

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

### Patriot's Day

Monday April 17th

### Memorial Day

Monday May 29th

### Juneteenth

Monday June 19th

### Independence Day

Tuesday July 4th

## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

### Kristina Hall

*Executive Assistant/  
Collections Manager*  
Pittsfield ..... 30 years

### Sandra Braley

*Member Service Specialist*  
Pittsfield ..... 28 years

### Jim Lemieux

*President*  
..... 25 years

### Kelley Carter

*Executive Vice President*  
..... 15 years

### Ashlee Brown

*Receptionist*  
..... 15 year

### Shannon Young

*Receptionist*  
Pittsfield ..... 13 year

### Mitchell Hallee

*Loan Officer*  
Pittsfield ..... 5 years

### Nicole Robinson

*Member Specialist  
Supervisor*  
..... 4 year

### Erin Francis

*Member Service Specialist*  
Pittsfield ..... 1 year

## SVFCU Annual Meeting — Celebrating 70 Years!

Please join our staff and board members as we celebrate Sebasticook Valley FCU's 70th year in business at our Annual Meeting on Wednesday April 12, 2023 at our Newport Branch. You will have the opportunity to mingle with fellow members, ask any questions you may have about your credit union, and learn how well your credit union did this past year. Members, at the annual meeting, elect fellow members to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors consists of members that volunteer their time to oversee the operation of the credit union. We welcome your comments and participation at this very important event! There will be light refreshments served and some free giveaways for all that attend, as well as some great door prizes!

We will be presenting area food pantries and organization that help those that are food insecure with checks from the proceeds of the Maine Credit Unions' Ending Hunger in Maine Campaign. Sebasticook Valley FCU, with the help of their staff and very generous members, was able to raise over \$32,000 in 2022 for this campaign.



## Sebasticook Valley FCU Annual Meeting Wednesday April 12, 2023, 5:30 PM, Newport Branch

## Remembering George L Lougee 1936-2023

**Sebasticook Valley FCU would like to pay tribute to George L Lougee, Chairman of the SVFCU Supervisory Committee. George served as a volunteer on this committee for 19 years. He was a staunch supporter of our credit union and the communities that we serve. We spotlighted George in the Fall of 2021 SVFCU Newsletter. Here it is again for anyone that missed it:**

George Lougee—County Boy, born in Houlton, Maine, Aroostook County. Circumstances prevailed that George has been on his own since he was 13 years old. In spite of that George was able to graduate from Houlton High School. He left Houlton in 1958 to pursue a career in Radiography at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

George became Director of Radiology Services at Symmes Hospital in Arlington, MA in 1972. While there he served on several committees. He was a member of the original committee to write the State Licensure Bill for Massachusetts. George was on the Stow, MA Board of Appeals for many years. He also won the Stow election to be on the towns' Electric Committee, which he served and was re-elected.

George retired as Associate Director, Radiology Services for Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, MA. In 1999 he returned to Maine, settling in Newport. In his retirement George has served on multiple committees—Newport Recreation Department, Newport Budget Committee, President of the Sebasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce, two terms on the RSU #19 School Board, and of course, George has served on the Sebasticook Valley Federal Credit Union's Supervisory Committee since 2004.

**We are grateful for the service and support that George provided to Sebasticook Valley FCU over the last 19 years. He will be missed.**



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### HOURS

#### MONDAY

Drive-up: 9:00A.M.–5:00P.M.  
Lobby: 9:00A.M.–5:00P.M.

#### TUESDAY–FRIDAY

Drive-up: 8:00A.M.–5:00P.M.  
Lobby: 9:00A.M.–5:00P.M.

#### SATURDAY

##### Newport

Drive-up:  
8:00A.M.–12:00P.M.  
Lobby: 9:00A.M.–12:00P.M.

##### Pittsfield

Drive-up:  
8:00A.M.–12:00P.M.  
Lobby: Closed

[www.svfcume.com](http://www.svfcume.com)



## Exciting News!

Sebasticook Valley FCU is in the process of implementing a new online banking platform! Our new, enhanced, online banking platform will offer more conveniences, and a seamless integration with the mobile banking platform! This should be ready to roll out to our members sometime in mid to late June. Stay tuned to your email for more updates!

How can you help with the transition to the new online banking platform? You can make sure that we have your updated email address and phone numbers! This new platform will require a new logon, so it is imperative that we have your correct email address and phone numbers so that you can set up your accounts on the new, enhanced online banking platform. You cannot change your email address over the phone—either stop in to either of our branches, or you can change this information under the PROFILE tab when you are logged into our current online banking platform at [www.svfcume.com](http://www.svfcume.com).

## Keep Your Digital Payments Safe

Worried that digital payments are risky? Actually, it's quite the opposite. They come with multiple features that combat fraud, including encrypted data so your credit or debit card number aren't transmitted. Follow these simple rules to keep your digital transactions safe.

**Create a different password for each account.** In case of a data breach, a hacker won't be able to access all of your accounts.

**Sign up and use free security features.** Using two-factor authorization may be a nuisance, but it makes it very difficult to steal your account information. Employ fingerprint or face scans to protect your phone and mobile wallet.

**Regularly monitor your accounts.** At least once a month, review all the transactions in your checking, credit card, and money-transfer services and report any suspicious activity.

**Only send money to people you know and trust.** Never use a P2P app like Venmo or Zelle to pay a stranger or an unfamiliar business, especially if your only contact with them is online.

~Source: AARP

## Stop elder fraud from cheating a loved one

Every year crooks bombard older Americans with sweepstake scams, junk mail, phony investment schemes, bogus charity fundraisers, Medicare fraud, and predatory reverse mortgages. Scammers with their con games and hoaxes cost people over 60 billions of dollars every year.

Older folks often don't want to admit they may have been victimized. According to AARP, there are several telltale signs to watch for:

1. Money and valuables are disappearing for no good reason.
2. Bills aren't being paid, and a parent seems confused about his or her finances.
3. The parent is secretive about money and says he or she needs more. There may be strange credit card charges.
4. A family member won't answer questions about your parent's money.
5. Someone new befriends your parent and manages to take joint title to accounts and property.



To help seniors and their service providers – financial advisors, physicians, employees of financial institutions, and caregivers – recognize common types of fraud, two government agencies have created a free training module called “Money Smart for Older Adults.” Jointly developed by the FDIC and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, it's available on the [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov) website.