorp, Inc. has completed the acquisition of Richardson, TX-based Opportunity Bancshares, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Opportunity Bank. At March 31, 2012, Opportunity Bank reported total assets of $53 million, total loans of $28 million and total deposits of $45 million.
“Opportunity’s commercial- and personal-banking clients match our core base. We are excited to offer them our strong position, Texas-metro-market focus, enhanced services and stronger borrowing power,” said Green Bank President and CEO Geoff Greenwade. “Opportunity’s proven private banking; small-business lending and commercial lending teams will enhance capabilities across our whole operations.”

Immediately, very few changes will occur in day to day banking for former Opportunity Bank clients. Accounts, internet banking, ATM/debit cards, loans and services will remain unchanged until Friday, August 10. Over that weekend, accounts will convert to the Green Bank system and account choices.

“Welcome to our new clients! They will quickly find that customer service, straight-forward account choices and added capabilities have been the key to our North Texas growth since 2010,” said Market President J. Bart Bearden. “Dallas operations have expanded to 23 employees; our team of commercial loan officers and private bankers, underwriters and support staff has pushed deposits to $245 million over the last two years.”

Organic growth and acquisition are part of Green Bank’s Dallas growth strategy since opening a commercial loan office in late 2010. Since then, the bank has added a location in Uptown and completed two acquisitions--La Jolla Bank (late 2010) and now, Opportunity Bank. The bank also completed a three-office acquisition in North Houston in late 2011.

About Green Bank
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RICHARDSON GREEN BANKER INVESTS IN COMMUNITIES LOCALLY AND ABROAD

August 7, 2012
Garth Edwards recently joined a mission team of 23 that traveled to Walvis Bay, Namibia in Africa. During their two-week trip, Garth mentored children in schools, volunteered at a special needs home, cared for abused children and visited a desert school. Garth used the trip to help instill the joy of serving with his family—his two oldest daughters joined him.

“Having my daughters there to share in the experience was unforgettable. You can come home and show pictures to everyone and tell stories of what happened and how you helped. But you need to realize that giving comes
back—we were touched as a family and that will germinate their lives forever,” notes Garth.

Garth is also active in his local community. He is a REACH mentor for McKinney ISD, where he mentors a young man to stay on track with school and behavior. The REACH program focuses on instilling self-esteem and motivation in individuals while reinforcing the importance of education. He is also a board member of Junior Achievement, where he actively participates in their classroom programs.

Senior Vice President and Private Banking Manager Garth Edwards recently joined Green Bank as a commercial banker. With the acquisition of Opportunity Bank, Garth had the opportunity to jump back into private banking.

“18 years ago, I entered banking working with clients and growing businesses. I’ve built teams of client-focused bankers and have helped when other banks had to quit. I’ve got a great team in Dallas and Green Bank has a track record of getting the job done. It’s a great chance to showcase the difference a strong bank can make.”

Garth is married with six children – Mackenna (16), Kerregan (15), Grady (13), Lainey (12), Landry (9) and Brody (6). His youngest three are a sibling group that he and his wife recently adopted.

Contact Garth at (972) 528-6771 or gedwards@greenbank.com. Or, stop by and meet him at the new Green Bank location in Richardson—1301 E. Campbell Road, just one mile east of I-75.

OPPORTUNITY BANK IS NOW COMPLETELY GREEN BANK

August 13, 2012

DALLAS – August 13 – Green Bank has completed conversion of Richardson, TX-based Opportunity Bank to its systems and account choices. Starting at the end of the day on Friday, August 10, the bank’s conversion team worked through the weekend and successfully opened today with all systems and services running smoothly.

“There are many moving parts when you convert a core, its ancillary systems and daily business procedures while remaining focused on customer impact,” said Executive Vice President Operations Sylvia Gonzales. “Informing clients, providing legal notifications, extending contracts, training staff and changing hardware and software are standard steps in an operational conversion. The challenge
is transitioning all service points in a seamless manner. The Green Bank team has done this before and once again performed in partnership with their teammates in Richardson.”

On May 31, Green Bancorp, Inc. acquired $53 million in total assets from Opportunity Bancshares, Inc. For the last three months, the branch continued to use its core accounting systems while clients used familiar products and services. “We reached out to Opportunity's clients and provided talking points to the branch staff as soon as the acquisition was announced. At close, we added information to both web sites and mailed a packet that outlined changes,” said Bridgette Whiteing, Senior Vice President Branch Operations. “It can be challenging to train on a new system while working on an old system—we mixed some of the lobby personnel between Richardson and Dallas to start; our branch operations staff spent a lot of time in Richardson the weeks before conversion to assure a smooth opening day.”

**Green Bank Completes another Conversion**

Organic growth and acquisition are part of Green Bank's growth strategy since opening a Dallas commercial loan office in October, 2010. Since then, the bank has added a location in Uptown and completed two acquisitions--La Jolla Bank (October, 2010), and now, Opportunity Bank. The bank also completed a three-office acquisition in North Houston in October, 2011. “With three acquisitions behind us, the conversion team has this down pat,” said Market President J. Bart Bearden. “Dallas operations have expanded to 46 employees in two years. Our growth is notable; our team of commercial loan officers and private bankers has pushed deposits beyond the $325 million mark and the loan portfolio is nearly $200 million.”

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**DALLAS’ PAUL QUINN COLLEGE ORGANIC GARDEN PRODUCES MORE THAN FOOD**

**August 13, 2012**

*Green Bank gift helps new orchard*

Paul Quinn College's President Michael Sorrell has a goal to improve the availability of quality food in southern Dallas. The college and adjoining neighborhoods are in a zip code where the nearest grocery or convenience store is more than four miles away.

“As the saying goes, you are what you eat. The benefits of a healthy diet impact kids and college students—poor diets diminish results” notes Sorrell. “It's hard to believe that in a city like Dallas, we have large segments of our city that qualify as food deserts. Paul Quinn College is going to change that. We started on the campus and now we're working in the neighborhood.” A food desert is
any area with a high poverty rate and low access to affordable and healthy food. When coupled with the transportation issues faced by low-income neighborhoods, this results in significantly limited access to healthy food.

Sorrell took over the leadership of Paul Quinn College five years ago. Since then, the college has stabilized its accreditation, transformed the student body, removed 15 unused buildings and has its sights set on expanding in the coming years. Sorrell is also focusing on food availability in the community.

Sorrell and community leaders have been talking to grocery retailers and are working to secure a store for the neighborhood. Not moving as fast as they hoped, the college did something bold--two years ago it gave up the football field to start a two-acre organic farm.

It’s been named accordingly—WE Over Me Farm. The farm provides food for the community, their campus dining hall, and area restaurants, but it also forms the foundation of their Social Entrepreneurship program in the Business & Legal Studies Department.

“Farming is a craft that produces many skills. The students are quickly learning about scale and returns. These are the building blocks of entrepreneurship,” notes Elizabeth Wattley, director of service learning food for Good Farm. “Our students are seeing first hand costs vs. returns, probability, forecasting and sales skills. It’s a lot more than a big garden.”

10 percent of the harvest is donated to local charities and organizations and distributed by food pantries around Paul Quinn College. It’s also used in the college’s cafeteria. The rest is taken to local farmers’ markets and sold to some of the top restaurants in Dallas.

With support from the Associate Leadership Council of the Real Estate Council Foundation of Dallas, the farm recently added a greenhouse, solar lights and an irrigation system to help double production. Green Bank is also involved—a recent contribution helped provide support towards a fruit orchard.

“Michael Sorrell's leadership and innovation has transformed Paul Quinn College into a source of pride and commitment of both its students and community. The WE Over Me Farm is truly a modern day ‘Field of Dreams’” said Nancy Cope, private banker with Green Bank. “Through the Real Estate Council Foundation, we were introduced to the college. We’re now helping with their plan to establish a plum and peach orchard. It’s been inspiring to witness the farm’s progress and the positive impact it’s made for the college and community.”
GREEN BANK GARNERS SBA RECOGNITION

October 1, 2012

Streamlined lending and more options for growing businesses

AUSTIN, October 1–Texas-based Green Bank has been approved by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) for participation in the Certified Lenders Program (CLP) and Preferred Lenders Program (PLP). Following SBA guidelines for the CLP, the bank will perform complete analysis and review of loan applications; saving time in the loan process. Recognition as a PLP lender gives the bank servicing oversite after loans have closed. Both of these programs give Green Bank and their customers a shorter review period for loan applications and increased SBA options.

“Our preferred lender status will improve turnaround time for closing SBA 7(a) loans—the most sought SBA lending option,” said Geoff Greenwade, president and CEO of Green Bank. “We have built a SBA department to support bankers in Austin, Dallas, and Houston. With the recent Opportunity Bank acquisition in Dallas, we added more SBA talent and an in-house factoring department. These capabilities put us in a small field of comprehensive service providers.”

The Preferred Lenders Program (PLP) delegates the final credit decision, most servicing, liquidation authority and responsibility back to approved banks. This authority is granted to lenders with a successful SBA track record and a thorough understanding of SBA policies and procedures.

“There will always be certain loans that warrant going through the certified SBA process, meaning that the loan will be submitted to the SBA for underwriting as well,” said Garrett Morgan, assistant vice president and SBA manager for Green Bank. “The decision to submit CLP or PLP is made by loan officers and the Green Bank SBA Department—the guys working directly with the business owner. Green Bank’s advantage is we can offer traditional and SBA options to help growing businesses access capital and service the loan after it has been made.”

Green Bank has more information online about SBA loan policies and procedures.

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GREEN BANK COMPLETES ANOTHER RT-HOUtON HOUSE

October 4, 2012

For the last two weeks, more than 2,000 volunteers have been working with Rebuild Together - Houston to renovate 60 homes. The renovations include painting exteriors and wheelchair ramps, replacing rotted wood, secure doors and functioning windows and screens. The volunteer work is focused on improving the safety and appearance of the homes, and it allows elderly Houstonians to remain in their homes.

“15 bankers rolled up their sleeves and worked together on this project,” said Green Bank Team Lead David Matthews, who also serves as a RT-Houston board member. “Like every project, it looked straightforward. When we got into it, we were handed a few surprises. Still, the payoff is always great: the homeowner was very appreciative and loved the new color of her home and the flowers we added.”

RT-Houston has already started planning for Spring 2012. RT-Houston can be reached at (713) 659-2511 if your company, church group or group of friends would like to help.

GREEN BANKERS JOIN 5,000 EMPLOYEES FROM STARBUCKS TO REVITALIZE 20 HOMES IN HOUSTON

October 4, 2012

Commercial Banker David Matthews led a team of several Green Bankers to help employees from Starbucks in a caffeine-powered effort to revitalize 20 homes in the Fifth Ward. The Green Bankers and 5,000 Starbucks employees spent Thursday afternoon volunteering in a 10-acre block. In all, 10,000 Starbucks employees are visiting Houston as part of an annual global leadership conference. Rebuilding Together - Houston was tapped by Starbucks to help identify elderly homeowners who needed a hand. Banker Matthews is a volunteer board member with RT - Houston.

“RT - Houston is experienced in mobilizing large numbers of volunteers to help needy Houstonians...
with home repairs and renovations that will allow them to stay in their homes. Working with Starbucks was great: we had an international team that jumped in and turned several homes around,” Matthews said. “At the end of the month, RT - Houston will do it again with Houston volunteers working on 100-plus homes across our city.”

Volunteers are still needed for the upcoming fall volunteer day. If your company or church would like to volunteer, contact RT - Houston.

Starbucks’ efforts have earned the attention of the Houston Chronicle. You can read more about its conference in Thursday’s paper or online.

GREEN BANK EXPANDS SBA AND USDA LENDING CAPABILITIES

November 15, 2012
Our SBA department started in 2011 and has grown with solid results. Now, we’ve added three leaders who bring USDA experience and a proven record that stretches across Texas.

Click here to learn about government guaranteed lending and how it can help your business.

GREEN BANK SPECIALS GET NOTICED BY RATE SNIFFING BLOG DEPOSITACCOUNTS.COM

November 29, 2012
Green Bank, N.A. is offering several online deposit deals that it calls GO! rates. Click here to read more about its offerings.