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Monday, January 2nd, 2023

**MARTIN LUTHER KING
DAY**
Monday, January 16th 2023

PRESIDENT'S DAY
Monday, February 20th, 2023

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Friday, March 17th, 2023
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IRA CONTRIBUTION

There is still time to contribute to your 2022 IRA until April 18th, 2023. Don't have an IRA and need information on how to open an IRA for 2023? Call Firefighters Credit Union and speak to a Member Service Representative today at 317-636-5581.

The 67th Annual Meeting Has Been Scheduled

ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

March 28th, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

Firefighters Credit Union

726 Massachusetts Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The Board of Directors has 3 positions available, and the Supervisory Committee has 3 positions available. If you would like to run for one of these positions, please contact any member of the nominating committee before March 15th, 2023.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jerry Housel
317-319-9789

Dave Harman
317-716-6282

Bernie Mickler
317-919-4903

ABSENTEE VOTING PROCEDURES:

If a member is unable to attend the meeting in person, they may cast their vote by absentee voting. Members can cast their absentee vote in person at Firefighters Credit Union's main office on the following dates during business hours March 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2023. In addition, if a member is out of town during the absentee voting dates, absentee mail-in-ballots may be requested March 15th, 2023, by contacting Kim Mattingly at 317-636-5581 ext. 223 or email at kmattingly@fire-cu.org. Mail-in-ballots must be received at our office before March 27th, 2023.

STAFF RETIREMENTS:



BARBARA STEVENS

Barb joined us 8-24-98 as the ATM Coordinator. November 1998 she also became the Debit Card Coordinator. After more than 24 years of devoted service Barbara retired from the Firefighters Credit Union on December 31st, 2022.

She will be missed by all the staff and members.

Now she will have more time for camping, cooking, and spending time with her family. The Board, Management and Staff would like to say **Thank You Barbara!** We wish you nothing but the best on your retirement.

PAT WILMOTH

Pat joined us 8-26-96 as the loan receptionist. March 2001, she became our Marketing Representative and then in July of 2003 she became our Public Relations Representative.

She also assisted us in the loan department and the teller line when needed.

After more than 26 years of devoted service Pat retired from the Firefighters Credit Union on December 31st, 2022. She will be missed by the staff and members especially the firefighters that she met out at the fire stations and the events that she attended. She now will be able to enjoy cooking, traveling, and spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

The Board, Management and Staff would like to say **Thank You Pat!** We wish you nothing but the best on your retirement.



CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

In today's digital world, cyber attacks are unfortunately nothing new. Cyber criminals can attack on a multi-tude of levels, from large-scale attacks targeting corporations to small phishing attacks aimed to gain an individual's personal information.

There are several practical steps we can take to safe-guard our devices and data. Here are two easy ways to boost your cyber hygiene.

1. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION.

Also know as two-step verification, multi-factor authentication adds a second step when logging into an account (to prove you are really you), which greatly increases the security of the account. This second step could include an extra PIN, answering an extra security question, a code received via email or a secure token. Regardless of the type of authentication, this additional step makes it twice as hard for cyber criminals to access your account. Not every account offers multi-factor authentication, but it is becoming increasingly popular and should be utilized when available.

2. USE STRONG PASSWORDS AND PASSWORD MANAGER.

Remember, passwords are the "keys" to your personal home online. Your passwords should always be long, unique, and complex. Create passwords using at least 12 characters never reuse passwords for multiple accounts and use a combination of upper-and-lower case letters, numbers, and special characters. If you have a lot of accounts, consider using a password manager to store them easily and securely in one place.