# The following individuals have been nominated by the Committee.

Each nomination to the Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union's Board of Directors should include: nominee's name, number of years with Farmers or other select employer group that is eligible for FIGFCU membership, job title and duties, current responsibilities, and information related to how this experience would serve the FIGFCU Board and the Credit Union's members. Nominations should be limited to a maximum of 200 words.

### Qualifications for the three incumbent and one appointed nominees are listed below.

Rudy Trevino is the Chief Compliance Officer for Farmers Group, Inc. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Zurich Mexico insurance operation, and serves on their Audit Committee. Rudy is responsible for the compliance programs across all of the Farmers Insurance Group of Companies. Rudy also participates in several internal management and governance committees at Farmers. His experience at Farmers includes working in field operations and Home Office. During his career, he has held positions in the areas of Accounting, Finance, Internal Audit, Information Technology, Project Management Office, Risk Management, and Compliance. Rudy has also had responsibility for Zurich's Risk Management program in Latin America, and has worked on Zurich projects involving their Latin American companies, such as the Zurich - Santander Bank joint venture. Prior to joining Farmers, he worked at a CPA firm. Rudy Trevino's appointment would be for one year.

Michael Ashe has been a resident of Las Vegas since 1965 and a Farmers Agent since 1973. He is a CQA Agent, Gold Card Agent, and has been a member of Toppers Club for 37 years and the President's Council for 22 years. He has been a member of the Commercial Round Table, Commercial Masters, Life Round table and Life Masters. He has been awarded the Blue Vase numerous times. In 1998, Mike was named Agent of the Year. Along with all his accomplishments as an agent, Mike has served on the Credit Union Board since March of 2002 and continues to support the Credit Union through the eyes of an agent. Michael Ashe's reelection would be for three years.

Marilyn Huntamer has been with Farmers Insurance for over 30 years, taking over her father's agency in 1982. Ms. Huntamer has achieved Topper's Club 25 years, President's Council four times, and Life Championship four times. Marilyn's experience as a top agent has provided the Credit Union with invaluable information specifically related to how FIGFCU can continue to help agents achieve business and financial success. Marilyn Huntamer's reelection would be for three years.

Kenneth Carroll joined Farmers in 1970 as a Field Auditor in the Aurora Regional Office. After serving in numerous auditing positions within Farmers and Farmers New World Life, he accepted the assignment as Vice President – Internal Auditing in 1993. In 2003, Kenneth was appointed the Functional Audit Director for Non-Life Personal Lines for the entire Zurich Financial Services organization and the Regional Audit director for North American Consumer, including Latin America. After 37 years with the Farmers organization Kenneth retired in 2007. Since July 2011 Kenneth has served on the Board of Directors for Farmers New World Life and chairs the Audit Committee. Kenneth's strong internal audit experience and Audit Committee experience has continued to be a valuable resource for the Credit Union in managing compliance and regulatory issues.

### Loan Rates

AUTO Fixed Rates				HOME EQUITY	
% Financed	Term	<b>NEW</b> (APR <sup>1</sup> as low as)	<b>USED</b> (APR <sup>1</sup> as low as)	LINE OF CREDIT <sup>2</sup>	
80%	48 mo.	1.49%	1.74%	% Financed	Variable Rate (APR <sup>1</sup> as low as)
	60 mo.	1.99%	2.24%	Up to 100% <sup>3</sup> (owner occupied)	3.99%
100%	48 mo.	2.24%	2.49%	HOME EQUITY <sup>2</sup> Terms up to 240 months	
	60 mo.	2.74%	2.99%	% Financed	FIXED Rate (APR <sup>1</sup> as low as)
IPR — Annual Percentage Rate. Rates listed are current as of 12/16/13 and are subject to change without notice. Rates listed ef IGFCU's preferred rates based on applicant's creditworthiness and Direct Deposit. 48 months or less equal to same rate. Iome Equity Loans and Lines of Credit are available in all States except Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana and Texas.				Up to 100%	6.74%

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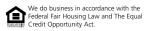
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# Reduce your debt this year

Did you do some credit card damage during the holidays? Below are some ways to take control of your debt and start the New Year with a clean slate.

### Assess the damage

Dig out all of your holiday receipts and credit card statements to find out exactly how much you owe. That way, you will not be

surprised at the amount of charges and the balances on your credit card(s). Assessing your debt load will also give you the perspective you need to think about the next holiday shopping season and make you more cost conscious.

### Consolidate, Consolidate, Consolidate,

Take advantage of debt consolidation programs that offer a no interest rate or low interest rate on your balances. Consolidating will not only save you money in the long run, but it will also allow you to make one monthly payment instead of several. That way, you can plan your weekly or monthly expenses accordingly.

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## President's View

I hope you checked out our latest, and greatest Return of Value program offer last quarter on our website. On the heels of our two previous extra value returns to you, one at year-end last year, and one this past summer, we just spent an extra \$350,000 or so to reward most of our borrowers and our active usage debit cardholders. We do, of course, have to be somewhat selective about choosing the parameters of the program; as with most anything else, it's not a world of infinite resources we live in. However, unlike banks, we actually seek to minimize our bottom line, not maximize it as some (most?) banks do, or as an unscrupulous used car salesman might. It is our mission to improve our members' financial lives, and our very popular Return of Value programs, for the obvious reason of giving you monetary values back that you weren't expecting, helps us do exactly that. This is one more positive proof that we walk our talk; we are a financial cooperative owned by our members, and we act accordingly.

As to our actions being a true reflection of our Credit Union's business philosophy, it is important that credit unions continue to be income and sales tax exempt, just as the Federal Credit Union Act of 1934 enacted. Should I write to you again and ask you to contact your elected representatives in Washington, DC, I would greatly appreciate your help. Again. Remember, should you have interactions with our federal representatives, we have proven time and again that credit unions return much more in superior/extra monetary values to our member-owners than the equivalent value of our income and sales tax exemptions. Much more than banks, that is. The credit union industry does this even before credit unions such as FIGFCU carry out the above-mentioned, additional Return of Value programs. Once we feel we have a prudent profit, coupled with sufficient net worth, we will give the excess back to you.

While we do serve a few other select employer groups, Farmers Insurance people (employees, agents, retirees, and all their family members) comprise about 98% of our membership. No other financial institution is in business to expressly serve the needs of the Farmers family. Please remember to sign on to PC-TIED Online Banking, to review all your account transactions about once a week. You can help us keep potential fraud from occurring. We appreciate your business.

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Budget and save when you can to make more than the minimum payment

When you make the minimum payment on credit cards, you continue to rack up interest charges which may lengthen the time you pay down your debt, which can be counter-productive. With the money you save on your weekly budget, discount shopping, and consolidation payments, you should be able to make larger payments and pay down the debt quicker. There are many ways to make extra cash and save every penny – get a part-time job, work overtime, or sell some stuff. Or you can use your "extra" income such as raises, bonuses and or gift money you received over the holidays. Crack open that piggy bank, where you have been saving your pennies for a rainy day. Now is the time to use that money. Put every cent you have towards that debt. If you have an excessive amount of change, take it to your credit union or bank and cash it in.

#### Shop frugal

Put yourself on a tight budget by creating a weekly or monthly plan and notating all your spending to keep track of your expenses. Buy only discounted merchandise and bargain your way to a great deal. Get in the habit of using coupons and shopping second hand when you can. And, of course all the money you save should be applied towards paying down your debt.

#### Use your support group

If you are comfortable with the idea, tell your family and friends about your budget and savings plan so they are behind you 100% of the way. Your friends and family will understand and can help you fulfill your plan. Perhaps you can partner up with a friend and work on your debt reduction plan together. Tag teaming with someone else who is also in your shoes can help you motivate one another and reach your goals together. Don't be afraid to reach out to a friend and ask. It can be a win-win situation for both of you.

Whatever you do, take control of your financial life and wipe your debt clean this year. MM

# Bring your own financing to the dealership!

Automakers are offering some of their highest incentives at the beginning of the year for shoppers who want to get a sweet deal on a new car for 2014. And, it pays to shop around for the lowest interest rate on your auto loan.

### Did you know that credit unions tend to be 1 percent to 1.5 percent lower than most banks and car dealerships?

Yes, that's right; credit unions are competitive and offer a great deal, if not the best deal, for loans. For example, if you have a 60-month loan, assuming \$30,000 financed, the average rate at credit unions is 2.73 percent vs. 3.98 percent at banks. Over the life of the

loan that's about \$1,000 savings! Also, some credit unions offer certain discounts, rebates, and bonuses on auto loans when you apply and get funded through that credit union. Plus, you have a better chance of having your loan approved at a credit union.

According to Credit Union National Association (CUNA), nearly one-third of folks in the United States belong to a credit union, and a lot of those memberships started with an auto loan.

## In the market for a new home in 2014?

Shopping for a new home, but not sure if you're ready for the long haul? An Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) might be right for you!

An Adjustable Rate Mortgage features an initial fixed interest rate period, typically anywhere from one to five years. Once the introductory fixed rate ends, the interest rate is adjusted - usually once per year, every year, until the term of the loan expires. The adjustments are made based on current market conditions, but

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there is usually a cap in place to keep the rate from going too high.

There are several advantages to an ARM, including having a lower initial fixed interest rate than

In the end, it's important to get to know your financial institution and the products and services they provide to save you money.



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a standard fixed rate mortgage, which means lower monthly payments during the initial fixed rate period.

#### An Adjustable Rate Mortgage could be a great option if you:

Are looking for a starter home—if you're in the market for a "short term" home loan, an ARM could be a good option for you. Relocate frequently—if you're moving often because of work, or active military duty, an ARM could be an ideal choice with lower initial payments.

Expect to increase your income in the next few years—if you're anticipating a rise in your income in the next few years, an ARM offers lower initial payments so you can save money now. Want to save money upfront—if you're a financially savvy borrower and want to save money now, an ARM could be a great option. You could put money away to invest in your next home, or use the money to achieve other goals; just be sure to keep the fixed rate term in mind.

Many people benefit from Adjustable Rate Mortgages. As always, it's best to do your research and find out what type of mortgage loan works best for your situation. So shop for a loan and a home - your research will pay off. MM

# **Notice of Annual Meeting**

#### Please mark your calendar Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. PT **Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union** 4601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 110, Los Angeles, CA

All members are invited to Farmers Insurance Group Federal Credit Union's (the "Credit Union's") Annual Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. PT. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Credit Union's headquarters, located at 4601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 110, in Los Angeles, California.

Members will have a chance to meet the staff and officials who make our Credit Union work. The Credit Union will provide reports on our current financial status, our plans for the future, and announce the results of our election.

#### **Notice of Nominees**

The Credit Union's Board of Directors has appointed a nominating committee to nominate at least one (1) nominee for each vacancy in accordance with the Bylaws. Under the Credit Union's Bylaws nominating policy, the nine (9) members of the Board of Directors should consist of the following:

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of individuals with a solid business cross-section from various fields of expertise. Further, and in particular, the Board shall represent the Farmers agency force, all retirees, and Farmers corporate employees.

In accordance with the nominating policy under the Bylaws, the members of the Nominating Committee for the 2014 Credit Union Election have nominated four (4) candidates on the ballot roster for four (4) open positions on the Board of Directors. Unless there are additional candidates nominated by petition, the four (4) candidates nominated by the nominating committee will serve on the Board of Directors. Three (3) of the nominees will each serve for three (3) year terms, while Mr. Trevino was appointed to complete the remainder of Laszlo Heredy's term, until April of 2015.

If there are additional nominations by petition, there will be an election by mail ballot. In that case, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the election will each serve their appropriate terms.

The four (4) candidates selected by the Nominating Committee are set forth on the attached statement of gualifications and biographical data.

#### **Petition for Nomination**

Any member who wishes to petition for nomination to serve on the Board of Directors may do so by submitting a petition for nomination with the original signatures of at least 430 Credit Union members no later than 3:30 p.m. PT on Friday, March 14, 2014. Each nominee by petition must submit a signed certificate stating that the nominee is agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected. The nominee should include a statement of qualifications and biographical data with his or her certificate. Anyone wishing to use the petition process should contact Gladys Garcia at the Credit Union at 323.209.6006. A posting of all nominees will be made at each Credit Union branch by Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Please note that there will be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting because nominations are only permitted by petition or by the Nominating Committee.

#### **Voting Procedure**

As noted above, the Nominating Committee has nominated one (1) candidate for each position to be filled on the Board of Directors. If the Credit Union receives one (1) or more additional, valid petitions for nomination, there will be more nominees than positions to be filled. In that case there will be an election.

An election, if necessary, will be determined by plurality vote and will be conducted by mail ballot, which will be mailed on or about Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

