

Kelley KIMBROUGH RASH

Class of 1974

Kelley Kimbrough-Rash considers herself a good follower rather than a good leader. Her record of accomplishments in the worlds of business and community service, however, tell a strikingly different story.

As Chairman of the Board of family-owned AVB Bank, this year's Great Graduate from the Class of 1974 holds the reigns of a hallmark financial institution that plays an integral part of the lives of thousands of Broken Arrow residents and businesses.

Rash's great grandfather, G.A. Brown, founded what was then known as Arkansas Valley National Bank in 1905. Her grandfather, Ivan Brown, followed him in the corner office helping clients make their way through some of the nation's



most challenging economic times. Her father, Neely Kimbrough, Brown's son-on-law, continued the tradition of growth through excellence in personal service after joining AVB as president in 1966. Under her leadership, many of the innovations associated with modern banking have been introduced and assets have soared past the \$260 million mark and are still growing.

Outside of her office, Rash continues to apply her management skill and boundless energy to enhance livability of the community she loves. On her resume are leadership roles with the Broken Arrow Centennial Committee, the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center Foundation Board, the Broken Arrow Public Schools Foundation, Partners in Education, Downtown Advisory Board, Arts and Humanities Council, and Broken Arrow Area Chamber of Commerce.

She is also part of the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council, LIFE Senior Services, Tulsa Opera Board, Tulsa Community College Signature Symphony Advisory Board, Tulsa Opera Board and both the Oklahoma and National Bankers Associations.

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, she has is devoted to applying her skill as a painter, exploring art and cultural events and spending as much time as possible with her family. Rash says much has changed in the financial industry since she became part of it some 45 years ago. "But the way we have done business for generations is the way we do business today - with a handshake. This is our bond," she notes with understandable pride.

