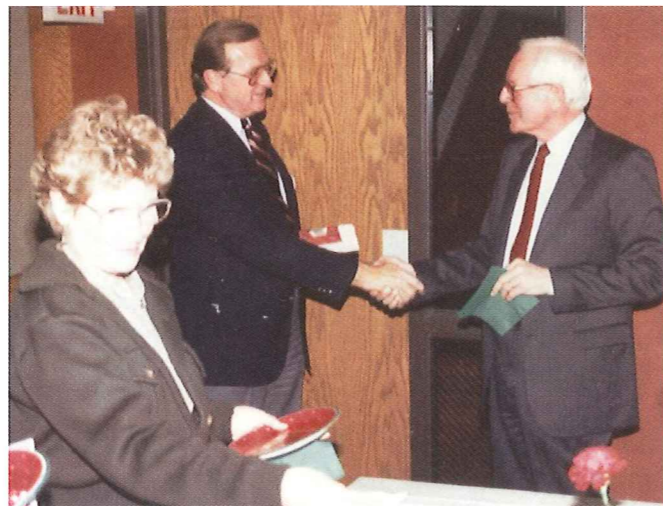


Leadership Award

Glen Herfurth



Glen Herfurth has been described as “Mr. Montevideo,” a tribute to his contributions throughout the community. He is known for always being involved and offering his time. One of his greatest passions is economic development, but he extends his leadership far beyond.



After growing up in Missouri, graduating from the University of Missouri and serving as a Lieutenant in Artillery Unit in Korea from 1952-1954, Glen married his wife Jacqueline in 1957. A job opportunity with Anderson Super Service brought them to Montevideo in 1961. A few years later, he joined First National Bank—now Klein Bank—and held numerous positions, including president, until becoming the City of Montevideo’s economic development director in 1997. Glen and Jacqueline raised five children in Montevideo.



Glen has volunteered with the Montevideo Industrial Development Corporation for more than 40 years. He has volunteered, fundraised and served on boards of many other organizations including the Community Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, Kiwanis Club, Congregational Church, Minnesota Bankers Association, American Bankers Association Community Bankers Council, Western Minnesota Revolving Loan Fund, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Southwest Initiative Foundation’s Connected Communities Partnership—and the list could go on.

Glen was instrumental in building the new Montevideo community center and new hospital and clinic, revitalizing the Montevideo downtown district, saving the Hollywood Theater, forming the Montevideo Area Community Foundation and many other projects. He often extends himself to the school district and recently worked to move an old building off the school books, which is now an incubator facility for start-up businesses, as well as home to the Chamber of Commerce.

Without Glen, community members say Montevideo would not look like it does today. SpecSys and RVI—with four locations in southwest Minnesota and more than 160 employees—would not exist. The community’s landscape would be drastically different. Glen is a shining example of what dedicated leadership can do for our region.

While reflecting on his involvement, Glen shares that he’s found it rewarding to work with organizations and individuals seeking to enhance the human and natural resources of this area. Montevideo and all of southwest Minnesota continue to see the impact of his leadership and thank him for it.