



Summer Issue 2013

Lobby Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Message to Members

Dear Members,

Summer has begun, the heat is on and we are now accepting applications for our Earl Parker Educational Assistance Grant program. We will be awarding three grants to members that have been accepted to any type of continuing education program such as a technical school, community college or university. Along with our grant program, we have added Sallie Mae Student Loans to our list of services. Please explore all available grant and scholarship programs you may be eligible for before you apply for any student loan, but if you need additional funding, give our Sallie Mae program the opportunity to help. Both the grant and student loan applications can be found on our web site at www.smecu.org. Student Loan applications must be filled out on line but grant applications may be downloaded or picked up in our office. The grant application deadline is July 19th, 2013 so hurry and don't miss out.

During our 62nd Annual Meeting which was held on March 27, 2013, the membership elected a new member to our board of directors, Dr. Clifford Smith, Senior Planner for the City of Sarasota. We look forward to working with Dr. Smith and receiving his input and that of his fellow employees. New ideas are always welcome and greatly appreciated so if you see Dr. Smith; let him know what you think.



Dr. Clifford Smith
Senior Planner

Summer also brings about the official start of hurricane season, so I thought this would be the perfect time to explain the credit union's disaster procedures. If a hurricane watch is issued the credit union will remain open but, if the watch turns to a warning; we will close immediately and begin emergency preparations. We encourage all of our members to keep an ATM or VISA debit card available but please remember to get cash BEFORE the storm hits as the credit union will be temporarily closed and ATM machines will not operate without power. Afterwards, we will reopen as soon as possible, but if our office is damaged, we have an agreement with the Sarasota Police Department allowing us to operate from their new headquarters. Hopefully, we will never need to put this plan into action but, if necessary you can call CU Locate at 1-877-285-6228 to confirm our whereabouts.

So, enjoy our beautiful beaches, relax on your wonderful vacation and remember that SMECU is prepared to help and proud to serve those who serve Sarasota.

Sincerely,
Elaine Karins
President



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Holiday Closings:

Independence Day
Thursday, July 4

Labor Day
Monday, September 2

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Our Board of Directors:

Sarasota Municipal Employees Credit Union's Board of Directors are charged with overseeing the operations of the Credit Union and setting goals that it would like to see the Management and Staff accomplish. The Board is comprised of volunteers that are elected by the members of the Credit Union, at the annual meeting.



Sarasota Municipal Employees Credit Union is an Equal Housing and Equal Opportunity Lender.

Your savings federally insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. NCUA a U.S. Government Agency.

Sign Up for E-Statements

- You can view a 18 month history of your account
- Your statement is available sooner than a mailed copy
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To sign up for e-statements go to the credit union's website at www.smecu.org and click on **It's Me 247** sign in and click on personal preferences and sign up for e-statements. If you need assistance contact the credit union at (941) 953-6744.



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You never know when you might need a little extra money. Start saving with one of our great share accounts, where you can put your money to work for you and feel a little better knowing you're investing in your future.



One (1) Prize Winner will be selected on or about September 6, 2013 by a random drawing from all qualified entries received by a participating credit union between July 1, 2013 and August 31, 2013. You may incur a monthly service fee for EasyPay. See your credit union for complete details, including contest rules, restrictions and alternate method of entry. Void where prohibited by law. Terms and Conditions may apply. No purchase necessary.

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