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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday, **February 6, 2013**, in the Auditorium starting at 12:00 Noon. You will hear about the progress the Credit Union has

made during the past year and take part in the elections.

This year's nominees are:

Board of Directors

(4 positions available)

Karen Scott
Winnie Yee
Butch Scullen
Angela Burke

Credit Committee

(2 positions available)

Joe Uknalis
Sue Reed

Please try to attend if you can, and hear all about our latest year of business.

Dividend Rate

Up to \$20,000: .8% APR; .801% APY
\$20,000.01 and above: .15% APR; .15% APY

Your Credit Union is working hard to ensure that dividends are being paid in line with the current economic situation. Our responsibility to the entire membership is taken very seriously and adjustments are made based on the welfare of the membership as a whole. At each monthly meeting, the Board evaluates current rates and continually strives to offer a rate that is in concert with good business practices.

Family Members Eligible to Join the Credit Union

Don't forget that immediate members of your family are eligible to join the Credit Union if you are a member. We offer competitive savings and interest rates, convenient access to your money, and loans granted to children with you as a co-signer can help build your child's credit history.



Loan Rates

New and Used Car Loan Sale Effective through June 30, 2013

We have great rates and payments to meet your budget. See our website at www.arserrc.gov/www/errl to view the most recent loan rates.

Privacy Policy

Information We Collect

We collect nonpublic information about you from some or all of the following sources:

- * Information we receive from you on applications or other forms;
- * Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others; and,
- * Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency.

Information We Disclose

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our members and former members to affiliates or non-affiliated third parties except as required by law.

Our Security Measures

We restrict access to nonpublic information about you to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with Federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

Tax Time Reminder

It's tax time again! Did you know that our members have the option to have their tax refund direct deposited into their credit union account?

The 1040 and 1040 EZ forms have blanks in the "refund" area of the form to complete for direct deposit. In order to receive your refunds via direct deposit, you must fill out the following information on the form:

- The credit union's routing number: **#236083215**
- Your account number
- The type of account: **savings account**



Advantages and Disadvantages of Debt Consolidation

<http://www.superpages.com/supertips/advantages-debt-consolidation.html>

Debt consolidation allows you to pay down the principles of your lending obligations faster, and it offers you means to salvage fair to low credit scores in preparation for a major purchase, such as a new home.

After all, when you're knee deep in debt and your credit rating is less than ideal, home mortgage lenders will charge premium interest on the money they provide for you, after debt consolidation, however, you can apply with your newly salvaged credit and thus get lower term rates. This in turn will save you tens of thousands of dollars (potentially) over the term of your mortgage in reduced interest payments alone.

Debt consolidation also will benefit you psychologically. When you're putting out multiple "debt fires," you must juggle a slate of interest rates, terms, and potentially even threats from creditors. When you have just one or two monthly bills to pay, you can budget easier, and you avoid wasting grueling hours calculating out the consequences of different interest rates. Furthermore, debt consolidation costs may be tax deductible, see your accountant about potential implications for moving your money around.

On the con side, however, debt consolidation can pave the way for continued poor spending habits. If you dump your hard won equity into a financial initiative to pay off your bills quickly, you may end up with a longer mortgage term (reduced lifetime savings) as well as a still as yet unbalanced budget.

Sometimes, debt is a good galvanizer -- indebted individuals must learn to budget and think for the long term. Thus, if you paper over poor habits with an easy debt consolidation loan, your financial mistakes might lead to even more dire consequences in the future.

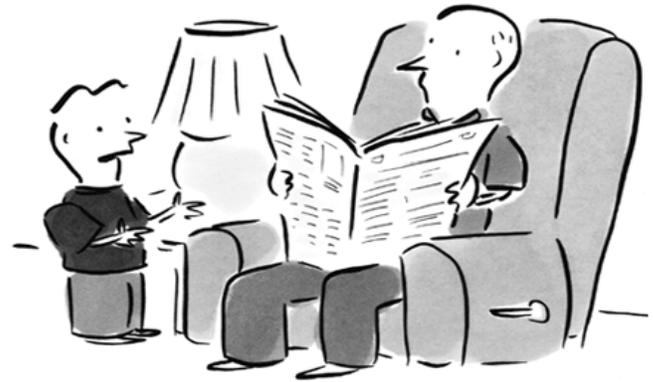
In addition, debt consolidation doesn't always work as planned. If you get involved with a small lender who goes out of business or passes your loan along to a less than scrupulous third party, you could find yourself in legal and financial deep water. In addition, a debt consolidation initiative may not always lend to you at an ideal interest rate.

For instance, if you only have a few credit cards, it may make more sense to move all or most of your debt over to your lowest rate card than to go through the whole song and dance of taking out an independent debt consolidation agreement.



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"It's not just a raise in my allowance, it's also a boost for consumer confidence!"

The Benefits of Credit Unions

By Kimberly Palmer

Do credit unions offer better interest rates?

On average, credit unions offer lower rates on loans and higher rates on savings accounts—just what consumers want. This chart from the National Association of Federal Credit Unions shows that the average bank rate on a four-year, new-car loan is 6.92 percent. At credit unions, it's 5.43 percent. Similarly, a five-year CD for \$10,000 returns 3.54 percent at banks on average compared with 3.94 percent at a credit union.

Many credit unions also have limits on interest rates; federally chartered credit unions, for example, have an 18 percent limit that applies to all loans, including those for cars and credit cards.

Have credit unions been affected by the current financial crisis?

Like banks, credit unions have experienced a rise in delinquencies this year, says Fred Becker, president of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. But he thinks credit unions are less affected by the crisis than banks because a strong sense of community responsibility drives credit union members to repay their loans on time. "They realize they're adversely affecting other members if they don't pay back the loan," Becker says, adding that at one church credit union, you don't attend Sunday service without your car payment.

Are deposits insured the same way they are at banks?

Yes. Credit unions are insured by the National Credit Union Administration, which provides the same protections—insurance coverage on deposits up to \$250,000—that the FDIC provides to banks. NCUA's website allows credit union members to check on their insurance coverage.

