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NBT DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS

AND EUGENE A. BETTIOL, JR.

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN HONOREES

The Otsego County Chamber is proud to announce the honorees for the NBT Bank Distinguished Business and the Eugene A. Bettiol, Jr. Distinguished Citizen Award Honorees. The honoree as the NBT Distinguished Business is the Country Club Auto Group and the Eugene A Bettiol, Jr. Distinguished Citizen is Erna Morgan McRenyolds.

The awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet and Celebration of Business on Saturday, April 16, 2011. The dinner is being held in the Hunt Union Ballroom on the SUNY Oneonta Campus starting at 5:45pm.

Roxana Hurlburt, *The Otsego County Chamber* Board Chair, offered "We are grateful for Country Club Auto Group's longstanding commitment throughout Otsego County. Their dedication to our communities is felt far and wide. They are the backbone to many organizations with their continued contributions year after year. We are fortunate to have Tom Armao and Scott Davis at the helm of Country Club Auto Group as they continue their quest for excellence."

Long time members of the Chamber, Country Club Auto Group have established the ideal environment to satisfy the transportation needs of the area. Tom Armao and partner Scott Davis express that being in the sale and service business of automobiles for over 30 years makes you directly involved in the community. Developing strong relationships with customers and employees has allowed them to build on their successes. Scott Davis believes in “supporting the community, which has supported us.”

"The selection of the Country Club Auto Group as the recipient of the NBT Bank Distinguished Business award is truly a great choice," said Jamie A. Reynolds, Regional Executive for NBT Bank. "They should be proud of all their efforts, and investments, to make Otsego County a better place to live and raise a family. You can't look around and not see the positive impact they have had on the quality of life here in Otsego County!"

Country Club Auto Group, while honored to receive the distinguished business award, is humble in knowing that they could not be the business they are without the support of the community and dedicated employees. Everyone contributes and participates in making the business what it is today. Their foremost concern is taking great care of the customer and providing support throughout the life of the car. There have been generations of families that continually choose to make the Country Club Auto Group their first choice.

Looking forward, Tom Armao and Scott Davis are excited to take on new challenges that continually support the customer's needs with the best products and service facilities. “We are honored to be part of a great community, which has given us a sense of belonging and a better quality of life.”

“The selection of Erna Morgan McReynolds to receive the 7th Annual Eugene A. Bettiol, Jr. Distinguished Citizen award is a great choice,” said Rob Robinson, President & CEO of *The Otsego County Chamber*. “We are proud of her efforts to make our region a better place to live and run a business. You look around this area and you will see her many signs of the positive impact on the quality of life here in Otsego County!”

“I am very stunned and pleased to have been selected as the Eugene A. Bettiol, Jr. Distinguished Citizen,” said Erna Morgan McReynolds. “It is a wonderful award that honors the memory who gave so much to our area.”

Erna Morgan McReynolds is a Managing Director - Wealth Management at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and head of the Morgan McReynolds Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. She is a member of the Association of Professional Investment Consultants.

Morgan McReynolds helps advise several foreign governments on their Social Security funds, as well as help manage assets for individuals, universities, foundations and endowments. In 2005 Morgan McReynolds was nominated by Research Magazine as Woman Financial Consultant of the Year. In 2008, 2009 and 2010 Erna Morgan McReynolds was named to the Barron's prestigious Top 100 Women Financial Advisor's list. Barron's also named Morgan McReynolds to its top 1000 Advisor's list in 2009.

Morgan McReynolds has been an active member of the Otsego-Delaware community. She helped found the Executive Service Corps of Otsego and Delaware Counties, a non-profit group devoted to using retired executives to assist small businesses and non-profits. Morgan McReynolds also chaired the United Way of Delaware and Otsego Counties, served on the boards of *The Otsego County Chamber*, Orpheus Theatre, the Indian Hills Girl Scout advisory council, the Catskill Symphony Orchestra, Friends of Bassett, Hartwick College and Rotary. Along with her husband, Tom Morgan, Morgan McReynolds has handled major fundraisers for the Franklin Stage Company and Catskill Area Hospice.

Cost to attend the Annual Banquet and Celebration of Business is \$77.50 per person or \$750 for a table of 10. Seating is limited so make your reservation today. For more information or to make your reservation, contact Pam Ferguson at pam@otsegocountychamber.com or (607) 432-4500 ext. 201.