

President's Report 2010

Every year seems to get shorter and more eventful! The 2009 year flew by but not without some historical changes in the economic environment. Unemployment reached record highs and for the first time in years consumers saw their home values fall drastically. Washington has been one of the least affected states nationwide but we have not gone unscathed. It seems no matter who you talk to, they know someone or you know someone who has had to deal with unemployment. For many of the unemployed, it was the first time in their lives they had to apply for unemployment benefits.

Historically, Olympia credit union has remained conservative in many areas of business. Your board of directors and management elected to invest in safe investments and tolerable risk loans. Those decisions yesterday have proven to be the right decisions for today and well into the future.

The news seems to report bank after bank failure which has only solidified the purpose of the original credit union movement. We continue reaching out to educate consumers on the benefit of owning a credit union versus joining a bank.

The credit union industry continues to preserve its uniqueness within itself by not requesting government bailout funds. The corporate stabilization assessments enforced by NCUA on person owned credit unions, like Olympia Credit Union, did require a loss of some capital funds held at the corporate credit union level. With our strong capital position we were well funded to withstand those assessments and we remain well capitalized today.

Bottom line, **your credit union has remained strong throughout this economic storm.** We'd love nothing better than to have this storm be over with. However, economists predict that even though our economy is headed toward recovery, the recovery will be very slow.

What does this mean to our membership? It means you have a safe harbor to keep your assets protected and a valuable resource of financial services that will be here well into the future. We package our fees, loan and deposit rates in a way that simply benefit you. We work with you, our members, to assist you through any financial crisis you may be facing. Remember, you OWN us. Our credit union is your credit union. Utilizing more services through your credit union only increases its strength and resources to help ALL members navigate to better financial success.

Thank you for your past, present, and future relationship with Olympia Credit Union! Our members are our number ONE asset!

Warm Regards,

Tammy Allender
Your CEO