

Annual Meeting

Save the Date
Friday, February 24th, 2012
at St. Francis de Sales

Join Us for the Fun!
Tickets will be available
mid-January

As a reminder: there is limited seating
so get your tickets early

Last Chance Skip-a-Pay

If you haven't done so,
January 2012 is the last
chance to do the Holiday
Skip-a-Pay.

*Each loan skipped has a \$30 fee.
Real Estate and 1st payment loans
are excluded from this promotion.
See us for details*

New IRA Rates

Effective
January 1, 2012
IRA rates will be:
2.97% APR/3.00% APY

You can make
contributions for 2011
through April 15, 2012

From the Managers Desk:

As I write this note to the membership my Santa Clock pops up, 5 sleeps, 14 hours, 44 minutes, 12 seconds until Santa arrives, but who's counting! By the time you receive this newsletter the holiday season will have passed and many of us will have already broken our New Years Resolutions!

During the past year the Volunteers and Staff of the credit union have worked hard to become our members "1st Choice for Financial Services". When you enter the credit union you will be greeted with a smile and a warm hello, as well as a cup of cappuccino if you like. We are not simply employees of the credit union. We are your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and fellow community members.

As the year 2011 draws to a close we would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for doing business with us during the past year. To show our appreciation we sent a "gift" to those members who are utilizing the credit union as their primary financial institution. The "Member Loyalty Bonus" was issued to all members in good standing, who had conducted at least ten transactions, and had a minimum balance of at least \$35.00 with the credit union during the year 2011. To those of you who received this gift please accept our gratitude for choosing us as your Credit Union. We know that when it comes to financial services you have many choices and we are honored that you chose us.

For those of you who did not receive the bonus, this gift is simply one of many perks of being an active member of Limestone Federal Credit Union. We are eager to serve more of your needs. If you need assistance refinancing your loans or moving your checking account, just call us. Our friendly staff has the necessary expertise to make your move easier.

While reflecting over the past twelve months I am satisfied that we have not only met our goal of providing real value to being a member of Limestone Federal Credit Union, we can be confident that in 2011 we exceeded this goal. 2012 will bring focus on setting higher standards for ourselves to ensure that we are continually working to be our members 1st choice.

In closing, I sincerely hope that you and your family had a joyous holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Jennifer C. Watson
CEO

Staff News

Anniversaries

Amy B - 8 years
January 30th

Kayla M - 4 years
Feb 20th

Jennifer B - 4 years
March 3rd

Rates of Dividends...

Deposits:	APR	APY
Shares	0.25%	0.25%
IRAs	2.97%	3.00%
6 mo CD	0.75%	0.75%
12 mo CD	1.00%	1.00%
24 mo CD	1.40%	1.40%
30 mo CD	1.40%	1.40%
12 mo Jumbo (\$50,000 min.)	1.50%	1.50%
12 mo Jumbo(\$100,000 min.)	1.59%	1.60%

*Rates are subject to change
without notice. Call for current
rates & terms.*

Speedy Line

341-3114

Or Toll Free

1-888-341-3114

- Transfer Funds
- Make Loan Payments
- Obtain Account Balances
- Obtain Checking Transactions

Credit Union Hours and Contact Information

LOBBY:

Mon-Thurs 8:30-5:00

Friday 8:30-5:30

Sat. 9:00-Noon

DRIVE THRU:

Mon-Thurs 7:30-5:00

Friday 7:30-5:30

Sat. 9:00-Noon

Sun. 10:30-1:30

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Member Loyalty Bonus Q&A

Member Question: I have heard rumors circulating through the community that “some” members received a check and others did not.

Answer: That is correct. The Limestone Federal Credit Union has been awarding Member Loyalty Bonuses for the past five years. During that time we have had an influx of new accounts opened for this purpose only. What we have found is that these members are not utilizing the services of the credit union but rather conducting a few transactions per year to ensure that they qualify for the bonus.

The member loyalty bonus is an income sharing program. The credit union began this program in order to give back to those members who are utilizing the services of the credit union. The credit union earns income from many different sources such as; interchange income from members debit card transactions; overnight interest income on funds in members checking accounts; fee income from the sale of money orders, cashiers checks, and travel cards; etc. Those members who are conducting business with the credit union assist in generating the income which is used to pay the member loyalty bonus.

If someone has a savings account with the credit union with only a few transactions per year, it is pretty safe to say they are banking somewhere else. If that is the case, they should contact their primary financial institution to find out what kind of income sharing programs their primary financial institution is offering.

Member Question: Why was the bonus only \$35.00 this year versus \$50.00 last year?

Answer: The Member Loyalty Bonus is an income sharing program. The amount of the bonus is based on many different factors; such as income generated; loan losses; foreclosures; and operating expenses. While LFCU saw an increase in Assets, New Accounts, and Interest Income, we also suffered losses on Real Estate Foreclosures in excess of \$100,000.00. This, coupled with our share of the NCUA Corporate Stabilization Expense of \$72,974.00, resulted in lower net income available for distribution to the membership.

Member Question: What is the NCUA Corporate Stabilization Expense Fund?

Answer: The Corporate Stabilization Program was created in January 2009 in response to investment losses incurred by U.S. Central Credit Union, which is a credit union for Corporate Credit Unions. As background, NCUA, the National Credit Union Association is the agency that supervises natural person unions such as LFCU. For over three decades Corporate Credit Unions have provided vital services to natural person credit unions. Due to unprecedented investment losses and the cooperative nature of our system all natural person credit unions expect to be assessed a premium each year through 2021 to cover these losses.

LFCU Save to Win Winners

Our ten \$25.00 winners for the month of Nov.

Save to Win are:

Dianne R.	Laverne H.
Lisa H.	Mary R.
Beth M.	Judy P.
Judy S.	Bea B.
Tom C .	Wade F.

Skate Passes

Skate passes are available for existing members for 20 FREE admissions to open skate at Little Bear West Arena. New members may be eligible for up to 10 free skates. Stop in to pick up your pass.