

You're Invited

To our 56th Annual Meeting for Connection Credit Union:

Thursday, May 1, 2014

6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. dinner \$5 at the door

6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

Kitsap Golf and Country Club

See the first page of the newsletter for more info!



Scholarships

Connection Credit Union Scholarship Applications for the 2014-2015 school year are available at all three branches. Deadline to have them back to the credit union is May 19, 2014.



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Upcoming Events

Tax Time - Visit our web site for Turbo Tax information.

Free Shred Day, Saturday, April 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Silverdale office!

Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 1st
6 to 7:30 p.m.

April is Youth Month!
Join us as we celebrate youth month with special promotions and rates geared toward our younger members.

May 26th - All offices are closed in observance of Memorial Day.

A Change is Coming

Watch your mail in early April. We are changing our credit card processor and you will be receiving all new credit cards from Connection Credit Union. Instructions will be enclosed with the new cards regarding when to activate and start using them. Your current credit card will no longer be valid once the conversion is completed, so you'll want to make sure to follow the instructions to avoid an interruption in credit card service.



Some of the benefits you'll see with this change are:

- Access your account history via our home banking program.
- Transaction and payment records will be updated in real time.
- Ability to select your own PIN for your card.

We understand that changes like this can be unsettling. We're doing everything we can to try to make this conversion as smooth as possible for all concerned. If you do not receive your new card by April 15th, please let us know.

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We will celebrate the year past and project the year ahead. As owners, you will be interested in hearing how your credit union is serving Kitsap County, working together as staff and owners, as well as other partners, to get the word out about our local approach to financial services.

To save on expenses, we are not sending postage paid return reservation cards. You will need to reserve with someone at a branch, write or email us with your dinner reservation. We ask that you RSVP by April 28, 2014 so the food can be planned. If you don't plan to come for dinner and just attend the meeting, you will not need to RSVP. There are 100 seats for dinner, so get your reservation in early.

Looking for Volunteers

Connection Credit Union is looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee. Volunteering can help in a multitude of ways including:

- Learning business and financial management skills
- Hone your leadership skills
- Collaborating with other volunteers to shape the direction of our not-for-profit financial cooperative
- Getting involved and giving back to our community in a real and tangible way

Please contact Cindy Berry at 360.307.6400 x6418 or email cindyb@connectioncu.org if you are interested!

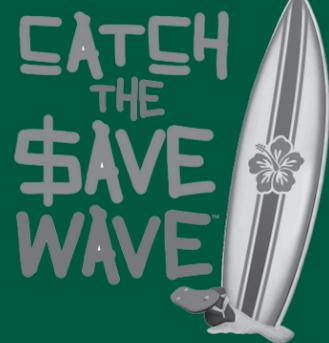


SAVE TO WIN

April is the beginning of our 2nd year in the Save to Win Program. Save to Win is a prize-linked savings product to promote savings. For every \$25 deposited in a "Save to Win Certificate Account" up to \$250 a month, you get one (1) entry into a drawing for cash prizes. Drop by any of our branches and get a copy of the rules.



Kowabunga!



This April youth will be riding the save wave into the credit union. Whether they've surfed or not, youth love digging their toes in the sand, playing with beach balls, and jumping in the waves. During the month of April, kids will have the opportunity to feel like they're at the beach when visiting their credit union as they get tips on how to surf and save.

Like surfers, young savers need tools and techniques to improve their skills. And we're here to help youth start on the path to healthy savings habits. During the month of April Connection Credit Union will celebrate National Credit Union Youth Month™. This year's theme, "Catch the Save Wave™," highlights tips and resources available at the credit union to boost good habits and "hang ten" on the save wave. Through lots of practice, young surfer savers will learn the secret of riding a gnarly wave that will help them achieve big-time savings.

So stop by the credit union and get in on the savings action. Bring your saving surfers in and we'll show them how to grab some air and carve through the save wave. When a youth opens a new account in April, we'll match the opening amount of \$5. If your youth already has a savings account, we will match the first \$5 deposited in April. So join the month long celebration for youth aged 1 day through 17 years!



We're hosting a **FREE Shred Day** at our Silverdale Branch on Saturday, April 19th from 10am to 2pm.

(Please limit your shred to a maximum of two boxes or bags.)
Personal care and non-perishable food donations accepted!

Hope to see you there!

Message from President/CEO, Scott Prior

As things get rolling in 2014, it's important for us to continually keep in mind our cooperative principles. Those values and ideals we subscribe to that also separate our credit union from others in the financial marketplace. Those seven cooperative principles are:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership – Membership is open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Kitsap County.
2. Democratic member control – Members actively participate by volunteering to serve and setting policies and making decisions that are in the best interest of our financial cooperative.
3. Member economic participation – Member participation leads to rates, fees and services that benefit the entire credit union.
4. Autonomy and Independence – Controlled by members and not by outside shareholders. Decisions are made locally.
5. Education, training and information – Financial education should be free and available to all.
6. Cooperation among cooperatives – Cooperation among cooperative is vital to our success and why we look to partner with other credit union and cooperatives whenever possible.
7. Concern for community – Cooperatives work for the sustainability of our community. We live and work here too.

With our annual meeting fast approaching on May 1st, it is a good opportunity to put these cooperative principles into action. These principles guide our decisions and the annual meeting is one of the best ways you, our members, can participate in the success of our financial cooperative. Your attendance is encouraged as our annual meeting is one of the best ways to have your voice heard. We are a not-for-profit financial cooperative that is member owned and member controlled. Our interests are directly aligned with those of our members and the annual meeting is an opportunity to see what we have been doing and get a glimpse into our plans for the future. The "member economic participation" and "democratic member control" parts of our cooperative principles are examples of those principles in action. We hope you'll take the time to join us.

We also wanted to take an opportunity to thank you, our members, for your patience during our data processing system conversion in 2013. This was a very large and very involved project that was not without challenges. Now that it is completed, your credit union is in a much better position to grow and thrive and to continue to offer products and services that help us stay relevant in the very competitive financial services arena.

Thank you for your membership.

*Building financial futures,
one relationship at a time.*