

*Brief Update*

## Important Issues

I would like to begin the review of the most important events at our Credit Union by informing you about a visit that took place on June 8. For the first time in the history of our Credit Union, we were visited by an active member of the NCUA Board of Directors, Vice-Chairman Rodney E. Hood. During his visit, Mr. Hood made warm and positive comments on our current financial situation and the role, which PSFCU plays in the life of the Polish community.





The months of April and May witnessed significant growth of deposits at PSFCU. During those two months, we additionally gained a total of \$26 million in deposits which constitutes an unofficial two-month record. We are glad to see that our Online Branch is gaining popularity – the number of its users exceeded 20,000 in May. These numbers testify to your unwavering trust and support for our institution.

The past quarter was filled with numerous pleasant meetings and events. On May 14, we handed out awards under the “Credit Union for Students” and “Astronomy Adventure with Copernicus” programs. A total of 68 children received their awards.

This year’s scholarship program culminated with two ceremonies, held on May 28 and June 16, during which high school graduates and college students respectively received their scholarships.

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 316 students, \$350 thousand; scholarship for Chicago student

## Record-breaking Scholarships

This year’s edition of the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union’s Scholarship Program has set two significant records. As many as 316 young persons received scholarships – 60 more than last year, with the total scholarships amounting to \$350,000 i.e. \$50,000 more than the previous record. Over the life of the program, our Credit

Union has issued \$1.8 million in scholarships to a total of 1,100 students. What was new was the fact that, thanks to the Virtual Branch, scholarships were granted to students from places outside New York and New Jersey – from Chicago, South Carolina and Florida.

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 NCUA Vice-Chairman honors us with a visit

## NCUA at PSFCU


On June 8, Mr. Rodney E. Hood, Vice-Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration paid a courtesy visit to the PSFCU headquarters located at 100 McGuinness Blvd. in Greenpoint. Our distinguished guest was impressed with the



NCUA Vice-Chairman Rodney E. Hood with Krzysztof Matyszczyk (left) and Bogdan Chmielewski (right)

very good financial results achieved by our Credit Union and the scope of assistance extended by PSFCU to the Polish-American community. He was particularly interested

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 Always open, always near you!

## Online Branch

Already 20 thousand members use our Internet Banking. Our Online Branch has become particularly popular during the last six months, when we gained as many as 3 thousand new users.

By visiting the Online Branch, you can take care of numerous tasks without leaving your home. You can apply for PSFCU membership, open share accounts or apply for credit cards and loans. You can also manage your accounts and credit cards, pay bills and monitor fund transfers. At the www.psfcu.com website, our members can quickly find out details of our current promotions and browse through news and press releases about our Credit Union.

The ability to use our online services is particularly helpful to those who do not have time to visit our Credit Union or live far away from our branches. A growing number of people residing in remote states join PSFCU by applying online – a very advantageous trend for our Credit Union.

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# Important Issues

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This year, 316 our bright young members were granted a total of \$350 thousand, which is another record in the history of our Credit Union. It is worth mentioning that this year scholarships were awarded also to young people from other states, including Illinois – Chicago.

During the latter of the two ceremonies, our Credit Union was distinguished by the presence of representatives of the Institute of World Politics from Washington, DC, including its founder John Lenczowski, who gave a captivating speech about the role of the Polish heritage in the development of world civilization and commented on the current Institute activities. Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union has donated \$20,000 for the support of IWP operations and also established a \$5,000 scholarship for a PSFCU member who decides to continue his education at the Institute.

June marks the beginning of the annual election process for the PSFCU Board of Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that our Credit Union belongs to all its members and that every single one of you has the right to decide who will determine the strategic goals for our institution. The low election turnout during the past years is a concern to me and to the Board of Directors. That is why I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to you, our members, to take an active part in the election process and vote for the best candidates.

Finally, I would like to quote congresswoman Caroline Maloney, who recently said in a Credit Union Times interview: "One of the reasons I am such a strong supporter of credit unions is that I represented Greenpoint, Brooklyn where the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union became the major community center". Her words, coupled with the flattering comments of one of the highest NCUA representatives, Vice-Chairman Hood, concerning our Credit Union make me and the entire PSFCU management and staff proud and satisfied with a job well done. But I am certain that all our successes are founded on the aforementioned trust and support of 70 thousand of our members.

I wish you a pleasant and joyful summer.

**Bogdan Chmielewski**  
Chief Executive Officer

# NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AN ANNUAL MEETING

We would like to inform you about the start of the election process to the PSFCU Board of Directors. The elections process will culminate with the Annual Meeting, which will take place at 2:00 PM on October 18, 2009 at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark, NJ. Below are the most important dates on the election calendar:

- 09.01.09** Deadline for submitting petitions by prospective candidates who will seek to be placed on the ballot by petition
- 09.11.09** Announcement of the final list of all candidates participating in the election
- 09.16.09** Mailing of election ballots
- 10.13.09** Deadline for submitting completed ballots
- 10.18.09** Annual Meeting of the PSFCU  
Announcement of election results

**WE URGE YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE ELECTIONS!**

# Online Branch

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Soon, our online banking users will notice a new, redesigned Internet Banking interface. It will feature new options which are certain to become useful to our users, such as transfers of funds to third party accounts, both at our Credit Union and at other financial institutions.



We invite those of you who have not yet used our Online Branch to visit [www.psfcu.com](http://www.psfcu.com).

# Scholarships

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This year's PSFCU scholarship program consisted of three separate parts: for high-school graduates who were admitted to colleges, for university students and the "Astronomy Adventure with Kopernik" program – a program aimed at elementary school students which will allow 20 young "astronomers" to attend a scientific summer camp at the Kopernik Observatory in Vestal, New York.


Winners of "Astronomy Adventure with Copernicus" received their awards on May 14, 2009. Scholarship ceremony for the high-school graduates took place on May 28 during a reception at Princess Manor, located at Nassau Avenue in Greenpoint. College students received their scholarships at a ceremony held on June 16 at the Polonaise Terrace in Greenpoint, NY. As usual, the

program for high-school graduates was administered by CUANY - Credit Union Association of New York. 15 best recipients were awarded \$2,000 each and the remaining students received \$500 each.

In addition, CUANY has awarded two of our young members with additional \$500 within the framework of a statewide program, in the course of which 101 New York Credit unions submitted their candidates. Young PSFCU met with significant success since CUANY awarded only 20 scholarships in the total amount of \$10,000. State CUANY scholarships were granted to Karolina Tuskarczyk and Marta Stępień.

During a surprise presentation, Alex Storożynski, former Chairman of the PSFCU Board of Directors, introduced his new book about Tadeusz Kościuszko entitled "The Peasant Prince." Each student received a copy of the book, which the author readily signed after the ceremony.



 *Alternative sources of financing*

## Credit Union Student Choice Private Loan Program

As the cost of college continues to rise and Federal Aid isn't enough to cover your expenses, the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union can help with a Credit Union Student Choice private loan. To enable our student members find the best funding for their education, we have partnered with other credit unions to make private student loans through the Credit Union Student Choice Loan Program.

The Credit Union Student Choice Loan Program can help you and your family fill in the gaps that Federal aid and grants may not provide. Our program beats the competition with lower interest rates and no origination fees which will provide you with significant cost-savings over other financing alternatives.

**Credit Union Student Choice Loan Program Benefits:**

- No Origination Fees
- Lower Interest Rates
- Flexible repayment terms
- Deferment of principal and interest while in school

Application can be submitted online or by calling 1-800-206-8503.

**In order to apply, you need to:**

1. Fill out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form found at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).
2. Apply for scholarships – you may be eligible for many of them.
  - a. Check with your college financial aid office for listings
  - b. Free information on preparing for and funding education beyond high school including a scholarship search wizard can be found at [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov).
3. Take the maximum amount of Federal Stafford Loans before applying for our Credit Union Student Choice loan. On subsidized loans while you're in college:
  - a. Government pays the interest
  - b. Caps the interest rate

 *Loan Servicing Department*

## A Loan and a Smile

We would like to introduce you to our Loan Servicing Department. Anyone who has ever applied for a mortgage, personal or auto loan at our Credit Union, at some point used the services of this Department – they provide up-to-date information about the status of every loan, receive payments sent via mail, verify the validity of all documents and loan insurance policies and check whether all due real estate taxes are paid on time. Daily duties of the employees of this department also include



*Loan Servicing Department employees*

preparation of documents confirming full repayment of borrowed amounts.

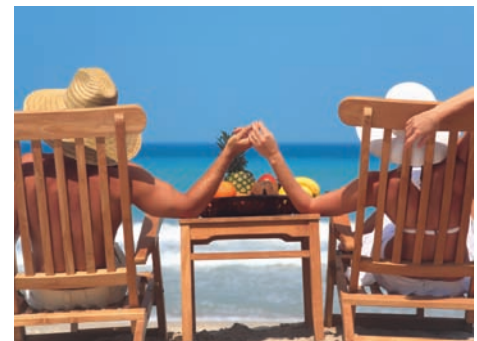
 *It is vacation season – are you going away?*

## PSFCU VISA® Card



PSFCU offers all the cards you need to enjoy your vacation without any worries about losing or running short on cash. Before you go on a trip, please keep in mind the following:

- Do you have a 'backup' (second) card handy? – PSFCU VISA Debit Card is a great alternative to your Credit Card. Both cards are protected from unauthorized transactions and can be used to withdraw cash or for everyday purchases. Additionally, our Checking Account Line of Credit will allow you to expand the credit line beyond the available balance on your checking account (LOC is subject to approval).
- If leaving the country, make sure to contact the Credit Union so your international transactions are not considered to be suspicious.
- Always verify and keep your personal information up to date – please remember that in case of suspicious activity on your account, we will contact you to confirm the transaction. It is therefore critical that we have contact



information at which you can be reached.

- Report stolen card and unauthorized transactions immediately – please make sure to have the customer service information available at all times.

Please remember that your PSFCU VISA Credit Card offers 0% liability for unauthorized purchases on your card, if timely reported. PSFCU VISA has worldwide acceptance at more than 24 million locations. Our Score Card Bonus Points\* are exchangeable for merchandise or travel options. The card offers free Travel Accident Insurance from \$250,000 to \$500,000\* and free Auto Rental Insurance.\*\*

\* Applies to Gold and Platinum cards.

\*\* Some restrictions may apply, insurance offered through entities not affiliated with PSFCU.

## NCUA at PSFCU

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in the role, which our Credit Union played in the development of Greenpoint.

NCUA Vice-Chairman wanted to familiarize himself with the methods enabling us to grow in a situation when the financial

sector has found itself in a severe crisis. We were honored to host such a high-ranking NCUA official.

Mr. Hood stressed that the credit union movement, being much more financially sound than banks, strengthens its position thanks to the trust which credit union members place in their financial institutions.

 Facts you should know...

## What's new at Our Credit Union?

### ■ Award Ceremony at Maspeth

In the course of the promotional prize drawing organized in connection with the opening of the Maspeth branch, 45 persons won beautiful gift baskets while three persons won the main prizes: a SONY® Bravia LCD TV, SONY® Blu-Ray disc player and a Garmin® GPS receiver.

All prize winners were drawn from among people who opened an account at the new branch or entered the drawing by filling out a special entry form. Gift baskets were handed out to the winners a few days after each weekly drawing. Winners of the main prizes received their awards on May 19. Ms. Eleonora Świdzińska received the TV set, Ms. Danuta Szablowska, was the winner of a Blu-Ray player (picked up by her daughter), and Ms. Elżbieta Mandziarz won a GPS receiver.

### ■ This promotion is a hit

During the months of April and May, Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union promoted Direct Deposit services. The first 100 persons who activated this service (confirmed by a completed deposit to a PSFCU account), received an attractive 2 GB MP3 player.\*

Persons who received prizes in the course of this promotion were notified by managers of their local PSFCU branches, where they were able to pick up their prizes. Those unable to pick up the prizes in person received them in the mail.

### ■ Polish youth drawn to PSFCU



An awards ceremony for winners of the "Credit Union for Students" and "Astronomy Adventure with Copernicus" programs was held on Thursday, May 14, at the PSFCU headquarters located at 100 McGuinness Blvd., in Brooklyn.

In the course of the "Credit Union for Students" program, principals of Polish-American schools selected the most diligent students at their schools. Our Credit Union issued award certificates to the 48 selected students and deposited \$100 to each student's PSFCU account.

In order to take part in the "Astronomy Adventure with Copernicus" program, students had to write an essay on the topic "How Can the Example of Nicholas Copernicus and the Financial Support of Our Credit Union Help Me Become a Scientist?" The essays were evaluated by Polish teachers selected by the Polish Supplementary School Council.

20 lucky young winners who wrote highest rated essays will attend a summer camp at the Kopernik Observatory in Vestal, NY, with all expenses paid by our Credit Union. These awards are a form of scientific scholarship, promoting interest in sciences among the school youth.

### ■ Institute of World Politics hosts our Credit Union

Last year, our Credit Union issued a donation to the Kosciuszko Chair of Polish Studies at the Institute of World Politics in Washington. Similarly to the cooperation with Columbia University, PSFCU's joint effort with the Institute aims at promoting Poland at prestigious American universities. Our Credit Union has already donated \$20,000 for the support of IWP and established a \$5,000

scholarship for a PSFCU member who decides to continue his education at the Institute.

On May 12, 2009, the Institute held a very interesting meeting on strategic changes in Iraq, which took place over the past few years as a result of the military operations. Mr. Krzysztof Matyszczyk, Chairman of the PSFCU Board of Directors and Mr. Bogdan Chmielewski, PSFCU Chief Executive Officer were invited to the meeting as representatives of our Credit Union.

In the course of a private conversation, General Ray Odierno, Commander of the Multi-National Force in Iraq, expressed a favorable opinion about soldiers of the Polish Contingent in Iraq and young Americans of Polish descent serving in the US armed forces, praising their professionalism and personal courage.

### ■ PSFCU supports Polish-American events

Every year, we support nearly every event in New York and New Jersey serving to promote our culture and stressing the importance of our heritage. PSFCU also actively participates in all major Polish festivals offering an excellent opportunity to promote our Credit Union.



This June, PSFCU "attended" 3 festivals: on June 7 in Holmdel, NJ, on June 14 at the Holy Cross Church in Maspeth and on June 28 in Copiague on Long Island.

As one of the main sponsors of these events, our Credit Union employees gave out company premiums and publications about our products and services at designated PSFCU stands.

Additionally, new members were able to open accounts in our Mobile Branch, which debuted last year at Maspeth.



During these events, PSFCU tried to gain new members offering special prizes to those who quickly decided to open a new account at PSFCU. Our "current" members, in turn, were able to participate in the drawing of attractive prizes.

## Założ „praktyczne” KONTO CZEKOWE



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„Social Security”!**

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\* Do otwarcia konta czekowego jest wymagane konto oszczędnościowe. Minimalny wkład przy otwarciu konta czekowego wynosi \$25. Obowiązek posiadania numeru Social Security został zniesiony w stosunku do obcokrajowców bez prawa stałego pobytu. Obowiązują inne ograniczenia.