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Compass Contributions on the Rise; Fulton Basketball, Fulton Block Builders, Oswego Public Library & Oswego County Opportunities Each Receive \$500 Donations



In recent weeks, Compass Federal Credit Union has contributed more than \$4,500 to 14 organizations within Oswego County in order to help improve and support various initiatives throughout the community.

Among those supported are the Fulton Block Builders, which are starting the seventh year of their program. Compass

increased its donation in 2023, as dramatic change can be seen in the look and attitude around the city of Fulton. Furthermore, the \$500 donation will be compounded by a 2-to-1 match from the Richard S Shineman Foundation and a 4-to-1 match made by participating residents. FBB Director, Linda Eagan (left), is pictured above with Compass FCU Fulton Branch Manager, Julie Tombolillo (right).

Compass is also proud to once again support the Oswego Public Library and Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Oswego Public Library offer financial and volunteer support for adult programming and children's programs and activities. (More on Page 3)

Holiday Hours

Memorial Day Weekend Saturday, May 27th All offices closed

> <u>Memorial Day</u> Monday, May 29th All offices closed

<u>Juneteenth</u> Monday, June 19th All offices closed

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Compass redit union 57th Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 4th at 7 p.m.

Fallbrook Recreation Center | 103 Thompson Rd., Oswego

Save the Date!

Compass Federal Credit Union is excited to welcome members to our 57th Annual Meeting, which will take place on Thursday, May 4th at Fallbrook Recreation Center on the campus of SUNY Oswego. Please save the date and visit our website at www.compassfcu.com for more information as it becomes available.

A Message from the Board

Dear Compass Members,

With this quarter's newsletter we are happy to announce details on this year's Annual Meeting, which will take place on Thursday, May 4th inside the Fallbrook Recreation Center on the Campus of SUNY Oswego.



Beginning at 7 p.m., this year's Annual

Meeting will again include an update on the state of the credit union from the Compass Board and management, as well as an opportunity to vote for the three open seats on the Compass Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

Information on the Board of Directors election can be found online at www.compassfcu.com/board-of-directors-info. More specific details on the May 4th Annual Meeting are available via the Compass website.

The month of April once again sees the return of our annual Spring Loan Special, which will run through June 30th. Members are also encouraged to take note of our Compass Scholarship Program, which is outlined in further detail on the back page of this newsletter.

We hope you join us on Thursday, May 4th for our Annual Meeting so we can share with you the continued growth and vision of Compass FCU as we move through the new year.

Wishing you a safe and healthy Spring! Michael Pisa, Board President

Employee Spotlight

The next time you stop into Compass be sure to say hello to one of the latest additions to our team - **Donald Delpriore**.

Donald is a resident of the city of Oswego and graduated from Oswego High School before moving on to attend SUNY Morrisville.



Donald comes to Compass with more than 10 years of customer service experience and enjoys going to the gym, writing and acting as part of the Oswego Players in his free time.

We're excited to welcome Donald as part of our valued Compass Federal Credit Union team! See our full staff listing via our website at www.compassfcu.com.

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APR=Annual Percentage Rate. Member must qualify. Special offered from April 1st to June 30th, 2023. Prior Spring Loans must be paid off in order to be approved for a 2023 loan.

Compass Contributions on the Rise



(Continued from Page 1) This year, the Friends will also sponsor an annual scholarship for a graduating senior from Oswego High School, or from a local home school program, planning to further his or her education in an accredited program.

Pictured are Jeanne Brown and Mary Smith form the Oswego Public Library along with Compass FCU's Dan Kapuscinski (center).

Continuing support in the city of Fulton, Compass contributed \$500 to Fulton Community Basketball to help in the construction of two outdoor basketball courts, named the Dream Courts, which are to be built adjacent to the Fulton War Memorial.

Compass also contributed \$500 to the Oswego County Opportunities Bowl-A-Fun Tournament. This fundraising event goes to support OCO's "Where Giving Grows" initiative, which is dedicated to nurturing a healthy, equitable and inclusive community.

Those receiving Compass contibutions as of March 8 include the OHS Musical, Family Resource Gala, Make A Wish, Trinity Catholic School, American Cancer Society, Hospice of Central New York, Safe Haven, Anthony House, and the Food Bank Fund Campaign.

Compass Federal Credit Union is eager to continue working with organizations that offer a substantial benefit to the Oswego County community in 2023. For more information visit us online at www.compassfcu.com.

Youth Month Returns in April

Every April, National Credit Union Youth Month serves to encourage kids to develop healthy saving habits by making savings fun and exciting. This campaign gives Compass and other credit unions alike, the unique



opportunity to engage with younger members and show them that we are there to help them throughout their financial journey.

This year's youth month motto is "Unleash the Power of Savings at your Credit Union."

All through the month of April, youth members that visit any of our Compass locations, and make a member deposit, will automatically earn a prize from Compass. That deposit will also earn one chance toward a brand new bicycle, provided by the credit union. Those who open a new youth account during the month of April will receive two chances to win the new bicycle, which will be drawn for on May 1st.

Youth month themed coloring pages are also available via the Compass website at www.compassfcu.com. Compass encourages members to color and post to our Facebook or Twitter pages utilizing the Youth Month hashtag, #CUYouthMonth.



National Credit Union Youth Month 2023

cuna.org/youthmonth

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Compass Quarterly Newsletter

Romance Scams Are on the Rise Nationwide: What to Know



In recent weeks Compass has seen an increase in romance scams, which correlates with a rise in cases across the country. The FTC and NYCUA are reminding consumers that romance scammers tell all sorts of lies to steal hearts and money.

In 2022, nearly 70,000 people reported a romance scam and reported losses hit a staggering \$1.3 billion. Scammers pay close attention to the information you share, and don't miss a beat becoming your perfect match. You like a thing, so that's their thing, too. You're looking to settle down. They're ready too. But there is one exception ... you want to meet in real life, and they can't.

Reports show their excuse is often baked right into their fake identity. Claiming

to be on a faraway military base is the most popular excuse, but "offshore oil rig worker" is another common (and fake) occupation. So, how can you spot a romance scammer in the act?

- Nobody legitimate will ever ask you to help, or insist that you invest, by sending cryptocurrency, giving the numbers on a gift card, or by wiring money. Anyone who does is a scammer.
- If someone tells you to send money to receive a package, you can bet it's a scam.
- Talk to friends or family about a new love interest and pay attention if they're concerned.
- Try a reverse image search of profile pictures. If the details don't match up, it's a scam.

Help stop scammers by reporting suspicious profiles or messages to the dating app or social media platform. Then, tell the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. If someone is trying to extort you, report it to the FBI.

Scholarship Applications Due April 14th





Applications Available Online | www.CompassFCU.com Application Deadline: 5 p.m. - Friday, April 14th

Compass FCU's scholarship deadline is quickly approaching. Applications must be submitted to any Compass office by April 14th.

Seven graduating seniors will be selected to earn scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$4,000. Applicants must be a 2023 high school graduating senior and a member of Compass Federal Credit Union.

In addition, Compass recognizes that students already engaged in post-secondary education, also benefit from scholarship support. With this in mind, Compass is offering two \$1,000 Continuing Education scholarships for Compass members who are already graduated from high school and are pursuing additional education.

Applications continue to be made available online at www.compassfcu.com.

Compass Locations and Hours of Operation

Main Office: 131 George St., Oswego Phone: 315-342-5300 Hours: Mon. - Wed. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fulton:

208 North Second St., Fulton Phone: 315-593-8443 **Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oswego Hospital:

110 West Sixth St., Oswego Phone: 315-349-5562 **Hours:** Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West First Street:

300 West First St., Oswego Phone: (315) 207-0390 **Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Novelis Plant: P.O. Box 5160

Phone: 315-349-0116 Hours: Mon. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNY Oswego:

150B Marano Campus Center Phone: 315-312-2191 **Hours:** Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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