

Piedmont Chapter Voices

This is the bi-monthly newsletter for the Piedmont Chapter of Credit Unions. If you work or volunteer for a member credit union you can share your voice by emailing: dan.pcu@gamewood.net

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'Tis the Season...

...For Annual Meetings!

This issue is devoted to the time honored tradition of the credit union Annual Meeting. Between March 2009 and Jun 2009 every credit union in our chapter will hold its yearly gathering. The Annual Meeting is so important in the life of a credit union. Did you know that your credit union is so much more than branches, buildings, cash drawers, and general ledgers? Alphonse Desjardins, an early pioneer of the credit union movement, once said this: "*Let it never be forgotten that the credit union is, above all else, and association of people, not dollars.*" The Annual Meeting exemplifies this sentiment more so than any other credit union event. It's an event that draws together individuals from various walks of life for the purpose of working together for the good of all. It gives you a guage on the heartbeat of your credit union. Some meetings run smoothly and sometimes the discussion can become heated. Sometimes there are not enough volunteers to run for the board of directors and sometimes there are disappointed candidates demanding a recount. That's ok because these things happen in families. That is how many credit unions would describe themselves, as a family. For credit union staff Annual Meetings are always hard work. But the impact they have on our credit unions is well worth it.

Submitted by Dan Veasey, Piedmont CU

Next Chapter Meeting

April 21, 2009

This is on a Tuesday!!!

Location: Dutch Inn

Speaker: Amanda Witt

Topic: Community Development

Contact Ben Gravely at 1-800-475-6328 by 4/17/2009.

CEO of Halifax FCU Announces Retirement

William E. Coleman, President & Chief Executive Officer of Tri - County Community Action Agency as well as the Halifax County Community Federal Credit Union announced his planned retirement earlier this year. Mr. Coleman is the founder and organizer of the Halifax County Community Federal Credit Union and his career with the Community Action Agency spans over forty years. Tentatively, the effective date of his retirement is July 1, 2009. An Executive Search Committee has been named to recruit, screen, and interview qualify candidates to fill this important position. Resumes with cover letters of qualified applicants are welcomed.

Mr. Coleman is a visionary leader and he has touched the lives of thousands individuals and families throughout this region. His pending retirement will create a major "void" within both organizations.

-Submitted by Helen Leigh, Halifax County Community FCU

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2009 / 2010 Committees

A list of proposed committees for 2009/2010 is found on page 4 of this newsletter. Please take a moment to look over it. If you have questions or if you are unable to serve on a particular committee please let someone on the executive committee know by the April 2009 chapter meeting.

Goodyear-Danville Family CU Celebrates 30th Anniversary!

On Saturday, March 21, 2009 the members of Goodyear-Danville Family Credit Union celebrated their credit union's 30th Anniversary! The meeting was held at the Riveroak Church of God Fellowship Hall. It was a near-record turnout with 139 members and guests in attendance. Members elected board members and also got to take home lots of prizes on top of a wonderful meal. The kid's had a fun program with magic by Wade Hopkins.

The Goodyear-Danville Family CU is really on the right track! They have lots of involved volunteers and are truly holding fast to the credit union philosophy of People Helping People. Their sponsor, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, is faced with a substantial layoff at this time. It was made clear at the meeting that the credit union is ready to help and that once someone is a member they are always a member regardless of where they go to work.

Goodyear-Danville Family CU was founded in 1979 by the salaried employees at the Goodyear plant in Danville. A few years ago their charter was expanded to include all employees of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Danville.

Congratulations Goodyear-Danville Family CU!

-Submitted by Dan Veasey, Member of Goodyear-Danville Family CU

It's time for the Annual MDCU Make-A-Wish Golf Tournament!

This years tournament will be held on May 7, 2009 at the Lynwood Golf & Country Club. All proceeds benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. For each of the last five years this event has raised more than \$25,000! It's an event that makes a profound difference in the lives of so many of children who face terminal illness. Great job MDCU for consistently bringing your best game year after year!

How can other credit unions help?

- Cash Donations to Make-A-Wish are greatly appreciated.
- Donate Non-monetary Items to be used as prizes for the golfers.
- Field a 4 person golf team. \$75 per player. (includes free, lunch, beverage, and shirt)
- Sponsorship
 - Tee-Marker Sponsor - \$100 tee marker with your credit union's name.
 - Refreshment Cart Sponsor - \$250 (includes cart signage, recognition on local radio & tv spots, and printed materials.)
 - Food Sponsor Option 1 - \$500 (includes 2 free golfers, signage at the tournament, recognition on local radio & tv spots, and printed materials.)
 - Food Sponsor Option 2 - \$1,000 (includes 4 free golfers, banner at the tournament, recognition on local radio & tv spots, and printed materials.)

Questions may be directed to Joyce Minniear at 1-800-475-6328 ext. 3123, Lori Hatfield at ext. 3130, Andrew Reynolds at ext. 3122, or Kevin Laine at ext. 1103.



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Talk-Back

What do you like about
your CU's annual meeting?

What do you dislike?

What do your members
seem to think of it?

Send your answers or
thoughts to
dan.pcu@gamewood.net
and maybe they'll show up
in a later issue of Piedmont
Chapter Voices.

So How Did *Your* Annual Meeting Go?

Halifax County Community Federal Credit Union held its 28th Annual Meeting and Banquet on March 27, 2009 at The Halifax Regional Hospital - Leggett's Auditorium. The Speaker was Dr. Betty Adams, Executive Director, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center in South Boston. The meeting was a great success.

Submitted by Helen Leigh, Halifax County Community FCU

Martinsville DuPont Credit Union held its annual meeting on March 5, 2009 at the Spencer Penn Center. 230 member were in attendance. CEO, Darrell Minniear, spoke about the trials and tribulations of the economy. As always there were food, prizes, and a good time was had by all.

Submitted by Joyce Minniear, Martinsville DuPont CU

Danville City Employees FCU held its 61st Annual Meeting on March 24, 2009 with 85 members attending. President B.C. Elliott Jr. commented that he was proud to have been a part of the success of DCEFCU. He noted that their capital is among the highest in the nation and that good stable growth is the cornerstone of their success. Like most credit unions, DCEFCU does not seek to be the biggest, just the best!

Submitted by Debra Testerman, Danville City Employees FCU

Upcoming Annual Meetings

URW Community FCU will host it's Annual Meeting on June 6, 2009 at the Carrington Pavilion in Danville. This year's meeting will be catered by Pigs R' Us and will have a 'Western' theme!

-Submitted by Cheryl Doss, URW Community FCU

Piedmont Credit Union will host it's 40th Anniversary Annual Meeting on May 14, 2009 at Riveroak Church of God. There will be good food, good friends, lots of prizes, and the kids will enjoy the first ever **CUX-Games**.

-Submitted by Dan Veasey, Piedmont CU



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Directory of Chapter Committees 2009-2010

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