

# The Chalkboard

**Washington Area FCU** 

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## **MOBILE WALLETS ARE HERE!**







#### PAY WITH A SINGLE TOUCH. APPLE PAY IS HERE.

Use Apple Pay and your WAFCU debit and credit cards to pay the easy, secure, and private way at hundreds of thousands of stores and participating apps.

<u>PAY CONFIDENTLY ON THE GO. ANDROID PAY IS HERE.</u>
Using your WAFCU Visa card with Android Pay is easy. Just snap a photo of it with your Android phone. Android Pay can be used at over a million locations across the U.S.

<u>PAY CONFIDENTLY ON THE GO. SAMSUNG PAY IS HERE.</u>
Samsung Pay is accepted almost anywhere you can swipe or tap your debit or credit card. It makes transactions super easy. Just swipe up to launch the app, secure with your fingerprint, and hover over the card reader to pay.

A special thank you to everyone that attended the 2017 Annual Dinner at The DoubleTree!!

Thank you to "The Dan Baker Band" for providing the entertainment.







## Washington Area FCU Members Get Cash Rewards, Deep Discounts and Exclusive Savings.

Credit Union Members have saved nearly \$2 billion with Love My Credit Union Rewards discounts! The more offers you take advantage of, the more you save.

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Visit <u>LoveMyCreditUnion.org</u> to start saving today!

#### **How to Reach Us**

Washington Area Federal Credit Union

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#### **Hours of Operation**

#### Meadows Landing:

Mon-Wed 9-4:30 Thurs 9-5 Fri 9-6 Sat 9-1

Park Ave.:

Mon-Wed 9-4:30 Thurs 9-6 Fri 9-5



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- Plus, no charge identity theft protection insurance—out of pocket reimbursement up to \$1 million and
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"Actually I prefer to see myself as the Janus, the two-faced god who is half Pollyanna and half Cassandra, warning of the future and perhaps living too much in the past—a combination of both." — Ray Bradbury

The annual report is always a time for both reflection on the past, and commentary on the future. The *Janus* is an apt talisman for such a time with his simultaneous gaze directed both backward and forward. As 2017 begins *your credit union* is fixed as *Janus* at the portal as we honor the past while preparing for the changes that are affecting our industry's future. Without succumbing to schizophrenia, we must capture Pollyanna's optimism for the past and ground it with Cassandra's harsh view of the future; a difficult task by anyone's measure.

As with many credit unions, 2016 was a mixed bag. Although we experienced some turnover in staff, staffing in general was stable when compared to prior years. Loan growth hit projections while maintaining minimal delinquency and losses. New memberships were below target goals, but net results were positive. All audits were satisfactory, with the only major outstanding item being the negative earnings created by the construction of the new facility. In that area, great strides were made to improve earnings through an aggressive effort at marketing, cost reduction, and improved yields on the investment portfolio. The organization remains well capitalized, and is a survivor of the protracted low rate market we have endured.

Looking back, while things could have been better, they could equally have been far worse. As stated, despite flat growth, we remain stable and prepared to move forward. Our rearward, *Pollyanna* glance requires us to honor our roots, our core constituency, and our norm of personal and personalized service. These traits which brought us optimism in the past, have a place in the foreseeable future.

Looking forward, it is difficult for *your credit union* to grow in a market that is controlled by our competitors, most of which have deeper pockets, a wider reach, and a larger presence with which to attract potential members. The *Casandra* portion of Bradbury's quote predicts a market dominated by organizations that are fewer in number and larger in size, possessing technologies that are implemented at an ever increasing pace. Movement is toward technology and away from personnel. Speed and innovation are the traits most often touted. Our challenge in this environment is one of attracting and achieving relevancy for the next generation of consumers.

The best counter to these market trends is <u>you</u>, our owner/customer. As always, I urge you to refer coworkers and family members to *your credit union*. The best marketing is your testimonial and referral which has more impact than any promotion we can produce. Help us to cut through the fog of competition and bring in new members. Thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Joseph Sonfarzullo To

### **2017 Quarterly Charities**

1st Quarter-DVSSP

2nd Quarter- Greater Washington County Food Bank

**3rd Quarter- Washington Area Humane Society** 

4th Quarter- City Mission- Hope for the Homeless



**Greater Washington County** 

**FOOD BANK** 



April 14th, 2017—Closing at 3:00 p.m.
May 29th, 2-17—Closed for Memorial Day
July 4th, 2017—Closed for Independence Day
September 4th, 2017—Closed for Labor Day
October 9th, 2017—Closed for Columbus Day



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- PERSONAL LOAN
- . PURCHASING A CAR



