



Choice News

FIRST CHOICE CREDIT UNION'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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FIRST QUARTER 2023 NEWS AND NOTES.

First Choice Credit Union held our 56th Annual Meeting at the Marshfield Eagles Club on Saturday, February 18th, 2023 at 1 PM. We had 115 members in attendance, which is more than the required number of people to have a quorum. The FCCU Nominating Committee nominated Kim Fredrick and Debbie Stangl to run for the two spots on the board. There were no other nominations and both were re-elected. Mandy Tomkowiak was recognized for her 5 Year Anniversary at First Choice Credit Union, and Ken Forrest was also recognized for 5 years with the credit union. Thank you to those who attended.

Gary Grieser has been a volunteer for First Choice Credit Union for 50 YEARS! Gary started out in 1973 as a member of the "Exam Committee", which is now the Audit Committee. After he served on that committee for 18 years, he became the Secretary of the Board of Directors, where he served in that role for 20 years. Gary has been a Director at Large for 12 more years. His commitment and dedication to the Credit Union is truly an amazing accomplishment. We are so fortunate to have someone of Gary's character and experience on our Board. Thank you, Gary.



Gary Grieser

Loraine B. Ross Scholarship

First Choice Credit Union is now accepting applications for a \$600.00 scholarship. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Graduate from an area high school this spring.
- Have post secondary plans to attend a 2 or 4 year school.
- Have (maintain) at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Either the student or the parent must be a member at the credit union.

The scholarship is paid in two installments of \$300 (\$150.00 for part time students), the first is paid this year and the second will be paid next year.

James J. Zahradka Scholarship

FCCU wishes to announce that we are facilitating a \$500.00 James J. Zahradka scholarship on behalf of Arlene Zahradka. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Graduate from an area high school this spring.
- Have post secondary plans to attend a 2 or 4 year school.
- Have (maintain) at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Either the student or the parent must be a member at the credit union.

The scholarship is paid in two installments of \$250 (\$125.00 for part time students), the first is paid this year and the second will be paid next year.

Scholarships applications are due by April 28, 2023. Call, stop by or email us at service@firstchoicecreditunion.com for an application.

FIRST CHOICE DEBIT CARD HOLDERS

SHAZAM will contact you if they feel there is suspicious activity happening with your debit card. It is very important that you acknowledge and respond to these inquiries.

SHAZAM will try to contact you with a text message to the phone numbers listed on your SHAZAM file. If your phone does not accept texts, an automated voice message will be left on your phone. It is very important for you to respond to these messages in order to prevent further fraud on your account, and/or having your card blocked from further use.

If SHAZAM contacts you and the transaction is fraud, please contact the credit union so a new card can be ordered for you, if you want one. SHAZAM will not reorder the card. Only the credit union will do that.

We also strongly recommend downloading the BRELLA app. This is an app that helps you monitor your debit card. The app allows you to turn your debit card off/on, check your balance, and set alerts for your debit card.

ANNUAL PRIVACY NOTICE

Privacy Notice Federal Law requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. The First Choice Credit Union Privacy Policy has not changed and you may review our policy and practices with respect to your personal information at firstchoicecreditunion.com or we will mail you a free copy upon request if you call us at (715)387-8405.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

First Choice Credit Union will be closed in observance of:

**Good Friday - Friday, April 7, 2023 - Lobby Closed
Noon - 2:30pm**

Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2023

Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Please plan your financial needs in advance to avoid any inconvenience. And remember, you can access your accounts anytime online at firstchoicecreditunion.com or with the FCCU phone app.

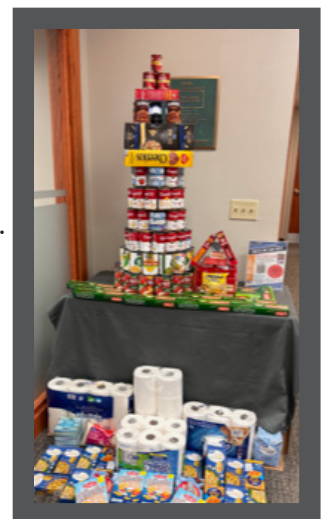
A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We have scheduled a bus trip to a Milwaukee Brewers game on Sunday, July 23rd, 2023. The Brewers play the Braves at 1:10 PM. The bus will be leaving **early...at 6:00 AM sharp** from the FCCU parking lot and returning later that evening. The tickets are \$80 each and this includes the motorcoach ride, game ticket, tailgate party, trivia, and a fun day for all. Payment must be received at the credit union to reserve your seats and tickets. Tickets will go quickly, so please call today. Each member can invite up to 5 guests, so more members have a chance to attend the game. Please call (715)-387-8405 if you have any questions and to reserve your seat.

I want to thank our members, staff, and board of directors for their generous donations of non-perishable food items as we participated in the United Way "United We Can" event. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we collected 209 items that were donated to the Soup or Socks Food Pantry. A special thank you to Amanda Koopman, FCCU Member Service Rep, for chairing this event, and Amanda, Carter and Connie for the construction of the lighthouse.

We also thank the members who generously helped us raise \$1,353.00 for Children's Miracle Network, through the "Share-A-Bear" event. You opened your hearts and wallets to raise \$853 and First Choice Credit Union added \$500 to the total donation. We have supported CMN for many years and we could not do this without you.

Rob Schulz



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