# **MEMBERS EARN \$2.2 MILLION** WITH BONUS DIVIDEND



Kerry Wahlen President/CEO

USU Credit Union, a division of Goldenwest, is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has declared a year-end bonus dividend will be paid to our members.

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Winter 2021

"We are so grateful to experience another successful year, giving us the opportunity to reward our members with a 4.25% bonus dividend," said Bill Hart, Chairman of the Board. "The Credit Union continues to thrive even with all of the unique challenges we have faced across the nation during the pandemic."

The one-time dividend of 4.25% Annual Percentage Yield (APY) will be paid on top of the stated monthly dividend of 0.05% APY. Members will earn 4.30% APY for the month of December on primary shares, secondary shares, Christmas Club shares, and IRA shares. Dividend earning amounts will vary by member based on the average daily balance in their individual accounts over the 2020 calendar year.

"Paying a bonus dividend is one of many ways we demonstrate our appreciation to the members of the Credit Union," said Kerry Wahlen, President/CEO. "We are proud to give back \$2.2 million to our members this year."

Wahlen noted that 2020 has been unlike any other time during his 40 years in the financial services industry. Although there have been many memorable moments during 2020, offering loans through the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) stands out as one of the highlights.

"In the spring, we temporarily expanded our Commercial Lending Department from 12 to 67 staff members and provided more than 1,000 small business loans totaling nearly \$100 million," continued Wahlen. "It's an honor to work alongside the dedicated professionals at the Credit Union to care for our members and local businesses."

Our commitment to providing the products and services you need to succeed, with affordable rates and exceptional member care, remains our top priority as your Credit Union. When visiting our branch offices, we respectfully request you follow all safety protocols that are recommended by local health officials. As always, you can conduct transactions, open accounts, and apply for loans from the comfort and safety of your home with the online branch, mobile banking app, and by calling the Member Contact Center.

We extend our best wishes to everyone and joy and happiness during the holiday season and in the coming year!

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# FIND THE CREDIT CARD THAT FITS YOUR LIFESTYLE

A credit card can be an important part of managing your financial life. Whether you want to pay off other high-interest credit cards, earn rewards points towards a family vacation, or simply want cash back, USU Credit Union has the perfect credit card for you. Even better, all of our credit cards provide tremendous value with budget-friendly rates, no annual fee, and no balance transfer fees.

We can get you approved for a new USU Credit Union credit card in a matter of minutes when you apply online, on our mobile banking app, over the phone, or in a branch. No matter which card you choose, all USU Credit Union Visa cards offer perks and rewards to fit your lifestyle.

For more information, visit usucu.org/visa/creditcards.



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Every qualifying purchase gets you closer to attractive rewards such as travel rebates on airline tickets, hotel stays, and rental cars.

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No Balance Transfer Fees	$\bigotimes$	$\bigotimes$	$\bigotimes$	$\bigotimes$
Earn Extra Awards Points		$\bigotimes$		
Cash Rebate Up to 1% Annually			$\bigotimes$	
1.5% Cash Back on All Purchases Paid Quarterly				$\bigotimes$
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# **VOLUNTEER BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION 2021**

Three Credit Union members will be elected to the Goldenwest Board of Directors next spring. These positions are for three-year terms beginning April 2021. These seats are currently held by Bill Hart, Jeanette Smyth, and Dave Adams, who will run as incumbents.

### If you are interested in becoming a Board nominee you must meet the following criteria:

- Goldenwest Credit Union, USU Credit Union or Healthcare Credit Union member in good standing
- Legal age (18 years or older)
- Bondable by the CUMIS Insurance Society
- Free from any conflicts of interest with the Credit UnionAvailable for all Board of Director meetings and other
- designated meetings (unless excused)

## There are two ways a member may submit a nominee:1) Members nominated for a Director position must submit the following information:

- Full name and address;
- Home and business telephone numbers;
- Goldenwest Credit Union, USU Credit Union or Healthcare Credit Union account number; and
- A written "statement of qualification", which should be limited to a maximum of 150 words.

All information should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, to the following address:

Goldenwest Federal Credit Union Governance Committee 5025 South Adams Ave Ogden, Utah 84403

### 2) Members may also be nominated via petition. To nominate by petition you must submit the following information:

- Full name and address;
- Home and business telephone numbers;
- Goldenwest Credit Union, USU Credit Union or Healthcare Credit Union account number;
- A written "statement of qualification", which should be limited to a maximum of 150 words;
- A petition signed by 500 Goldenwest Credit Union, USU Credit Union or Healthcare Credit Union members; and,
- A signed statement from the nominee that he or she is agreeable to the nomination and will serve if elected.

All information for nomination by petition should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 to the following address:

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### All Members Can Participate in the Election

Qualifying nominees will participate in the general election on the dates of April 2-5, 2021. All Credit Union members are encouraged to vote. Candidate information and voting instructions will be sent to members prior to the election. Should only one person be nominated for each open seat on the Board, an election will not be conducted by ballot. Nominations will not be accepted at the Annual Meeting. The election results will be announced during the 2021 Annual Meeting.

### All Members Invited to Attend the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021. Due to current national and state gathering restrictions, the format and location of the 2021 Annual Meeting will be announced at a later date.

The Board of Directors represents the views and interests of the entire membership, and exercises general control of the Credit Union's activities. Directors receive no compensation for their service. Questions regarding duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, or about the election procedures, should be directed to Steve Carroll at 801-337-8331, Chair of the Governance Committee.





### NORTH LOGAN BRANCH NOW OPEN BLUFFDALE AND SUNRIVER BRANCHES COMING SOON

We are happy to continue serving our members in Cache Valley at our new branch located at 220 East 1400 North in Logan (next to Culver's). The branch has relocated from inside Lee's Marketplace.

The new branch features drive-thru teller lanes, an ATM, and offers a full range of services including vehicle loans, mortgages, lines of credit, free checking, instant-issue Visa cards, and insurance.

Elayne Bair has been selected to supervise all branch activity, originate mortgages and provide insurance services from the new office.

"We are excited to add another full-service branch to serve our campus community as well as the North Logan and Lundstrom Park neighborhoods," said David Butterfield, EVP and Chief Operations Officer. "The new branch has a very open feel and provides a high-touch, personal environment members are sure to appreciate."

## Refinance your mortgage to a shorter term and SAVE THOUSANDS

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### IS A HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT RIGHT FOR YOU?

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) are like a personal savings account, but the money you deposit in them is used only to pay for healthcare expenses. USU Credit Union offers HSAs to members to help you maximize your savings in your healthcare payment plans. Advantages of an HSA include:

- Money deposited into your HSA is not taxed;
- You can decide how much money to save, and control how you spend it;
- There is no minimum deposit or account balance required;
- There are no account maintenance or transaction fees;
- Unused money in your HSA can rollover from year to year;
- Your account stays with you wherever you work and after you retire; and,
- Convenient account access options with an HSA Visa debit card, HSA checks and online bill pay.

2021 HSA INFORMATION	Single	Family
Minimum Deductible	\$1,400	\$2,800
Max Out-of-Pocket	\$7,000	\$14,000
Contribution Limit	\$3,600	\$7,200
Catch-up Contribution Limit*	\$1,000	\$1,000

A "catch-up" contribution is in addition to the standard contribution limit and is available for eligible individuals who are age 55 or older by the end of their taxable year and are not enrolled in Medicare.

To be eligible to open an HSA, you must be enrolled in a high-deductible healthcare plan. Visit any branch or call the Contact Center at 800-248-6361 to open your HSA today!

### 2021 LIMITS FOR IRAS, 401(K)S AND MORE NUMBERS TO KNOW FOR THE NEW YEAR

#### PROVIDED BY TYLER HOLBROOK, CRPC

On October 26, the Treasury Department released the 2021 adjusted figures for retirement account savings. Although these adjustments won't bring any major changes, there are some minor elements to note.

#### 401(k)s.

The salary deferral amount for 401(k)s remains the same at \$19,500, while the catch-up amount of \$6,500 also remains unchanged. However, the overall limit for these plans will increase from \$57,000 to \$58,000 in 2021.<sup>1</sup>

#### Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA).

The limit on annual contributions remains at \$6,000 for 2021, and the catch-up contribution limit is also unchanged at  $$1,000.^2$ 

#### Roth IRAs.

Roth IRA account holders will experience some slightly beneficial changes. In 2021, the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) phase-out range will be \$198,000 to \$208,000 for couples filing jointly. This will be an increase from the 2020 range of \$196,000 to \$206,000. For those who file as single or as head of household, the income phase-out range has also increased. The new range for 2021 will be \$125,000 to \$140,000, up from the current range of \$124,000 to \$139,000.<sup>3</sup>

Although these modest increases won't impact many, it's natural to have questions anytime the financial landscape changes. If you're curious about any of the above, speak to your financial or tax professional for more information.

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