

Notes Bearing Interest

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR PALISADES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBERS

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PFCU Launches New “Partners Program” For Rockland Organizations

We have launched a new **Partners Program** which will allow Rockland organizations to offer Palisades Federal Credit Union to their employees or members as an enhanced, free benefit.



The Partners Program is open to any employer, group or membership organization that has employees or members in Rockland County. Partners can be small or large businesses, schools, houses of worship, union organizations, or virtually any type of membership organization. The Partners Program enables organizations to present Palisades Federal Credit Union as a voluntary value added benefit, helping them to offer a valuable resource at no cost.

“We will do all the work to provide you with what you need to package and promote this as a meaningful optional benefit that will improve your employees’ or members’ financial well-being,” said Mark Welshoff, President and CEO of Palisades Federal Credit Union.

For information on Palisades Federal Credit Union’s Partners Program, visit www.palisadesfcu.com/partner.htm or call Allen Roth at 845-602-4955.

We Have Fixed-Rate Home Equity Loans

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Assemblyman Zebrowski Visits PFCU

Subpoena spamming legislation, along with credit union inclusion in municipal deposits, Excelsior Linked Deposits and Development Districts programs were the topics of conversation when Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski (D-Rockland) and his District Office Manager Jeremy Goldstein met with representatives from the Westchester-Rockland District of the New York State Credit Union League at the Palisades Federal Credit Union on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. The Westchester-Rockland District has 37 credit unions with 171,165 members and over \$1.7 billion in assets.



Pictured from left to right: Laiq Dogra, Allen Roth, Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski, and Mark Welshoff.

During their conversation, Zebrowski said that any bill he introduces or votes in favor of must be based on the needs of his constituents. He indicated that choice in financial institutions definitely meets that criterion, which is why this past session he voted in favor of legislation allowing credit unions to accept municipal deposits and participate in both the Excelsior Linked Deposits and Development Districts programs. He hopes the Senate will follow suit.

“Our district credit unions have realized the importance of remaining visible to our local legislators,” said host Mark Welshoff, President/CEO, Palisades FCU. “Gatherings like this are a good opportunity for our credit union professionals to meet their legislators, voice their concerns, and ask for their support.”

Joining Palisades FCU at the get-together were credit unionists from Empire State CU; Kraft Foods FCU; SUMA (Yonkers) FCU; and US Alliance FCU; Legislative Analyst Cheryl Halter, and Advocacy Specialist Danielle Marion, both from the New York State Credit Union League.

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Do You Have A Retirement Plan With A Former Employer?

A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERS FINANCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

If you've left behind a 401(k), 403(b), or 457 governmental plan at a former job, or are about to, you generally have four options for what to do with that part of your nest egg:

- Leave your savings with your former employer
- Move your savings to your new employer's plan
- Roll your savings over to a traditional IRA
- Cash out and pay income taxes and possibly an early withdrawal penalty

Before you make any moves, however, contact your plan administrator or tax advisor for complete information about your options, the rules, and the tax consequences.

One of your options is directly rolling over part or all of your eligible distribution from your 401(k), 403(b) plan, or 457 governmental plan to a traditional IRA. Consolidating your retirement savings into a tradi-

tional IRA streamlines your paperwork, makes it easier to develop and maintain your investment plan, and simplifies your required minimum distribution calculations when you reach age 70 and a half.

A traditional IRA may also offer a broader selection of investment options than your current or new employer plan. A traditional IRA may also offer you and your beneficiaries more flexible and tax-favored distribution options.

For information about rolling over your money to an IRA, please contact Thomas Josephs, the Financial Services Representative serving members of Palisades Federal Credit Union, at 845-602-1123.

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IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

Regulation E Error Resolution Notice

In case of errors or questions about your Palisades Federal Credit Union electronic transfers: telephone us at 845 602-4242, or outside the 845 area code at 1-800-438-7415; or write us at 300 N. Middletown Rd., Suite #6, Pearl River, NY 10965; or e-mail us at info@palisadesfcu.org as soon as you can.

You should contact us if you think your statement or receipt is wrong or if you need more information about a transfer listed on the statement or receipt. *We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent the FIRST statement on which the problem or error appeared.*

When notifying us, please share the following information:

1. Tell us your name and member number.
2. Describe the error or the transfer you are unsure about, and explain as clearly as you can why you believe it is an error or why you need more information.
3. Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

If you tell us orally, we may require that you send us your complaint or question in writing within 10 business days.

We will determine whether an error occurred within 10 business days after we hear from you and will correct any error promptly. If we need more time, however, we may take up to 45 days to investigate your complaint or question. If we decide to do this, we will credit your account within 10 business days for the amount you think is in error, so that you will have the use of the money during the time it takes us to complete our investigation. If we ask you to put your complaint or question in writing and we do not receive it within 10 business days, we may not credit your account.

For errors involving new accounts, point-of-sale, or foreign-initiated transactions, we may take up to 90 days to investigate your complaint or question. For new accounts, we may take up to 20 business days to credit your account for the amount you think is in error.

We will tell you the results within three business days after completing our investigation. If we decide that there was no error, we will send you a written explanation. You may ask for copies of the documents that we used in our investigation.

PFCU's Privacy Policy Statement

Palisades Federal Credit Union (PFCU) has strict security policies and we value our members' privacy. We receive non-public personal information about you from the following sources:

- information we receive from you on applications or other forms;
- information about your transactions with us and our affiliates; and
- information we receive from a consumer reporting agency.

Furthermore, state and federal law obligates us to the following: That "officers, directors, members of committees and employees of this credit union shall hold in confidence all transactions of this credit union with its members and all information respecting their personal affairs, except to the extent deemed necessary by the board in connection with:

- (a) The making of loans and extending lines of credit.
- (b) The collection of loans.
- (c) The guarantee of member share drafts by third parties.**

Federal law protects the information that PFCU provides to credit reporting agencies and use of your information is strictly governed by the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

The previous paragraph therefore restricts access to your non-public personal information to those staff and PFCU principals who need to know that information to provide products or services to you.

If you then decide to terminate your membership or become an inactive member, we will adhere to the privacy policies and practices as described in this notice.

From time to time PFCU may provide your name and address to companies that perform marketing or other services on our behalf, as permitted by law, so that they may contact you directly regarding either life insurance policies or on other products and services we may be offering. To protect our members' privacy, we only work with companies that agree to maintain strong confidentiality protections. We do not permit these companies to sell to other third parties the information we provide to them.

Internet security, like encryption and "firewalls," protect our Web and Home Banking sites. When visiting our site, your personal information is never retained other than as statistical data for internal reporting purposes only.

If you have provided personal identifying information via e-mail, apply for a loan online or add your name and address to our e-mail contact list, the information will only be used to either communicate with you directly or to handle your request. The information contained on any site to which you link from our site is solely the responsibility of the provider of that web site.

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS NEVER SOLD, GIVEN, OR DISCLOSED TO OTHER PARTIES BY PFCU.

*Section 2, Palisades Federal Credit Union's bylaws.



BITS & PIECES

PFCU's Members Really Care For Kids

PFCU is pleased to announce this year's Credit Union Care for Kids Campaign results. This year PFCU raised, with the help of several other local credit unions, \$2,000. This amount was distributed to four area facilities: Blythedale Children's Hospital, Nyack Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital and the Helen Hayes Hospital's outpatient Neuro Pediatric Program.



Eve Borzon and Laura Kasny of Nyack Hospital with Mitch Clark of PFCU.

Each facility will use their donations to help our communities' ailing children. "This campaign is accomplished every year throughout the state, in keeping with the credit union movement's long tradition of people helping people," said Mark Welshoff, President/CEO of the Palisades Federal Credit Union.

PFCU wants to thank all of its members who contributed during this year's campaign. It's members like ours that put the meaning in America's credit union slogan, which is, "Where people are worth more than money."

Say Hello To...

We are pleased to announce that Paola Rivera has been hired as our newest Accounting Associate. Paola's most recent experience was with Bank of New York as a Financial Specialist. She has also been an internal auditor for Home Depot. Her accounting degree is from Herbert Lehman College.

Please help us welcome Paola to the Palisades Federal Credit Union family.

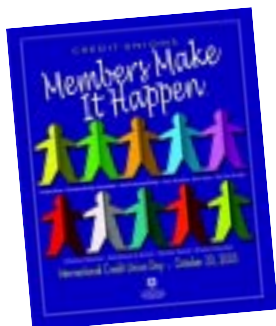
Correction – Home Banking Non-Usage Fee

The Home Banking non-usage Fee is \$2.00 if you are signed up for and do not use home banking within a one hundred and eighty (180) day period.

Raffles, Raffles And More Raffles

We've started a new series of raffles to show our appreciation to our membership. Our Fourth of July barbeque raffle was won by Linda M. Smith and Alphonso Thurman. Our Beach Party Package raffle was won by Ricardo Palacio and Miguel Pincon.

Congratulations to our winners and good luck to all.



International Credit Union Week

The third week of October is International Credit Union Week, a time each year when credit unions celebrate their shared history. The theme of this year's celebration is "Members Make The Difference." Come in and join the celebration.

PFCU Helps Local Youth Hit A Home Run And To Have FUN

PFCU's sponsored Nanuet Little League Team, the Durham Bulls, took first place in their minor league division and then went on to play in a best of three game championship. At the end of their season they placed third in that tournament.



The Durham Bulls had a great season and a lot of fun. Congratulations, Bulls, and thank you to Deborah Strathy, mom and member, who kept us in the loop so we could all share in their excitement.

It's Now Time To Get A Free Credit Report

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act finally allows those of us on the east coast to request a free credit report from each one of the three major credit bureaus starting on September 1, 2005. To request your own copies you can go to www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free 877-322-8228, or write Annual Credit Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

Remember that there is no charge to receive your credit reports.



Save These Dates

Mr. Thomas Josephs of the Members Financial Services Center located at PFCU will be conducting an **Asset Allocation** seminar on Wednesday, **September 21, 2005**, and a **Financial Management** seminar on Wednesday, **October 19, 2005**.

The **Asset Allocation** seminar will help participants build a better portfolio. Topics to be discussed are: what is risk; asset allocation and diversification; and figuring out your net worth. The **Financial Management** seminar will help participants to identify six steps to financial success including: cash management; risk management; investment and tax planning.

Seminars are held at the main office of the Palisades Federal Credit Union, 300 N. Middletown Road, Suite # 4, Pearl River, NY. Seminars run approximately 60 minutes in length and start at 5:30 PM. Seating is limited. To reserve your seat, please call 845-602-4242. Thank you.

Two Online Resources

The next time you visit the PFCU web site, check out the Anytime Advisor and Home & Family Finance Online. The first link takes you to a site where you can get car and home-buying advice, tips on managing your checking account, information on how to protect your identity, and more. The second site has a wealth of information on financial topics, updated regularly. Log onto www.palisadesfcu.org.





Avoid Online Threats

PHISHING

By now most people have heard of 'phishing', e-mails that try to lure you to an official-looking but fraudulent web site where you are asked to reveal personal information. These scams are easy to avoid. Just don't give out your account numbers, Social Security number or other sensitive information in response to any e-mail, no matter how legitimate it looks.

PHARMING

This is another ploy some criminals use to try to steal your personal information. 'Pharming' is when a hacker diverts you to their web site without your knowledge. The web site looks like the official one you meant to visit, but it's actually a fake site where any personal information you enter will be stolen. The good news is, pharming is very rare. Internet Service Providers and financial institutions – whose servers must be compromised for a pharming scam to work – protect their servers from pharming attacks.

VIRUSES

A good, up-to-date anti-virus program is essential to protect your computer from potentially destructive viruses. You should also be very cautious about opening e-mail attachments, even if you know and trust the sender. Some viruses propagate by sending themselves to everyone listed in an infected computer's address book. If someone you know sends you an attachment you weren't expecting, contact them to confirm it's safe before you open it.

PFCU takes it's security seriously and so should you.

Missing Members

We need to locate the following people: Maria Prinque, Nabil Darwazah, Amal el-Musa, Frandces Beauvais, Lamaire Beauvais, Eileen Leus, and Verallynn Covington. Can you help? If so, please contact us at 845-602-4242. Thank you.

Dates To Remember

Wednesday, September 21	MFS Asset Allocation Seminar
October 16 – 22	International Credit Union Week
Wednesday, October 19	MFS Financial Management Seminar
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day – Offices Closed
Friday, November 25	Day After Thanksgiving Branch Office – Closed; Main Office – Normal Hours
Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve Branch Office – Closed; Main Office – Normal Hours
Monday, December 26	Christmas Day Observed – Offices Closed
Friday, December 30 & 31	Days Before New Year Branch Office – Closed; Main Office – Normal Hours
Monday, January 2, 2006	New Year's Day Observed – Offices Closed

PFCU Visa Credit Cards

FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

PFCU has just the thing to make your holiday shopping easy and affordable: one of our low-interest Visa credit cards. We offer Visa Platinum, Gold, Classic and Student Visa credit cards. Rates as low as 8.9% Annual Percentage Rate are available. Call or stop by for complete details.



DON'T FORGET...

Because of our community charter, PFCU is open to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Rockland County. Encourage your friends and family members to become customers of the credit union, so they can discover the money-saving benefits for themselves!



The Allpoint No Surcharge ATM Network

Palisades FCU members have surcharge-free access to all ATMs on the Allpoint network. You'll not only find Allpoint ATMs in Rockland, Orange, Bergen Counties and the New York metropolitan area, but there are over 32,000 ATM locations nationwide. To find an Allpoint ATM near to you either visit www.palisadesfcu.org or call the number listed in "When and Where to Reach Us," located below.

When & Where To Reach Us

Mon – Wed	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Main & Branch Offices
Thursday	9:00 AM – 6:30 PM	Main Office
	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Branch Office
Friday	7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Main Office
	7:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Branch Office
Saturday	9:00 AM – Noon	Main Office

Main Office
300 N. Middletown Rd., Suite 6
Pearl River, NY 10965
Fax: (845) 602-4444

Branch Office
401 N. Middletown Rd., Bldg. 140
Pearl River, NY 10965
Fax: (845) 602-4455

Phone Numbers (845) 602-4242 or 1-800-438-7415

TAP Line (845) 602-3TAP or 1-800-333-TAP3

Any Hour Loan Service 1-877-230-PFCU (7328)

Allpoint ATMs 1-800-809-0308
(9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Monday – Friday)

Car Buyer's Helpline 1-800-836-4333

VISA® Customer Service 1-800-876-9119

Lost Or Stolen VISA® Credit Card 1-866-604-0381

Lost VISA® Checkcard 1-800-472-3272

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