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for the credit union difference

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for a credit union presence on Capitol Hill

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Manager's Message

Over the past year I have been privileged to witness firsthand the cooperative strength of the credit union movement through the many activities held at Credit Union House. I would like to take the opportunity to share some highlights from 2009:

The newly-renovated Credit Union House Annex reopened. The strong support of many individuals, credit unions, CO-OP Financial Services, and the leagues, made the extensive renovation project possible. An elegant complement to the main building, the Annex is now an in-demand location for political fundraisers and corporate functions. Such events help further to expand the presence of credit unions at the national level and enhance the profile of CU House as a first-class event venue on Capitol Hill.

Credit Union House was a key coordination point for grassroots activity. In addition to surviving a tough economic year, credit unions faced many regulatory and

legislative challenges in 2009. Throughout the year and especially during CUNA's National Hike the Hill in December, CU House served the exact purpose for which it was created, operating as a central command center for the credit union movement in Washington, D.C.. It was an exciting time where credit union representatives from all over the country attended legislative briefings, held state-specific meetings, and took advantage of having a home base on the Hill in between meetings with Members of Congress.

Credit Union house received generous support. Despite the challenges that faced the credit union movement in the past year, Credit Union House continued to grow with thanks to the cooperative efforts of its many supporters. Over 400 credit unions and individuals contributed in 2009, whose names you will find listed later in this newsletter.



CUNA SVP Political Affairs **Richard Gose** briefs National Hike the Hill attendees in the Capitol View Room.

A record 25 states achieved 100% of their annual fundraising goals. For many states, the collective efforts of several contributors helped them reach their goals. Virginia had the highest number of contributors - **49** - and raised the most funds - **\$21,100**. A number of states came close to their goals and those efforts are also greatly appreciated.

Thank you for choosing to support Credit Union House year after year. I look forward to working with you in making 2010 an even greater success!

Sue

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Credit Union House Special Feature: Hall of Leaders

To date, Credit Union House has inducted 28 individuals representing 14 different states to the Hall of Leaders program, which permanently recognizes credit union leaders who have made a difference at a local, state, or national level.

Nominations must be in by **February 3, 2010** for recognition at the next GAC. If you know an outstanding leader in your state, please see the next page of this newsletter to learn more about making a nomination to the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders or contact [Sue McCue](#).



Hall of Leaders Inductees To Be Recognized at GAC

The Hall of Leaders was created by Credit Union House, LLC, to provide lasting recognition for individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to credit unions and who have made a significant impact on the credit union movement at the local, state, or national level.

As credit unions' permanent presence in the nation's capital, Credit Union House is the ideal location for this lasting recognition; the display of names serves as a reminder to all who visit of the many individuals whose cooperative efforts and strong commitments have built our credit union movement.

Please consider if this recognition is right for a credit union leader you know, then contact Credit Union House or your state league to learn more about making a nomination.

Inductees are permanently recognized on a plaque at Credit Union House and receive annual contribution recognition for the \$2,500 sponsorship of their nomination.

During 2009, seven credit union leaders were named to the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders, honoring their significant contributions to the credit union movement. They were: **Larry Blanchard**, SVP Special Projects, CUNA Mutual

Group (WI); **Thomas E. Delk**, former President/CEO of the South Carolina CU League; **Christie Eugene**, former board chairman, Virginia CU League; **Norb Kaczmarek**, former board chairman, Pennsylvania CU Association; **Ronald Lasich**, former board chairman, Pennsylvania CU Association; **Juri Valdov**, former President/CEO of Northwest FCU (VA) and **Gary Wolter**, former President/CEO, Alabama CU League.

Recent nominees, who will be recognized at the upcoming GAC, include:

In memory of **W.T. "Pete" Avara, Jr.**, CEO, Navigator CU (MS); **Lon Bone**, board director, Michi-

gan CU League; **Alan Cameron**, President/CEO, Idaho CU League; **Earl Ogolin**, longtime volunteer at Southpoint CU and First Missouri CU, former Missouri CU Assn director, and former CUNA board director; In memory of **Hardie Phipps**, Manager, Kennedy V.A. EFCU (TN); and **Howard Spencer**, board director, Michigan CU League.

Inductees to the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders were nominated by credit unions or leagues. All nominations to the Hall of Leaders are confirmed by the league with which the nominating organization is affiliated. Each year, states can have up to 4 inductees in the Hall of Leaders.

Visit Credit Union House during the GAC!

Stop by the CU House booth on the **L Street Bridge**
 Visit our **Open House on Wednesday, February 24 from 9:00am - 3:00pm**
 for a tour or break between Hill visits
League Presidents: Don't miss the annual **LLC Membership Meeting on Sunday, February 21 @ 9:00am**

Fourth Quarter Event Highlights

Activities at Credit Union House brought over 3,600 guests in 2009. Visitors included over 70 Members of Congress from 28 different states attending various league functions and political events. These events continue to bring value to the credit union movement, providing excellent opportunities for credit unions to deepen their relationships with their Members of Con-

gress. Activity at Credit Union House usually winds down by the end of the year. However, we were actually busy with a number of key events. MDDCCUA hosted an International CU Day reception in conjunction with WOCCU, which was attended by many credit union leaders including NCUA Board Member Gigi Hyland. Additionally, with Congress still in

session, CU House was the site of a number of political fundraisers as well as holiday parties hosted by local organizations. It was a very productive conclusion to the year.

To share photos or stories from your own events at Credit Union House for publication in this newsletter, please contact [Sue McCue](#).

Thank you

To the twenty-five states that achieved 100% or more of their annual fundraising goals:

- ALASKA
- ARIZONA
- ARKANSAS
- COLORADO
- DELAWARE
- GEORGIA
- HAWAII
- IDAHO
- IOWA
- MAINE
- MARYLAND & D.C.
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- MINNESOTA
- MISSISSIPPI
- MISSOURI
- MONTANA
- NEBRASKA
- OHIO
- OREGON
- SOUTH CAROLINA
- VERMONT
- VIRGINIA
- WASHINGTON
- WISCONSIN
- WYOMING

CU House in the Community



Each year, Credit Union House enjoys the tradition of working with students at Peabody School (next door to Credit Union House) to create the annual holiday card. After the cards were produced, the students joined us for cookies and juice and a tour of the building.

To thank the students for their hard work in creating this unique holiday card, Credit Union House presented the school with a donation to the art program and provided each young artist with their own pack of ten holiday cards to share with friends and family.

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