This year, as we celebrate 100 years of credit unions in the United States, it is fitting to not only reflect upon the many achievements of the credit union movement, but also to look to the future and all that can still be accomplished. Now in its eighth year of operations, I am struck by the way Credit Union House has been woven into the credit union movement’s history, as it continues to serve a unique and important role in expanding the presence of credit unions in our nation’s capital.

Visitors find that not only is Credit Union House decorated by key moments of the past, it is also a place for history in the making. Just recently, the celebration of CUNA’s 75th anniversary culminated in Estes Park, Colorado at the same site where credit union leaders met to establish its forerunner, the Credit Union National Extension Bureau in 1934. Fittingly, an enlarged photograph of that first meeting is the focal point of the CU House Board Room. Additionally, portraits of Edward Filene and Roy Bergengren frame a rendering of the nation’s first credit union, St. Mary’s Bank. On the third floor, the Capitol View Room features the enactment of many pieces of important legislation to credit unions, from President Roosevelt signing the Federal Credit Union Act to President Clinton authorizing the Credit Union Membership Access Act.

Such rich history is a powerful backdrop as credit union officials meet with Congressional leadership at Credit Union House today. Truly, nowhere else is the strength and permanence of the credit union movement underscored as it is here, overlooking the United States Capitol. In the next few pages, you will note several photos that are already part of history being made here at CU House, especially Hike the Hill activities that drew lawmakers on key committees such as the House Financial Services Committee.

I would be remiss if I did not add a special thanks to those who have already made contributions to Credit Union House in 2009. Your support is vital to our ongoing success!
Hike the Hill Highlights

Credit Union House was quite busy in the second quarter with 29 events, including 9 political fundraisers, as well as 10 credit union/league events. Impressively, 19 of those events were held in June alone.

We enjoyed the opportunity to welcome league GAPS during their annual meeting in D.C. to a “pig pickin’” with CUNA’s SVP of Political Affairs, Richard Gose, at the helm. Other groups had creative reception ideas of their own. We enjoyed a Triple Crown themed event complete with a raw oyster bar, a lobster bake, and a crab feast.

The South Carolina CU League hosted a successful reception where Reps. Wilson (R, SC2), Spratt (D, SC-5), and Barrett (R, SC-3) were in attendance.

After a legislative briefing, the Arkansas CU League welcomed all four of its Members of Congress—Reps. Marion Berry (D, AR-1), Vic Snyder (D, AR-2), John Boozman (R, AR-3), and Mike Ross (D, AR-4) to their reception held at CU House.

At the height of the political busy season, Credit Union House most frequently serves as a key location for Hike the Hills, receptions, and fundraising efforts. However, recent guests have also discovered the value in using our facilities for other types of events. Aspire FCU, Department of Commerce FCU, and CO-OP Financial Services were among the organizations that held training workshops, board meetings, and planning sessions here in recent months.

The close proximity to fine hotels and restaurants, the abundance of sports and entertainment options, and accessible transportation all within our nation’s capital makes CU House an ideal location for such meetings. Selecting CU House as the site of your next event is also an excellent way to participate in the expanding presence of credit unions on Capitol Hill.
Hike the Hill Highlights, cont’d

In terms of events, September is easily the busiest month of the year. Credit Union House was the site of nearly 30 events, with 16 leagues involved in various Hike the Hill–related briefings, receptions, and other activities.

The availability of the new event space in the Credit Union House Annex could not have come at a better time. The elegant meeting space allowed more leagues to enjoy their “home away from home” while in Washington. One morning, CU House hosted 3 breakfast events simultaneously—something that would not have been possible even last year.

It was a great pleasure to be with so many credit union representatives from across the country. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Sen. Herb Kohl (D, WI) and Wisconsin credit union representatives

MDDCCUA members enjoy a crab feast in the Capitol View Room.

Minnesota CU Network President Mark Cummins, league representatives, Minnesota credit union officials, and Rep. Erik Paulson (R, MN-3)

Arizona CU League President Scott Earl and others enjoy a joint reception with the NC CU League

The League of Southeastern CUs hosted a well-attended reception in the CO-OP Conference Room

(l-r) Rep. Mike Simpson (ID, R-2), Sen. Jim Risch (R, ID), (back) Idaho CU League President Alan Cameron, as well as Idaho league and CU representatives

CU House Support

Several state credit union leagues hosted annual meetings during the second quarter. Thank you to those who took the time to share Credit Union House information at these meetings. Additional appreciation goes out to the leagues in Virginia, Maryland/DC, and New Jersey who welcomed Credit Union House staff to attend their annual meetings.

A special thank you also to the eight states that have already reached their annual contribution goals this year. They are:

- Alaska
- Delaware
- Hawaii
- Maryland & DC
- Montana
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- Washington

Sustained annual giving continues to be the key to the long-term success of Credit Union House. The goal each year is to raise $500,000—which would ensure we are fully sustained through credit union contributions. Just over half that amount has been achieved thus far in 2009.

If you have not already made your annual contribution, now is a great time to renew or increase your involvement. Contact Sue McCue to learn more about how you can help maintain credit unions’ permanent presence in our nation’s capital.
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