

TELL TRACI EVAN SENTYOU.

Hi Everyone,

Recently we went to a birthday party for one of my daughter's friends. The highlight for the kids was the merry-go-round in the park we were in. My daughter was all smiles as she went round and round. I stood by my daughter, as did all the parents, to make sure nothing happened. And as I took pictures of her, my head was spinning as I looked through the shutter of the camera. The world we live in has sure become a merry-go-round.

Economic difficulties in Greece and throughout much of Europe. Difficult decisions having to be made here in the United States about the Federal budget. Continued high unemployment that is becoming more structural in its nature with each passing month. The overhang of unsold houses with more coming to market via foreclosure every day. It's all enough to make your head spin.

What about you? How are your circumstances? Are you on a financial merry-go-round that leaves your head spinning? Let me tell you something; you have it within you to get off that financial merry-go-round. As I always stress, these are the times to be much more financially conservative. Continue to increase your contributions to your tax advantaged retirement program at work if you have one. If you want to lower the costs on your checking account, consider moving it to the credit union. We don't have monthly service fees on ours like so many financial institutions. If you need a safe investment with a good return, consider savings certificates here at the credit union. Our rates right now are some of the best in the entire country.

If you have a car loan at another financial institution, bring your loan to the credit union and we'll pay you \$100. If you have a mortgage at another financial institution or you are in the market for a house, consider a mortgage with the credit union. Our closing costs are extremely low and mortgage rates are at historically low levels as well. And as a kicker we'll pay up to \$1,000 of your appraisal and title search fees. Just tell Traci Evan sent you.

I have some sad news to share with you. One of our employees Sara Burns-Jones passed away on June 22nd. Sara worked at the credit union for 22 years and was a genuinely wonderful person. She will be missed.

This sure is a head spinning world we're living in now. And where it stops nobody knows...

Till Next Time,

Evan Clark, President and CEO

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