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Congratulations Rona

First Trust is honored to announce our Supervisory

SCHOLARSHIP

Committee Chairperson, Rona Edquist, received the annual *Leadership Achievement Award* from the Indiana Credit Union League recognizing over 30 years of dedicated service to First Trust, and her strong belief in the values and philosophy of credit unions. Edquist is a native resident of Chesterton, Indiana and spent her career as an elementary teacher. After retiring in the 80's, Edquist saw a way to stay "busy" by joining the

Supervisory Committee at First Trust. "I was appointed Chairperson right away by *process of elimination* really", she said as she chuckled. Edquist explained that the Supervisory Committee is the *'watch dog'* of the credit union, making sure everything runs smoothly. "We are the liaison between the members and the credit union, making sure everybody's assets are well taken care of," she explained. The committee performs many duties to "check" the procedures of everyday financial processes such as cash counts, reviewing loans, verifying account information, and working with financial auditors. Edquist says she enjoys both the employees and the members at First Trust, and she has been and will remain very passionate about the credit union movement.

2018 Calendar

October 2018

NEW! Veterans Day Monday - November 12, CLOSED

Thanksgiving Thursday - November 22nd, CLOSED

Christmas Eve Monday - December 24th (Closing at 1:00 p.m.)

Christmas Day Tuesday - December 25th, CLOSED

New Year's Eve Monday - December 31st, (Closing at 3:00 p.m.)

New Year's Day Tuesday - January 1, 2019 CLOSED

> The Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA) prohibits commercial account members from using their account for illegal transactions under applicable federal, state, or local law.

> > **NEW!** VETERANS DAY Offices will be CLOSED Monday, November 12th

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First Trust would like to recognize & thank all veterans and their families for their service & their sacrifices that provide the freedom(s) that we enjoy everyday in our great country.



First Trust will host a week-long celebration October 15th - 20th, with Thursday the 18th being the official International Credit Union Day, when more than 56,000 credit unions around the world will celebrate the foundational principles that make credit unions unique. Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives guided by nine principles, including democratic control, social responsibility, and returning profits to their members. First Trust will celebrate their *"People Helping People"* philosophy that has helped people with all their financial needs, and strengthened communities all over the globe. Stop by any of our First Trust branch locations and celebrate with us all week long, October 15th - 20th!

\$8,000 in Scholarships for 2019 Grads

Eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships will be available again in 2019 to graduating high school seniors who are members or become new members. Information and applications will be made available online and in school guidance offices beginning November 1, 2018.





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