

The SABATTUS CORNER

MEMBERS SERVING MEMBERS

SUMMER 2015



Supervisory Committee - 100% Verifications

The Sabattus Regional Credit Union Supervisory Committee will be conducting a 100% verification of all accounts. Please review your statement carefully. If there is anything in question, notify the Committee by writing to the address provided on your statement.

SRCU Ending Hunger Funds Distributed!

Sabattus Regional is proud to have recently distributed checks to local soup kitchens, food pantries and school programs. This year, through our candy sales, 50/50 raffles, sidewalk sales, and Christmas drawings we raised \$5,876.73. It is always amazing to all of us how much food this money will buy and in turn, how many people in our communities it will help. Without these special organizations providing food for people of all ages, many of our own neighbors would go hungry.



Pictured holding the check are Rachel Rac and Flo Poulin, Ending Hunger Coordinators and employees of the Sabattus Regional Credit Union.

First Row starting from the left is Rayna Leibowitz, from the Litchfield Community Food Bank; Mary Beth Paquette of RCAM (Rural Community Action Ministry); Melinda Nadeau of Carrie Ricker Food Pantry; and Kathy Martin from the Sabattus Primary School.

Standing in the back row are Steve Hastings of the Leeds Community Church; Cheryl Stewart from Community Free Baptist; Faye Neil of Loaves and Fishes Pantry and Kenneth Smith of the Green Baptist Church Food Bank.

We appreciate each and every one of these charities, the people who volunteer and their efforts to help fellow neighbors by providing food for their families. We are proud to be able to help with our yearly donations. It's amazing what we can do together right here in our own community!

In 2014, the Maine's CU's Campaign for Ending Hunger hit a record setting \$552,257.43, nearly \$40,000 more than in 2013. Since 1990, the year this collective effort began, Maine's credit unions have raised and distributed more than \$5.3 million to help end hunger in Maine according to the Maine Credit Union League.

Holiday Closings

Independence Day
Saturday, July 4

Labor Day
Monday, September 7

Columbus Day
Monday, October 12

Employee Anniversaries

Michelle Brown – 18 years
Amanda Ashton – 10 years
Paige Frechette – 5 years
Kayla Ridley – 1 year

New Employee

Welcome back!! Our former employee, Andrew Lunn, has returned and will be taking on a newly established position called Business Development Officer. We are excited to have a friendly familiar face in this position. Please feel free to stop by, grab a cup of coffee and welcome Andrew back.

Scholarship Awarded

This year's Roscoe Hinkley Scholarship was recently presented to Matt Shedd. Congratulations to Matt and to all of the 2015 graduating classes.

Five Easy Ways to Protect Your Home Computer From Hackers

Tired of worrying about hackers? Security experts say more people could protect their home computers by doing five simple things:

- 1. Don't rely on simple passwords.** A popular password like "12345678" won't stop the typical hacker for a millisecond. Instead, use a different password for each account, combining letters, numbers, and symbols. Better yet, opt for dual-factor identification such as a password plus a security question, or a biometric ID such as a fingerprint or retinal scan.
- 2. Keep up with patches.** If you (sensibly) require your computer to ask before downloading a software update, be sure to permit legitimate patches that may solve a security issue. Keep your antivirus software up to date.
- 3. Stop spam.** Malware that rides in on an ad or a phishing email can steal account and password data, or even take over your computer. If you need better protection, ask your tech support specialist to recommend a good Web-based spam blocker.
- 4. Encrypt your Wi-Fi.** If your home network isn't password-protected, any drive-by hacker can jump onto it. To change this, enter your wireless router's IP address in your Internet browser. Log in with your user name and password, then select Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA or WPA2) and create a strong password for the network.
- 5. Keep your online doors shut.** Marketers are touting Internet connectivity for appliances, thermostats, and other devices, but be careful what you hook up to your network. Administrative passwords may be easy to guess or hack, opening a back door into your computer files. If a device doesn't need to be online, take it off.

Last, back up your most valuable files regularly. Whether you store them on a flash drive or external hard drive or in the cloud, a hacker won't be able to rob you of important programs, photos, music, and documents. That can take away a lot of worry, too.

Is your password a pushover?

Is the financial data on your computer blocked by a steel door—or by a marshmallow? According to SplashData, a maker of password-management data, hacked accounts most often have been using one of these passwords*:

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| 1. 123456 | 6. 123456789 | 11. 1234567 |
| 2. password | 7. 1234 | 12. monkey |
| 3. 12345 | 8. baseball | 13. letmein |
| 4. 12345678 | 9. dragon | 14. abc123 |
| 5. qwerty | 10. football | 15. 11111 |

Experts advise creating a complex password that's unique for each online account, so hackers who gain entry to one of your accounts won't have access to others. For help devising and keeping track of these passwords, see "The best password managers of 2015" on *PC Magazine's* website (www.pcmag.com).

*Punam A. Keller, "I Should Worry. But I Don't," *The Wall Street Journal*, 4/20/1

Sidewalk Sale results-

The 9th Annual Anne Lachance Sidewalk Sale was held May 28th and 29th and once again was a huge success. The final tally for the two day fundraiser this year was \$870.60. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for everyone involved, the item donors, our shoppers, and to those who generously donated money to our two special causes Special Olympics and Ending Hunger in Maine.

Anne Lachance started the sale in 2007 with a few tables of items employees brought from home and it has now grown into a two day event bringing in more than \$6,100.00 over the 9 year period. We all feel Anne is with us in spirit and will continue our efforts in her name as we plan for our 10th Annual Anne Lachance Sidewalk Sale in 2016.

Shared Branching

Sabattus Regional Credit Union is part of the Shared Branching network. This means you can use 170 credit union branches in Maine, and more than 5,000 country wide, to perform transactions just like you would here at your own credit union.

So whether you need to access funds, deposit a check, or make a loan payment, you can do it locally – on the go!

Visit <http://mainecreditunions.org/find-a-shared-branch/>, to search locations in Maine, and visit <http://co-opsharedbranch.org/>, to search the more than 5,000 branch locations across the nation.

SABATTUS REGIONAL CREDIT UNION

Small enough to CARE, Large enough to SERVE!

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