



The Edge Newsletter



Spring 2017

Doing Our Share to Help the Community We Love

Ever wonder what your credit union does to support the philosophy of "People Helping People"?

Throughout 2016, our generous membership and staff were able to help those in our community with donations to non-profits like Royal Family Kids' Camp, the Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center and Animals as Natural Therapy. We also had the privilege of donating basic necessities and a few fun items to a local family in need.

Offering Peace of Mind to the Communities We Serve

How did WestEdge demonstrate we care about our community in 2016?

- 72 volunteer hours
- \$8,500+ charitable contributions
- Gave back to 8 organizations

Way to go, WestEdge, for putting people first!



WestEdge Events

- **Strawberry Social**
June 30
- **Spring Community Shred**
April 20-21

Holiday Closings

- **Memorial Day**
Monday, May 29

Our Purpose

Bringing peace of mind to our membership, employees and communities we serve.

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2017 Annual Meeting

The 2017 credit union Annual Meeting was held at Northwood Hall on Saturday, February 25. This year's agenda included a review of 2016 financials and remarks made by Katie Zowada, President, while Julian McAllister, Board Chair, welcomed new board members Tristan Shirley and Tom Barrett, both long-time members of the credit union. We are pleased to announce that they will be serving terms on the credit union's Board of Directors.

Entertainment

Complete with goofy props and a sparkly backdrop, the photo booth provided one more way for members and their guests to make memories.

Ever played BINGO with over 170 people? We just did, and it was a hoot! Our five winners got to pick from an assortment of lovely gift baskets that included gift cards supporting local businesses, among other items.

Dinner

Dinner was delicious, as usual. From the Top Sirloin London Broil and Lemon Basil Chicken to the Lemon Meringue Pie, everyone left with their bellies full.

If you would like an Annual Meeting booklet that summarizes the performance of the credit union in 2016, including financial reports and our community involvement, please stop by the lobby to pick one up or call us at (360) 734-5790 to request one by phone.

See you next year!





Kids Saving Savvy

It's never too early to practice making good money decisions, and young WestEdge members do just that! At WestEdge, there are three Youth Accounts to choose from:

- Youth Account 1.0 (age birth-12 years)
- Youth Account 2.0 (age 13-17 years)
- Youth Certificate Account (age birth-17 years)

These special accounts are designed to reward you. With incentives, contests, consultation programs and more, you can build your savings savvy that will pay off in a BIG way!

Start saving now! Every time you make a deposit, your name is entered into a monthly drawing for FREE money from WestEdge. Learn more at westedgeCU.org/youth.

Winners from this quarter are:

\$5 Winners: Zoey Haskell-Crawford, Tou Caron, Miller Folsom

\$10 Winners: Breeze Caron, Hazel Carlson

Access your accounts 24 hours a day, seven days a week with WestEdge Online Banking at westedgeCU.org or Telephone Teller by calling 1 (800) 254-2722.

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FREE Homebuyers Seminar

Brought to you by WestEdge



Join us at Springhill Suites on Saturday, April 29, 2017, for an informative Homebuyers Seminar. Topics will include:

- Rent vs. Own • The Current Market • Importance of Good Credit
- How Much Home You Can Afford • Understanding Mortgage Types
- Importance of Loan Pre-Approval • Necessary Documents
- Working with a Real Estate Agent • Making an Offer

This seminar will be led by Azim Walli, from CU Home Mortgage Solutions (CUHMS), WestEdge Credit Union's long-term mortgage partner.

To learn more and register, call us at (360) 734-5790 or stop by the credit union. Please RSVP by April 21, 2017. Coffee and tea provided. Space is limited!

Go Hog Wild



Tired of dreaming about the sun on your face and the wind in your hair? Make your dreams a reality with a motorcycle loan from WestEdge.

- Low, fixed interest rates
- No fees
- Flexible terms up to 108 months
- Choose your own payment date

So leave all your cares in the rearview and cruise on in. We look forward to seeing you!

Thinking About Graduation

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." – Dr. Seuss

Whether your children are graduating this year or in five years, it is important they are not only educated about colleges and career paths but about finances as well. Help them make the transition into adulthood with confidence using these easy tips!

1. Discuss your student's desired career path as well as possible supportive part-time jobs while in high school.
2. Encourage your high school student to take a money management class either at school or in the community so he/she can feel confident about knowing how to navigate finances independently.
3. Help your student create a savings plan for a used car or discuss other modes of transportation that could help save money, like the bus or a bike.
4. Evaluate college choices and costs. Consider community and technical colleges.
5. Research scholarship opportunities and brainstorm new solutions for paying for college, like storing money earned in an additional Sub-Savings or Money Market account at their local credit union.
6. Consider enrolling in an internship program while in high school if the goal is to enter the job market after graduation, or consider Running Start programs to get a head start on college courses at a reduced rate.



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