



Oakland County Chapter Of Credit Unions

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Happy New Year from the Oakland County Chapter -- Resolve to Get Involved This Year!

Patrick Lapine and Nancy Short of the Michigan Credit Union League spoke at the Oakland Chapter meeting held on January 9, 2007 at USA Credit Union. Patrick provided an update on current legislative issues, highlighting the changes in leadership positions at both the federal and state level. The credit union industry has good supporters in several key leadership positions. One example is the new Michigan House Speaker, Andy Dillon, who is the most recent MCUL State Lawmaker of the Year and a former credit union board member.

Nancy discussed the importance of getting involved in political action and shared ways for credit unions to achieve their PAC fundraising goals. Credit unions of all sizes shared their successful methods of PAC fundraising like casual days, employee pot lucks, pin sales, participation in the Grand Raffle and many others. The Chapter encourages all credit unions to support the federal and state PACs. If you want help, contact Nancy at the MCUL or ask one of your fellow Chapter credit unions to help you with ideas.

There is still time to enroll your credit union to participate in the OLSHA Walk for Warmth on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The Chapter will match the first \$100 that each participating credit union donates. Funds go toward paying heating bills of financially struggling households in Oakland County. Contact Robin Johnson for more information.

The next chapter meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at People Trust CU (Southfield). Our guest speaker will be Lori LePla of Plante & Moran and her topic will be "Leadership and Succession Planning." Look for your registration form in your email soon.

The next Oakland Chapter Branch Networking meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. January 23, 2007 at USA Credit Union. The group will discuss sales and service initiatives and member identification programs. Contact Glenda West for more information.

Scholarships are still available to attend the Washington Hike the Hill and Michigan Government Affairs Conference. Scholarships are available if you don't have funds in your budget to send any representatives, or if you would like to send additional participants. To apply, contact Tom Alter. Include your name, credit union, phone number and a why you are applying for the scholarship. The Michigan GAC is going to be held in Lansing on March 14 and 15 and the Washington Hike is slated for June 20 and 21.

Residents of the Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac will benefit when members of the Oakland Chapter donate and serve lunch on a day still to be determined in February. If you are interested in volunteering for this effort, contact Teresa DiGaetano.

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