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FORT WORTH CHAPTER OF CREDIT UNIONS AGAIN! WINS CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2006

Dear Kathy:

It is with great pleasure to share with you that the Fort Worth Chapter is the recipient of the 2006 Chapter of The Year award within your respective chapter category! On behalf of the Texas Credit Union League Chapter Program, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for all the work and support of the Fort Worth Chapter Board. You all are a dynamic group of individuals with genuine dedication to the mission and vision of the credit union movement. This passion is reflected in the programs and events offered in and around the community the chapter serves.

Please share this exciting news with your fellow chapter board members and area credit unions. Recognition of this honor will be displayed and announced during the 2007 TCUL Leadership Conference and within key League publications.

Respectfully,

*Lucinda M. Rocha
Director, Chapters & Councils
Texas Credit Union League*

Yes, your award winning Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions has been recognized again this year for their work during 2006, being awarded the Chapter of the Year designation by the Texas Credit Union League. Your Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions has won this prestigious award seven out of the eleven times it has been awarded.

This award recognition is awarded to the leadership of the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions, our volunteer credit union employees, our Preferred Partners, and many others who give their time and energy to make your Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions the chapter that it is. Without these individual's time, energy, support and dedication to our chapter this would not have been possible.

Thank you to all of the members of the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions, and our Preferred Partners, this award is a reflection of the partnerships formed by the credit unions and preferred partners. Partnership is what makes this happen!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Chapter
Golf
Tournament

Wednesday,
August 29th

Tierra Verde Golf Course,
Arlington

Watch your mail
for your
invitation and registration!



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FORT WORTH CHAPTER OF CU'S WINS THE FOCUS AWARD



Walter Furnace accepts the FOCUS award on behalf of the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions from Kerry Parker, Chairperson of Texas Credit Union Foundation. The FOCUS award was presented in April at the TCUL Annual Meeting in Austin.

Texas Credit Union Foundation presented the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions with the 2006 FOCUS award for its involvement in financial education. The Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions partners with the Fort Worth Star Telegram in their Partners in Education program providing financial literacy programs to educators in the Fort Worth Star Telegram distribution area.

The Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions has won this prestigious award both years that it has been presented by Texas Credit Union Foundation.

TCUL PAC

TCUL PAC fundraising for 2007 is off to a slow start. Our goal for 2007 is \$19,095.05. To date \$5,977.34 has been raised toward our goal, representing 31% of our goal. Donations can be raised through the sale of candy, and bracelets, as well as credit union and Chapter fundraisers. In addition, you can participate in the deduct-a-buck program with your membership allowing for automatic deduction from their account at the credit union. In addition, for staff contributions you can institute payroll deduction for easy, convenient donation to TCUL PAC.

Direct donations can be raised through Capitol Club donations in levels of:

Delegate	\$50
Representative	\$100
Senator	\$250
Governor	\$500
Ambassador	\$1000
President	\$1500

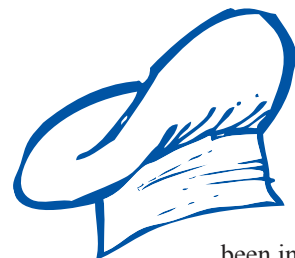
Donation levels for the Fort Worth Chapter of CU's so far are as follows:

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Senator</u>	<u>Governor</u>
Teresa Leck	Ron Fox	Joan Opp	Lonnie Nicholson
Marilyn Mitchell	Dale Kimble		Pamela Stephens
Dean Barnes	Nancy Croix Stroud		
Glen McKenzie	Nan Fuller		
Russell Kerbow	Bill Gordon		
Denise Riley	Lily Newfarmer		
	Rita Dexter		

Donations can be made directly to TCUL for the PAC, through the Chapter, or directly online at www.tcul.coop, in the Advocacy area.

As a reminder, the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions Golf Tournament benefits our TCUL PAC. Make plans now to participate in our golf tournament!

Let's get busy raising our PAC funds!



PUT ON YOUR CHEF'S HAT LET'S GET COOKING!

Our CMN (Children's Miracle Network) Miracle Team has been in the kitchen cooking up a new creation – a cookbook benefiting CMN! Some of the greatest credit union cooks have contributed their most treasured recipes to this cookbook. The cookbook will be available mid-September, and available at Casino Night for purchase. The cookbooks will be \$12 each, and can be pre-ordered through any member of the Miracle Team, or by contacting one of your Chapter Board Members.

Place your order now, so that we can "CU IN THE KITCHEN"!

Donations for the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad

June 25th marked our annual Vendor's Expo, and this year's admission to attend was a donation for the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad. The 28th Combat Support Hospital has around 500 military people plus wounded military and civilian patients. Your giving nature and support for this program were more than we imagined! Board Member Vince Heimann looked like he was driving Santa's sleigh as he left Will Rogers Coliseum. His truck bed was level full of donated supplies, his back seat was full, and only room for himself in the front. With great pride and anticipation he drove the donations for delivery.....



Vince Heimann and George Ann Powell taking donations for the 28th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad.



Returning Soldiers

Dear Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions:

Thank you is an understatement - I am amazed at all Vince brought us yesterday!

God Bless the Ft. Worth Credit Union Chapter! We have never had a full pick up truck (and the back seat of the truck) show up here at American Airlines Flagship University for the 28th CSH troops all at one time! I shipped 4 care packages out last night to our POC (point of contact) CPT Michael Cullen and SSG Victor Settles for their distribution to those who need it most in Baghdad.

It will take awhile to get all your gifts to our troops but I will work on it every week until it is all in your hands. My estimate is around 35 boxes /care packages at around \$30 each for postage so

\$1,000 is a rough estimate of what is needed. As the cash donations come in, I will ship as fast as I can.

Thanks so much to all of you for a great surprise for our USA men and women serving in the war zone to save others at the 28th Combat Support Hospital! God Speed!

Colleen Canion
USA Home Team Co-Ordinator

Your Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions immediately supplied the much needed \$1,000 for postage.

Dear Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions:

There are tears in my eyes. I will keep you updated on the progress to get all your donations packed and shipped to our hospital. Thank you so much on behalf of all those at the 28th!

I will be shipping more donations this week due to all the angels in the Ft. Worth Chapter of Credit Unions and their \$1,000. check!! Thank you from all of the volunteer members of the USA Home Team and all of our heroes at the U. S. Army 28th Combat Support Hospital in Bagdad! You have no idea how many lives you will touch in the next few months as your gifts arrive at their destination.

I've attached just a few photos of our adopted hospital staff so you can see some of the people who want to thank you, also.

God Bless you all and you earned your angel wings today! THANK YOU!

Colleen Canion
USA Home Team Co-Ordinator

"Greet The Troops"

Your Fort Worth Chapter participated in a recent Greet the Troops Days at DFW International Airport welcoming home the men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, your Chapter participated in the June 12th celebration at DFW Airport welcoming home the 500,000th soldier returning from overseas. This day long event hosted many dignitaries. Your Fort Worth Chapter presented the USO with a proclamation pledging its continued support of this program welcoming home the soldiers and their families for their Rest and Recuperation Program.



Returning Soldiers



John Tippetts, American Airlines FCU President, participates in the 3rd Anniversary celebration welcoming the 500,000th soldier home from Iraq.

Resolution of Support

WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions, an organization of credit unions in Tarrant and surrounding counties of Texas which includes in its mission to be responsive to the community and its needs; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions supports the women and men of our armed forces as they are engaged in the global war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions urges all Americans to stand united in their appreciation of the troops who are engaged in protecting our values and way of life through personal sacrifice and commitment to our country; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions supports the Rest & Recuperation Program at DFW International Airport, one of the largest and most respected on-going community initiatives in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth chapter of Credit Unions that on behalf of the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions the Board pledges our continued support, admiration and appreciation to all men and women in uniform for a **JOB WELL DONE.**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rest & Recuperation Program celebrates its third year anniversary and welcoming of the 500,000th soldier at DFW International Airport in June 2007 and the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions Board of Directors recognize the United States Army's Personnel Assistance Point at DFW International Airport and the Airport's steadfast staff of employees and the thousands of volunteers for their support of the R&R Program for their commitment to continued success until the last soldier comes home.

Adopted this eighteenth day of May, 2007 by the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions.

**Kathie Wood, President
Fort Worth Chapter of Credit Unions**



Trust Us FCU and First Class American CU employees participate in Greet the Troops.



Returning Soldiers



George Ann Powell participates in Greet the Troops.



2nd Vice Chair Person of TCUL, Pamela Stephens (center), administers the Oath of Office to FW Chapter Board Members (left to right) Kathie Wood, President, Sandra Szymanski Vice President, George Ann Powell, Treasurer and Terrie Johnson, Secretary

Our Preferred Partners

GOLD SPONSORS

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Without the support and dedication of our Preferred Partners the Chapter would not be as productive or successful. The sponsorship of our Preferred Partners are used to support scholarships, charities, and community programs, chapter meetings, educational seminars, the Vendor Exposition, and the Casino Night benefiting Children's Miracle Network, and the Chapter Golf Tournament benefiting TCUL PAC. To become a Preferred Partner contact any one of the board members, or Scott Ward at Unity One FCU directly. Our sponsorship levels are:

Gold Sponsor \$750/year Silver Sponsor \$500/year Bronze Sponsor \$250/year

2007 MEETINGS AT A GLANCE

July 24	Charlie Williams	"Ethics in the Board Room"
August 28	Rory Rowland	"Customer Service with a WOW"
August 29	Chapter Golf Tournament	Tierra Verde Golf Club Arlington
September 18	Todd Smith	District 92, Texas House of Representative
October 23	Casino Night	Will Rogers Coliseum
November 27	Dr. Melody Johnson	FWISD Superintendent
December 3	Chapter Christmas Party	Petroleum Club
December 12	Sam Rosen Elementary Christmas Carnival	
December 19	Webb Elementary Christmas Carnival	

<http://www.fwcuc.org>

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