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From the President's Desk

Happy Spring!!!

Winter has flown by and what a difference from last year! The last few months have been busy for Taconnet. We added a new online banking system called Jwalla, we are getting ready to start issuing our EMV Chip cards for more security, and now preparing for our Annual Meeting that was held March 30th at the VFW on Veteran's Drive in Winslow.

How about another recipe? This one is from our Branch Manager, Mary Libold. This is soooo yummy!!!



TEXAS CAVIAR

Rinse & drain:

- 1 can black eye peas
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can shoepeg corn
- 4 oz. chopped pimientos

Finely chop & mix in:

- ¼ cup pepperoncini, or pepper of your choice
- 1 red onion
- 3 celery stalks

In a small saucepan, mix:

- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar

Cook and stir until sugar melts, then add to bean mixture.

Serve with nacho scoops.

Karen Denis

President and CEO

Lynn McClure Announces Retirement

After 20+ years with Taconnet FCU, Lynn McClure, Marketing Officer, recently announced that she will be retiring at the end of April. Lynn began working at Taconnet in 1993 as a teller. More recently, she has been in charge of the marketing efforts within Taconnet including advertising, promotions, event planning and donations.

Lynn is married to Ronald "Kip" McClure, has two children, Krista and Erik, their spouses Glenn and Jenny, and two grandchildren Emily-Lynn and Bode. She will certainly enjoy time with her family.

Lynn will be certainly missed by the staff and members of Taconnet. She has a hard work ethic, inviting personality, and a caring spirit about her that the credit union will miss. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her nothing but the best in her retirement. Congrats Lynn!

Taconnet Part of Record Breaking Year for Credit Unions

On Tuesday, February 9, Maine's credit unions gathered at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport for the annual 2015 Ending Hunger Campaign Results Celebration Luncheon. With the help of Olympian Mark Spitz, it was announced that Maine credit unions collectively raised \$622,933.63 for ending hunger efforts. This smashes the previous record by nearly 70 thousand dollars. Since 1990, the Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger has raised \$6.5 million to help end hunger in Maine.

Throughout the year, Taconnet held several events including soup sales, raffles, and dress down Fridays in which staff pays to wear jeans. Taconnet's is proud to have contributed to the fundraising efforts, and has donated the money raised to the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter as well as Meals on Wheels. We hope to build off from 2015's success and make 2016 an even bigger year for ending hunger efforts in our area.



Pictured is Dianne from our main office presenting a check to Tanya of the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter.

Office Hours

Main Office

The main office at 316 Benton Avenue, Winslow, Maine is open:

Monday – Wednesday, Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm
with the exception of federal holidays.

Telephone numbers are toll-free 1-800-339-7909, or from the local calling area (207) 872-7909.

Branch Office

The branch office at 245 Madison Avenue Skowhegan, Maine is open:

Monday – Wednesday, Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm
with the exception of federal holidays.

Telephone numbers are toll-free 1-800-339-2254 or from the local calling area (207) 474-2254.

Mail

Please address all mail to 316 Benton Avenue, Winslow, ME 04901-6712

Visit us on the web for a list of our services at www.taconnet.com

Holiday Closings

Please be sure to watch the postings at the main and branch offices for holiday, or other closings. The scheduled holiday closings before the receipt of your next quarterly newsletter are as follows:

Patriots Day

Monday, Apr. 18

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30

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Karen Denis, *President/CEO*
Lisa Lachance, *Vice President*
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Eliza Lagasse..... *Teller*
Anne Lessard..... *Teller*
Amy Starkey..... *Teller*
Katherine Coombs..... *Teller*

Taconnet's Branch Staff

Mary Libold.....*Branch Manager*
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Karin Hazelton..... *Teller*
Stephanie Lachance..... *Teller*
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Taconnet's Seventh Annual Trek to Success

We're excited to announce the seventh annual Trek to Success, which will be held over a three-week period on April 30, May 7 and May 14. Be sure to follow our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) for updates on how each team is doing. As always, the winners will win scholarships of \$5000, \$2500, \$1000 and \$500 for their college education! We wish all of our applicants the best of luck as they come and compete in the Trek!

Taconnet's Spring Auto Loan Promotion

Let us put some spring in your step with a Taconnet auto loan! We've dropped out loan rates for a limited time in celebration of springtime and warmer temperatures. If you're considering buying a new or used car, stop by and see what we can do for you. We've dropped our rates as low as 2.5% for 60 months on new cars. Stop by and see Josh in Winslow or Mary in Skowhegan for more information, or visit taconnet.com and apply online!

Ask the right questions before an aging parent moves in

As we get older, we all want to live independently as long as we can. So when you see an elderly parent beginning to fail, it often sets off an internal tug-of-war. You want to spare Mom or Dad stress and possible abuse by scammers, yet you know how important their freedom is to them. The solution often seems to be for them to move in with you, where you can take care of them with sensitivity to their wishes.

But wait. Before you open the door to a needy parent, geriatricians recommend taking time to assess whether that's really the best move. Asking these six questions will help.

1. What do you and your parent really want to do?

Most of the time, parents are reluctant to move in with their kids. They may know they need help, yet hope for a solution that will let them "age in place" at home. What about you? Do you feel you should invite your parent to move in, even if you're not sure it will work? Do the two of you have a good enough relationship to get along under the same roof?

2. What kind of help does your parent need?

Is it a matter of mild cognitive decline? Loneliness? Limited finances? Impaired mobility? Or perhaps a debilitating condition that requires daily care? An evaluation by your parent's primary care provider or a geriatric specialist will help you understand what you're dealing with.

3. Is moving into your home the best way to provide that help?

Armed with a physician's evaluation, you can review the options. An adult day care program might offer emotional stimulation without a lonely parent having to move out of his or her own home. Perhaps limited mobility or medical issues could be handled on-site by a home health aide or a part-time nurse. What will insurance cover?

If moving in with you still seems the most suitable choice, decide whether you're willing and able to provide the necessary kind of assistance. Two conditions that make caregiving extremely stressful are incontinence and an erratic sleep schedule. In other situations, you may be able to obtain training in the type of care your parent will need.

4. How does the rest of the family feel about it?

What does your partner think? If you have young children in the house, will you be able to care for everyone? Older children, on the other hand, can be very helpful. If you have siblings, be sure to consult them. They should be willing to help with parental support in one way or another.

5. Is your house set up for the care your parent will need?

If agility and balance are a problem, you'll need to gauge how easily and safely your parent will be able to get around. It's almost always best to locate an older person's living quarters on the ground floor. If remodeling is needed, how much will it cost?

6. How will you know if you've taken on too much?

Caregiver burnout is a very real issue. If your parent does move in, you need to be sure you'll have time for your own friends, obligations, and activities. Without occasional breaks provided by a sibling or a private-duty aide, you may begin to feel exhausted, irritable, and guilty about being unable to joyfully repay a parent who cared for you as a child. Don't wait until you feel that way. By revisiting your options, you may find a different solution that makes both you and your loved one happier.

Few decisions are more personal than how to respond when an elderly parent needs help. If there's anything we can do to help you handle this situation financially, please be sure to let us know. We offer a number of ways to finance elder-friendly home improvements, for instance. Rest assured, we'll try to help you find solutions that work for everyone. After all, we have moms and dads, too.

