

# March Quarterly NEWSLETTER

## What's inside...

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

From raising thousands of dollars for CBC to surprising our River Street neighbors, we were busy this quarter making an impact in our community.

## ADDING VALUE TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP

One of our new projects includes a recycling drop off location right in our lobby!

## CELEBRATING 65 YEARS

We celebrated 65 years in business! Take a peek at our photo slideshow of this year's annual meeting on our Facebook page.

# STUDENT EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

#### Grind Educational Awards

For the 2019-20 Education Awards, The Grind Coffee House received 14 eligible applications. The Grind uses scoring criteria to determine which projects to fund. The criteria are based on how many hours the applicant has volunteered at The Grind, how educational the project request is, and how many students it will impact. Based on these scores, they were able to fund 11 projects, totaling \$5,466.06. This funding comes from the retained earnings from the previous year. To learn more about each recipient, view the video on our Youtube channel!

#### Financial Reality Fairs

As you know, we host an annual Financial Reality Fair event at Manistique High School which allows students to live the life of a recent college graduate with a credit score, a salary, and a budget to maintain. To continue to serve our field of membership across five counties, we had planned our very first Financial Reality

Fair in Engadine at the end of March but due to school closings, this will be rescheduled at a later date.

Alycia Kaiser, Student Education Coordinator at LFCU says, "Debt can be crippling and life-altering. It is so important that we have these conversations with not only our own children, but with the youth in our communities as well. The knowledge and skills they acquire at a young age with regards to budgeting and saving will benefit them greatly as they get older".







#### **NEW STASH SAVINGS PROGRAM**

Our new round up program allows you to automatically save your change from LFCU Debit Card purchases and stash it into a new Stash Savings Account, earning you 5% APR\*! Any LFCU Debit Card purchase that isn't a whole dollar amount automatically rounds up to the nearest dollar (ex. \$5.15 becomes \$6.00). Then the difference (in this case \$0.85) is deposited into your Stash Savings Account at the end of each business day.

\*Your Stash Account currently pays a higher rate of dividends for balances \$50-\$2500. See the TIS Schedule for current rates.

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### WE OFFER RECYCLING DROP OFF!

As we work to explore ways to add member value to our cooperative, we consistently seek partnerships through programs encouraging resource sharing. New to our vestibule is a shred bin, recycling bins for plastic and ink toner, as well as a bin for cardboard rolls which are donated to Lake State Industries. We've already collected over three 96-gallon size trash bags of recycled plastic! Thank you to Swanson Storage & Services LLC for holding onto the recyclables until a volunteer can make their way to Escanaba to drop off.

## **65TH ANNUAL MEETING**

We recently held our annual meeting on Friday, February 28, 2020 in our lobby. This event brings LFCU members, Board of Directors, the credit union leadership, and staff together to review the progress we made the previous year and look forward to the years ahead. Our members are a vital part of our organization, and we deeply value your insights and feedback during this event.

Thank you to all the member/owners who were present and congratulations to those who won prizes! If you were unable to attend, watch our recap video on our Facebook page.













## **CONNECT WITH US ONLINE**

We love connecting with our members online! Stay up-to-date on member benefits, holiday hours, community involvement, and tons more just by following us on our social media.













#### LITTLES ART DAY COMMITTEE

In January, our Limestone Littles (LFCU children of staff), were asked to create a committee for the first time and plan an event for National Inspire Your Heart

with Art Day. They came together, voted on a Board Chair, decided on a coloring contest for elementary students, handled the marketing, chose the winners, and worked on communication skills! To view more, watch a recap video on Youtube!



#### **FREE ADMISSION AT KIDS FUN NIGHT**

Twenty-eight Limestone Little Account Holders attended January's Fun Night for free! We covered their admission and all proceeds went to the Class of 2020.



#### **NATIONAL WEAR RED** & GIVE DAY

We helped raise awareness for cardiovascular disease on Friday, February 07, 2020 by wearing red. With the help of staff and lobby patrons, we

donated a total of \$70 to help fund lifesaving research, advocate for better health, improve patient care, and reach at-risk populations.



#### **RANDOM ACTS** OF KINDNESS DAY

Monday, February 17, 2020 was National Random Acts of Kindness Day. We started the day by paying it forward at The Grind Coffee House covering

the costs of \$50 in drink orders. Next we surprised our River Street business neighbors with fresh muffins and smiles! To end the day we hopped on the Schoolcraft Transit and paid for patrons' rides!



#### **CBC CELEBRITY BARTENDING EVENT**

At this year's CBC fundraising event on Friday, March 06, 2020 we came in second place with \$3,562 in donations! A BIG thank you to everyone who

purchased a koozie, pre-tipped and tipped our bartenders, and made a donation the night of. It was a great evening with some friendly competition that resulted in over \$24,000 for our local CBC!



Alone, we can do so little; Together, we can do so much.

- Helen Keller