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Community 1st & COVID-19

Community 1st Credit Union considers the health and welfare of our members and staff a top priority. We are following guidelines laid out by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to respond to this potential threat. Our employees have been instructed to follow CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of disease.

We have closed all branch lobbies, but the credit union will remain open to serve our members. We ask that, if you can, use alternate means to access your account, please do so. If you have business that you must conduct in the branch, please call first for instructions on how we can help you.

Some facts:

- Daily Updates are continuously evolving, and rest assured, experts are working tirelessly to conquer the virus.
- China has closed its last temporary hospital set up for the COVID-19.
- People are recovering from the virus every day.

Although we continue to be cautioned about washing our hands, covering our coughs, and keeping our social distance, we are beginning to hear the “good news” stories both on the television and through social media channels.

Whatever your media outlet, you will see the compassion of the souls stepping up to help- in all areas, from healthcare staff working tirelessly around the clock to help those hardest hit, to those manning the foodbanks to make sure those that need food have access to it – it is the heart of the credit union motto – people helping people.

Please know that the staff of the credit union are here when you need us. We are working from home as well as the front lines to meet your financial needs.

Our hearts go out to those impacted by this crisis, and we wish the best for everyone.

10 Things To Do at Home While Quarantined

1. Complete a puzzle: The more pieces the better! Feeling extra saucy? Take on a Rubik's Cube. More of a word person? Crossword puzzle!
2. Start a journal or blog. Sure, it can be about the coronavirus, but it could also be about a specific interest from chess to cheese.
3. If it won't bother your neighbors: Dust off that old instrument and practice.
4. Write poetry. Perhaps you can craft a haiku for Mother's Day, or something without a specific structure. Just try it!
5. Watch all the really long movies you've avoided until now.
6. Download an app, and teach yourself a foreign language.
7. Face masks, moisturizer, oh my! Treat yourself to a 10-step skin care routine you don't have time for during a normal work week.
8. Write actual letters to family and friends. After that? Write thank-you notes to service people who you remember went out of their way for you.
9. Use Skype, FaceTime, Google Hangouts or Marco Polo to video chat with your family and friends.
10. Work on your financial planning, such as exploring whether to refinance your loan or ways to save more money.

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56th Annual Winter Institute & Crab Feed

On Saturday, March 7th, staff, board members, and volunteers from Generation's and Community 1st came together with members from the Washington State Employment Security Department and International Association of Workforce Professionals for the 56th Annual Winter Institute & Crab Feed in Westport, Washington.

Events included a seminar by Michele and Andrew from Community 1st on how to build, maintain, repair, and grow your credit, an excellent fresh crab feast, a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the International Association of Workforce Professionals, and a pinochle tournament where one of our board members, Elaine, won first place for the second year in a row! (Congratulations, Elaine, great job!)

Generations Credit Union has happily supported the IAWP and Employment Security Department for many years, and will continue to do so. Their mission to develop, train, and encourage those they encounter mesh very well with the mission and motivators that Community 1st and Generations hold close to heart.

To end the festivities, we were graciously awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the IAWP for our continued support to their cause. We are honored to have played a continuous part in their success, and are very excited to continue to support their mission, as they have supported ours!

We thank those involved in the Winter Institute & Crab Feed and are excited for our continued partnership in the coming years!



Shamrock Sales For The Muscular Dystrophy Association

At Community 1st Credit Union, we pride ourselves heavily on our continued support to our community. As an organization, we find ourselves asking what we can do to help better those around us each and every day. We have partnered with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to help raise funds in support of children and families in Washington state battling Muscular Dystrophy.

This horrible disease causes muscle mass to weaken progressively over time, typically beginning during childhood. Most people who have this disease will eventually require a wheelchair, and some experience difficulty breathing and swallowing. While there is no cure as of now, we are hopeful that one day, with continued support from businesses and communities across the country, a cure will be discovered, and these children and families will no longer suffer.

Throughout the month of March, we were able to sell \$327 worth of shamrocks. The money earned by our six branches goes directly to things such as research grants in Washington state to develop lasting treatments and medical equipment such as leg braces and wheelchairs. Donations also send kids with MD to camp here in Washington, where they get to spend time participating in a plethora of activities, make new friends, and play like any other kid. All at no cost to the families.

To our members who have donated, thank you so much! Your support can quite literally change the life of a child for the better.



Shamrocks

If you are interested in supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association, visit their website at WWW.MDA.ORG to find out what you can do!

Annual Membership Meeting & Olympia Branch Ribbon-Cutting

Due to restrictions on gatherings and for the health of our staff and members, we have decided to postpone the Annual Membership Meeting and Olympia ribbon-cutting ceremony until further notice. We want to host these events as soon as it's safe to do so. Right now, no one can predict when that will be. So we are continuing to take the information as it comes and are hopeful to have more information for you soon. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for continued updates.