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### Klein Receives AARP Arkansas' Volunteer Award

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Hank Klein of North Little Rock received AARP Arkansas' most prestigious volunteer award for community service at a ceremony Thursday at the Arkansas Arts Center.

Klein earned the Andrus Award for his service to the community as AARP's lead volunteer for predatory payday lending, and for making numerous AARP financial fraud fighter speeches around the state, according to a news release. He founded Arkansans Against Abusive Payday Lending in 2004, and since then has written five scathing reports on how so many consumers were being trapped in a cycle of debt by unscrupulous payday lending practices in Arkansas.

Klein also serves as a volunteer docent at the Clinton Presidential Library and at the Arkansas Governor's mansion. He helped organize the docent program at the mansion.

He retired as president and CEO of Arkansas Federal Credit Union, the largest credit union in the state of Arkansas with \$409 million in assets and serving nearly 60,000 members. He has held management positions in credit unions in Arkansas and Florida for 38 years.

Dave Baker of Fort Smith and Dewery Watkins of West Memphis are AARP Arkansas' 2008 Distinguished Service Award recipients.

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