

# Annual Report

2023

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## Agenda

Welcome, Steven M. Walsh, Chairman, Board of Directors

Call of Meeting, Steven M. Walsh

Roll Call, Ira Novoselsky

Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting, Ira Novoselsky

Chairman's Report, Steven M. Walsh

Audit Committee Report, Paul Amirault

Treasurer's Report, C. David Surface

President's Report, C. David Surface

Old Business, Steven M. Walsh

New Business, Steven M. Walsh

Reporting of Nominating Committee, Ira Novoselsky

Vote to Ratify Acts of Directors

Vote to Ratify Director's Expenses

Vote to Adopt Loan Limits Prescribed by

Massachusetts General Laws

Good of the Order, Kathleen D. Donahue

Adjournment

## Our Mission

Our mission is to fulfill the diverse needs of our membership with the utmost integrity and privacy, to be a positive contributor to our community and to support a mentoring environment for all employees.



## A Letter from the President

#### Dear Loyal Member,

This year marks the celebration of 113 years of dedicated service to our members and communities at St. Jean's Credit Union. I extend my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our credit union. With a stellar team and a commitment to excellence, St. Jean's has concluded the year on a stronger note than ever before.

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude and anticipation for the opportunities the new year holds. It is a time to express appreciation for positive moments and acknowledge those who have contributed to our success. In line with our ongoing efforts to invest in the fabric of our community, I am thrilled to welcome members from Greater Salem Employees Federal Credit Union (Greater Salem), following a successful merger on June 1, 2023.

The merger with Greater Salem was seamless, as both credit unions share common values of excellence, honesty, and quality member service. I acknowledge that you have choices in selecting your financial partner, and I am thankful that you continue to choose St. Jean's.

As we continue to expand, we recognize the importance of enhancing convenience for our members. With the merger, we have added an ATM machine at 10 Colonial Ave in Salem, providing more accessibility to cash. Additionally, a free-standing ATM Kiosk inside the Port Plaza Shopping Center offers both members and non-members a secure environment for cash transactions.

At St. Jean's, we believe our value extends beyond low fees and competitive rates. While we excel in providing access, convenience, and exceptional service, what truly sets us apart is our impact on the lives of our members and the communities we serve daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly.

In the face of rising interest rates in 2023, we remained committed to assisting members with real estate, vehicle, and student loan financing. Our investments in individuals resulted in \$25 Million in real estate loans, \$14 Million in vehicle loans, and \$5 Million in Student Choice education loans.

Celebrating our fourteenth year of providing interactive financial education, we were delighted to return to the classroom, partnering with Lynn and Revere Public Schools. Through the CU4-Reality curriculum, we empowered fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students with the foundational knowledge for a financially savvy future.

St. Jean's Credit Union remains steadfast in its commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of our members and our community. The accomplishments of 2023 are a testament to the dedication of our hardworking team and our unwavering commitment to our mission of serving our membership.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the Staff of St. Jean's Credit Union, we wish you happiness and success in the new year.

Sincerely,

C. David Surface President & CEO

### A Letter from the Chair, Board of Directors

Following years of disruption to typical business practices, 2023 was a year of renewal and opportunity and I am incredibly proud of what the St. Jean's team accomplished. That's not to say it wasn't without its hardship as we battled inflation, increasing interest rates, and an unsettled market. But in the face of it all, the team added 1,300 new members, opened services, and completed another essential merger increasing our asset size and expanding the reach of critical services.

We at St. Jean's continue to lead the way in community-based financial services while displaying incredible growth. As the state's first credit union, that has taken shape in many different ways over the years.

Additionally, the St. Jean's Credit Union team and Board worked impressively to finalize the merger of Greater Salem Employees Federal Credit Union with and into St. Jean's while securing a new location for the Newburyport Branch.

In an effort to continue providing services for members both physically and financially, St. Jean's opened two new ATM (Automated Teller Machines) machines in 2023. The first in Salem to support the addition of new members from the merger with Greater Salem Employees Federal Credit Union. The second is a freestanding kiosk located at the Port Plaza Shopping Center in Newburyport. The team continues to listen and respond to the needs of its community, which is particularly admirable at a time when physical services are dwindling.

St. Jean's is experienced in adapting to new environments, which is why it should come as no surprise that the team is investigating the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the website and phone system. The team at St. Jean's is carefully considering how to use this tool to benefit members, increase reach, and continue the same high-level, personal experience that its community is accustomed to.

Looking ahead to 2024, I'm enthusiastic about collaborating with the St. Jean's team and the Board of Directors to establish best-in-class practices as Massachusett's first credit Union.

On behalf of the St. Jean's Board of Directors, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the employees and valued members for your support and dedication.

Thank you,

Steven M. Walsh Chair, Board of Directors



## Service Awards

Deborah Berube 5 years **Nelson Chavez** 5 years Melissa Picanco 5 years Stephen Pedro 5 years Jane Rosenthal 5 years Julia Fahey 10 years Jean Paul Delly 15 years Carolina Martinez 15 years Ann Tilt 15 years Heidi Sarro 20 years **Enoy Souvannasy** 20 years Wanda Roland 25 years Kathleen Donahue 30 years Esther Cheltenham 35 years Stephanie Papoulias 35 years



C. David Surface
Kathleen D. Donahue
Deborah Berube
Nicole Cokorogianis
Amy Delaney
Donna Infantino
Lila Kanj
Renee Kelleher
John Kingston

Kathryn MacDonald

James Metcalf Christopher Nardone Aline Pavao Stephen Pedro

Maria Sanchez
Nicole Silva
Enoy Souvannasy
Jessica Westbrook

### **Board of Directors**

Steven M. Walsh, Chair
Paul Amirault
George Anzuoni
Joy Livramento-Bryant
Cheryl Crounse
Shawn Newton
Ira Novoselsky
Lawrence Rausch
Stephen F. Salvo
Timothy P. Shea

C. David Surface



Airelle Adamson
Taylor Ashley
Joyce Beltram
Maha Bensitel
Roger Buenrostro
Meaghan Caponigro
Anabel Carrasco
Amanda Castillo
Nelson Chavez
Esther Cheltenham
Jean Paul Delly
Alia DePina
Barbara Eydenberg
Julia Fahey
Elmer Fajardo

Marsha Feldman
Linda Gilberg
Robin Lermond
Cole MacCarthy

Sherry McGrath
Nicole MacTaggart
Carolina Martinez
Colleen Nardone
Isabella Newman

Jill Norton

Stephanie Papoulias

Erica Phelan

Melissa Picanco

Heidi Pina

Sayira Polanco

Kerry Raia

Deirdre Ridge

Cristal Rijo-Garcia

Walter Rodriguez

Wanda Roland

Minerva Rosario

Jane Rosenthal

Elizabeth Rossi

Heidi Sarro Nayeli Silva

Amanda Stoddart

Ann Tilt

Katherine Townsend

Steven P. Walsh

Linda Wiggin

Ashley Worthylake

Rebecca Young

Judy Zolla

# Demographics

Total Members	19,261
Revere	3,324
Seaport	3,243
Newburyport	2,882
Salem	2,963
Lynn	6,849



As Massachusetts' First Credit Union, we utilize our six locations throughout Essex, Middlesex & Suffolk Counties of the Commonwealth to service our membership.





### **Donations & Sponsorships**

A Bed for Every Child

America's Credit Union Museum

Anna Jaques Community Health Foundation

Anna Jaques Hospital

**Aspire Development Services** 

Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America

Bishop Fenwick High School

**Boston Cardiac Foundation** 

**Boston Crusaders** 

Bridgewell

Camp Fire North Shore

Camp Rotary, Lynn

Citizens Inn

City of Lynn

City of Lynn, Fireworks Fund

City of Salem

Cooperative Credit Union

Association

Credit Union Kids at Heart

East Boston Central Catholic School

Freedom Fish, Lynn

Garfield Middle School

Garfield Middle School Auction

Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce

**Greater Lynn Senior Services** 

Inspire Arts & Music

Irish American Police Officers of

MA Pipe & Drum

Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation

Knights of Pythias

**Leap for Education** 

Lincoln-Thomson PTO

Lincoln-Thomson School Field Day

Lucy's Love Bus

Lynn Boys & Girls Club

Lynn Community Health

Lynn Fire and Police Family

Lynn Firefighters Charity Golf Tournament

Lynn Football Program Luncheon

Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development

Lynn Museum

Lynn Police

Lynn Police Relief Association

Lynn Rams

Lynn Rotary

**Lynn Special Games** 

Lynn Vocational and Technical High School

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress

Mass Badge Foundation

Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union

MSA | Medical Services of America Hospice

**MSPCA** 

My Brother's Table

Neighborhood Developers

Neurofibromatosis Inc. Northeast

Newburyport Chamber of Commerce

North Shore Education Consortium

**NSCC Foundation** 

Our Neighbor's Table

Peabody Youth Football Cheering

REAL Program / Lynn Literacy

Revere / Everett Youth Hockey

Revere Youth Baseball

ROOT, Salem, MA

Salem Beautification Committee

Salem Boys and Girls Club

Salem Chamber of Commerce

Salem High School Drama

Salem Main Streets

Salem Parks and Recreation

Salem State University

Salesian Boys and Girls Club

Shoemaker School Sponsorship

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

St. Pius School & Parish

Timmy's Angels

Tri-County North Chapter

**Turning Point** 

**Wyoma Lions Club** 

Wyoma Little League

YWCA of Greater Newburyport

## The St. Jean's Credit Union Charitable Foundation

#### Strengthening Communities Through Giving

As Massachusetts first credit union, St. Jean's Credit Union and the St. Jean's Credit Union Charitable Foundation's core purpose remains the same, to inspire kindness and generosity, volunteer when and where we can, and work to support organizations in our communities that improve lives through financial well-being, holding true to our mission of "Strengthening Communities Through Giving."

As we complete our sixth year, we remain committed to our employees, members, and community, bringing together the resources to help make financial lives better. We continue to develop and promote partnerships with nonprofit organizations to help improve the economic condition in low- and moderate-income communities.

Our vision remains true to the credit union motto, "people helping people," as we strive to build and support a community where neighbors and neighborhoods live well, learn more and thrive.

The St. Jean's Credit Union Charitable Foundation launched in 2018 and has donated over \$175,000 in charitable gifts. In 2023, the foundation awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to high school seniors who have chosen to further their education.

Through our partnerships, we focus on diversity, equality and inclusion enabling all of our members to reach their financial goals.

### Comparative Statement of Financial Condition

TOTAL ASSETS	\$334,286,442	\$367,484,67
Other Assets	\$13,146,615	\$15,135,45
Accrued Income	\$863,614	\$1,222,16
Furniture & Equipment	\$831,606	\$923,81
Leasehold Improvements	\$3,992,541	\$3,800,04
Land & Building	\$3,061,393	\$3,264,78
Investments	\$74,449,888	\$80,707,74
Less Allowance Loan Losses	<\$905,932>	<\$1,361,814
Loans to Members	\$220,170,888	\$243,116,04
Cash	\$18,675,829	\$20,676,44
	Audited 2022	Audited 2023

LIABILITIES		
Shares	\$122,469,875	\$113,155,637
Share Drafts	\$48,364,412	\$49,570,387
Clubs	\$160,957	\$185,069
Certificates	\$63,085,192	\$97,649,763
Money Markets	\$42,657,378	\$33,275,546
IRAs	\$12,969,281	\$14,340,786
Accounts Payable	\$1,727,352	\$2,289,838
Other Liabilities	\$16,058,610	\$27,125,415
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$307,493,057	\$337,592,441

EQUITY		
Regular Reserve	\$2,785,331	\$2,785,331
Undivided Earnings	\$24,008,054	\$27,106,904
Total Equity	\$26,793,385	\$29,892,235
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$334,286,442	\$367,484,676

### Comparative Statement of Income & Expenses

INCOME		
	Audited 2022	Audited 2023
Interest on Loans	\$8,626,767	\$12,175,393
Income from Investments	\$1,468,710	\$2,609,359
Other Operating Income	\$2,183,449	\$2,899,745
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,278,926	\$17,684,497

EXPENSES		
	Audited 2022	Audited 2023
Salary & Benefits	\$5,244,872	\$6,043,043
Building Occupancy	\$1,334,031	\$1,326,618
Office Operating Expenses	\$2,360,610	\$2,290,941
Other Operating Expenses	\$251,783	\$914,044
Provision for Loan Losses	\$121,945	\$519,104
Provision for Unfunded Commitments	-	\$37,001
Provision for Investment Losses	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	\$9,313,241	\$11,130,751
Dividend & Interest Expense	\$1,107,046	\$4,174,650
Other Gain (Loss)	\$2,267	\$22,230
NET INCOME	\$1,860,906	\$2,401,326

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### **Organizations & Activities**

**Autism Society** 

Bishop Fenwick High School Alumni Association

Cooperative Credit Union Association, Massachusetts

CUNA Human Resources Training & Development Council Lincoln-Thomson Elementary School Council Business Partner

Lynn Business Partnership

Lynn Celebrate Literacy Day Committee

Lynn Lions Club



CUNA Marketing & Business Development Council

CUNA Operations, Sales & Service Council

CU4Reality Financial Literacy Program, Garfield Middle School, Revere

CU4Reality Financial Literacy Program, Lincoln-Thomson School, Lynn

Girls Inc. of Lynn

Lincoln-Thomson Elementary School Reading Program Lynn Rotary Club

My Brother's Table Volunteer Service

Newburyport Chamber of Commerce, Membership Committee

**Newburyport Rotary** 

**Real Solutions** 

Salem Chamber of Commerce

Salem State University Alumni Association and Foundation, Board of Directors

Tri County North Chapter, Board of Directors



### **Select Employee Groups**

**Advanced Urethane Technologies** 

Anna Jaques Hospital

Aviv, Peabody

**Beverly Hospital** 

Blaire House of Tewksbury

Bishop Fenwick High School

**Bourneuf Corporation** 

Bradford & Bigelow

Cassidy Brothers Forge

City of Lynn Employees

City of Salem Employees

City of Revere Employees

Comfort Inn, Revere

City of Newburyport Employees

Diane's Fine Desserts

**Dugan Supply** 

Electronic Products, Inc.

ENPRO Services, Inc.

Essex Engineering, Inc.

**Essex Group Management** 

Essex Park Rehabilitation

& Nursing Home

**General Linen** 

**Geonautics Manufacturing** 

Home Health VNA

**Horst Sterling Machine Company** 

H.P. Hood

Lexington Healthcare

Life Care Center of the North Shore

Lynn Home for Elderly Persons

**Lynn Housing Authority** 

Lynn Retirement

Lynn Water and Sewer

Masconomet Healthcare Center

M & H Engineering

Mirra Corporation

Northeast ARC

Northeast EDM

**NSMC Salem Hospital** 

**Opportunity Works** 

Peabody Glen Healthcare Center

Port Healthcare Center

**Revere Retirement** 

Riverside Veterinary Clinic

Starensier

Town of Newbury Employees

Town of Topsfield Employees

Town of Swampscott Employees

**Turning Point** 

**Union Specialties** 

## Member Benefits

Freedom Phone

Loan Life Insurance

Loan Disability Insurance

Mortgage Life Insurance

Money Orders and Treasurers Checks

**Notary Service** 

Signature Guarantee

**ACH Transactions** 

Wire Transfers

#### **Deposit Services**

Share Savings Account

NOW Checking Account

Money Market Account

Wired Checking

Mobile DeposZip

Freshman5 Account

Debit/ATM Card

**Term Certificate** 

Account

Individual Retirement

Account

Holiday & Vacation

Club Accounts

### **Business Deposit Services**

Share Draft Business Account

Money Market Account Night Depository Online Statements

Individual Retirement Plans

Merchant Bankcard Services

### Business Lending Services

Lines of Credit

Term Loans

Commercial Real Estate

**Business Credit Cards** 

#### **Electronic Services**

stjeans@home

STJ Mobile Application

Text & Mobile Banking

Online Statements

Bill Pay & Presentment

Card Valet

#### **Lending Services**

**Share Secured** 

Personal Loans

New & Used Vehicle

Loans

1st Mortgage Equity

Builder Program

1st & 2nd Mortgages

Home Improvement Loan

Home Equity Line of

Credit

K-12 Loan

Fuel Loan

**Revolving Credit** 

Overdraft Protection

Line of Credit

Credit Card

Student Loans



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Operations Center
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Revere Branch Wonderland Marketplace 171 VFW Parkway Revere, MA 02151 781.284.1550 Revere High School Branch 101 School Street Revere, MA 02151 781.739.2837

Seaport Branch 336 Lafayette Street Salem, MA 01970 978.744.1153

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