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We're Losing a Good Friend and Colleague

Normally we use this space to discuss market or economic issues. Today we have a different agenda. **Bob Schmidt**, who has served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of GTRUST since 2000, is retiring today.

Bob started after our co-founder, Steve Miller, retired at the end of 1999. He had many years of banking experience but had never spent a day in a trust company. Although there are many similarities there are also many differences. His time at GTRUST has been spent dealing with the many changes that have taken place in the financial industry since 9/11...and with the growth of GTRUST as well. It's been a sometimes frustrating but always interesting and exciting ride.

Bob and his wife Myrna, hope to catch up on all the traveling they have not been able to do while Bob was still working. Our retirement gift to Bob is travel miles on Southwest Airlines. Seems like a fitting gift!

Bob's talents and cool head will be missed greatly. However, Bob has spent the last six months training his replacement, so we are comfortable "the new

guy" will do an excellent job as well. We are pleased to report that another long term GTRUST staff member, Joe Steffen, will be filling Bob's role with the company. Joe has been with GTRUST since 1998, working in our operations department. We will have more on Joe in a future *InvestMail*.

Bob, on behalf of everyone at GTRUST we wish you a wonderful and exciting retirement. We hope that you will travel to all of the places you have dreamed of and bring us back pictures. Best wishes...we will miss you!



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