

Lending a Hand in Times of Need



David W. Mooney
President/CEO

Anyone who has followed the news broadcasts in the aftermath of the recent hurricanes could not help but be moved by the horrific images of destruction and human anguish. For most of us, the prospect of being without shelter, food, water, security—the most basic of life’s necessities—is unimaginable. As the victims and observers attempt to respond to the crisis, Alliant and its employees are trying to do their part to help those in desperate need.

To provide immediate financial relief to Alliant members and employees of partner organizations, Alliant has activated the Emergency Assistance Program. Under the program, members and potential members directly impacted by the disasters will have payments on existing consumer and credit card loans deferred for six months, and may restructure mortgage loans to reduce or defer payments. We are also offering low rate emergency loans of \$1,500, with expedited application and processing, eased requirements, and no payments for six months. An emergency relief support team and dedicated phone line have been established to assist members in need. The Emergency Assistance Program has also been extended to relief workers who are graciously giving their time to ease the pain of these natural disasters.

Alliant will be as responsive and accommodating as possible in assisting members who may encounter problems as a result of the disasters, including waiving overdraft fees, replacing lost ATM cards, and helping anyway we can. In addition, now through November 30, 2005 for every Alliant first mortgage closed, we will donate \$100 to Habitat for Humanity for hurricane relief.

Alliant employees have also mobilized to help the many people struggling to rebuild shattered lives. We are matching employees’ contributions (up to \$100 per employee) to the Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Staff from our TeleCenter are manning the phones at the Salvation Army emergency disaster facility in Elk Grove, Illinois. And, along with United Reservations employees, Alliant employees are collecting clothing, toiletries and other essentials for displaced Gulf Coast residents relocated to the Maryville Academy outside of Chicago.

Even as we reel from the scope of the hurricane destruction, we take comfort from the caring, compassionate response of so many, and from the knowledge that the human spirit is capable of overcoming great trials.

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A Great Way to Save for Tomorrow... Today

An IRA is one of the most advantageous retirement savings vehicles available. With Alliant’s IRA products, including Traditional, Roth, and Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, your funds earn the same unbeatable dividends as our regular savings and compound over time on a tax-deferred basis with great benefits such as: no minimum balance, no annual maintenance fee, potential tax deductions, and more. If you don’t have an Alliant IRA, open one today and get on track to achieve your retirement dream. We can accept a direct rollover from a qualified plan or transfer from another IRA.

To request an Alliant IRA Packet, visit our web site or call us today.

WHY SHOULD YOU START SAVING EARLY?

- Financial experts estimate that you may need at least 80% of your pre-retirement income, just to maintain your pre-retirement lifestyle
- With life expectancies in the U.S. topping an age of 77 years, your retirement savings may need to last 30 years or more
- The strained Social Security system may only provide a portion of that amount, if any at all

office closings

Alliant will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Columbus Day – October 10
- Thanksgiving Day – November 25
- Day After Thanksgiving – November 26
- Day After Christmas – December 26

For your convenience, SkyBranch®, SST and ATMs will be available.

Alliant members receive **15% OFF** all flowers and gifts at



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financial update

AUGUST	2005	2004
Net Assets	\$4,323,756,579	\$4,343,204,514
Total Loans	\$2,127,997,236	\$1,863,759,049
Total Deposits	\$3,707,963,941	\$3,764,249,046
Total Reserves	\$575,147,080	\$543,438,746
Total Primary Members	188,279	173,679



mortgage loan rates

AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Type	Interest Rate	APR*	Points
First Mortgages			
1/1 ARM	3.750%	6.353%	0
3/1 ARM	4.500%	6.148%	0
5/1 ARM	4.875%	6.014%	0
7/1 ARM	5.125%	5.936%	0
10/1 ARM	5.500%	5.962%	0
15-YR. FIXED	5.250%	5.365%	0
30-YR. FIXED	5.750%	5.821%	0
Second/Vacation Homes			
1/1 ARM	4.000%	6.601%	0
3/1 ARM	4.750%	6.394%	0
5/1 ARM	5.125%	6.259%	0
7/1 ARM	5.375%	6.181%	0
10/1 ARM	5.750%	6.209%	0
Home Equity Line of Credit AS low as 6.25% APR			

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Self Service Telephone (SST) 773-462-2100, 800-482-5328 24-hour account access	Mortgage Hotline 800-365-7003 Mon–Th, 7:30am–7pm Central Fri, 7:30am–5pm Central	Alliant Headquarters 11545 W. Touhy Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60666
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dividend rates

THIRD QUARTER	Current Annual Dividend Rate	Effective Annual Percentage Yield (APY)
Share Savings	3.50%	3.55%
IRA	3.50%	3.55%
Traditional, Roth and Coverdell Education Savings Account		
Checking	0.25%	0.25%

Current checking dividend is subject to change monthly.
For current consumer loan rates contact Alliant. Rates, terms and conditions subject to change. Loan approval, APR and downpayment required based on creditworthiness, collateral, payment method and ability to repay. APR=Annual Percentage Rate.
First Mortgages available in all 50 states. Rate 0.25% higher for Jumbo Loans (\$359,650 and more). ARM=Adjustable Rate Mortgage. *The Annual Percentage Rate (APR) assumes a 20% downpayment on a loan amount of \$250,000 with a 30-year term. The results to the left assume an origination fee of \$950 plus \$180 in additional prepaid finance charges plus 15 days of prepaid interest.



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the newsletter for Alliant™ Credit Union members

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happy anniversary Alliant!

Celebrating 70 Years of Service...

OCTOBER 26, 1935 - OCTOBER 26, 2005

1935...

Seventy years ago a group of employees came together and organized the credit union as a benefit where employees could save their money and get a loan at a fair rate. By year end 1935, 146 employees had joined the credit union, assets totaled \$5,088 and 38 loans were granted totaling \$4,210.

Moving forward, the credit union increased in membership and its product and service offerings. In the early nineties, we opened the TeleCenter to provide toll-free personal access to all members. Shortly thereafter, to provide greater member access and more completely serve their needs, we began offering checking accounts, VISA® credit cards, a web site with online banking and bill pay, and more mortgage products with availability in all fifty states.

2005...

With gratitude, we honor our founders for providing us with a strong philosophy to follow. But most of all we owe you, our member-owners, for the incredible success we have achieved over the years. Because of your business and dedication, today we are one of the largest credit unions in the nation and serve over 188,000 members worldwide with \$4.3 billion in assets and \$2.17 billion in loans.



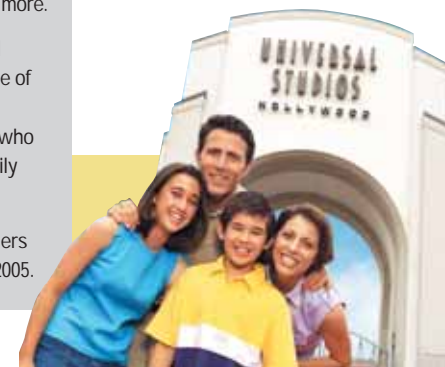
DIVIDEND RATE INCREASE!

third quarter dividend

DECLARED SEPTEMBER 22, 2005
Third Quarter 2005 Savings and IRA Dividend provides an Annual Dividend Rate of 3.50% — Compounded Annual Percentage Yield of 3.55% APY to members who have maintained an average daily balance of \$100 or more.

The Monthly Checking Dividend provides an Annual Dividend Rate of 0.25% — Compounded Annual Percentage Yield of 0.25% APY who have maintained an average daily balance of \$1,000 or more.

Dividends payable to Shareholders on record as of September 30, 2005.



WIN A TRIP TO WORLD FAMOUS UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD...



The Mummy ©2005 Universal Studios.

weekend getaway

Win a Vacation for 4 to World Famous Universal Studios Hollywood...

IN HONOR OF OUR 70 YEARS, WE'RE GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO WIN A WEEKEND GETAWAY

With our savings dividend on the rise, there's never been a better time to encourage your friends and family members to join Alliant and open a savings account. Share the benefits today and let them experience the high savings dividends, great everyday loan rates, exceptional products and services, and personal service you enjoy.

Plus, when they join between October 1 and November 30, 2005, you and the friend(s) or family member(s) you referred will be entered for a chance to win an exciting vacation for 4 to Universal Studios Hollywood. One lucky member will be randomly selected to win a trip to the world's largest movie studio and theme park, Universal Studios Hollywood. From the new Revenge of the Mummy-The Ride to Nickelodeon Blast Zone to the Studio Tour to City Walk...it's all included!

- Four tickets to World Famous Universal Studios Hollywood
- Four roundtrip tickets on United Airlines
- Hotel accommodations for four
- \$1,000 in spending money
- Complimentary Savings Booklet for discounts at restaurants and shops at Universal Studio City Walk
- Free weekend car rental

IT'S EASY TO ENTER...

1. Simply obtain a 70th Anniversary Membership Enrollment Agreement at
 - Your local Service Center, or
 - www.alliantcreditunion.org
2. Pass it along to your family member or friend to complete and return with the initial minimum deposit.

The more new members you refer to join Alliant, the more times you are entered to win. Plus, your referred family member(s) or friend(s) will also receive one automatic entry. **HURRY-all savings accounts must be opened between October 1 and November 30, 2005 to qualify for entry into the weekend getaway to World Famous Universal Studios Hollywood.**

This offer and drawing is being conducted by Alliant Credit Union. Alliant employees, directors and family members of the same household are not eligible to participate. For complete terms and conditions, visit www.alliantcreditunion.org.



Celebrating 70: Your Alliant Story
 "(Your) unbeatable rates are far and away better than anything else out there. I plan on being a member of the Alliant family for life."
 — Housam Falltas



Room for Improvement

IT'S A TOUGH CHOICE FOR A HOMEOWNER



Hey Kids...Color for a Chance to Win Free Money

Help us celebrate our 70th anniversary in color... encourage your children to enter our kidz klub coloring contest. Look for the coloring sheet and entry form in your kidz klub statement, or obtain one from our web site.

Your child's name will be entered in a drawing to win a great prize! For complete terms and conditions refer to the coloring sheet.

Move into a new house, or improve the one you have. It seems so easy to call a realtor and arrange a showing. But your current home has something no new home can offer—equity.

Home equity is on the rise, providing homeowners a ready financing source to turn home sweet home into home sweet dream home. Over the past 10 years, home equity loans have skyrocketed, with Americans borrowing more than \$500 billion.

On average, homeowners spend 18 months planning home improvements. It's time well spent; some renovations pay off better than others. Bathroom and kitchen renovations provide the greatest return, between 90% and 95%. Decks and home offices hold the low end, between 65% and 70%.

As you plan, look beyond your house to your neighborhood. Will renovations put you in a different league—and price range—than your neighbors? Also, keep in mind how long you'll be in your house. If you're going to fix it up and sell in six months, you'll get all the pain of remodeling and not much gain. But if you plan to live in the house more than three years, it makes economic sense to remodel.

HOW DO YOU CALCULATE YOUR AVAILABLE EQUITY?

First step: Say you made a down payment of \$20,000 on a house priced at \$100,000 five years ago. Over the five year period your home's value has increased to \$115,000.

Home purchase	\$100,000
Down payment	(\$20,000)
Principal paid	(\$15,000)

Amount owed on mortgage \$65,000

Second step: Ideally, what you owe on your home—mortgage plus home equity line of credit—shouldn't exceed 90% of your home's value.

90% of \$115,000	=	\$103,500
less amount owed on mortgage		(\$65,000)

Your available home equity \$38,500

For more information or to apply for an Alliant Home Equity Line of Credit, visit our web site or call us today.

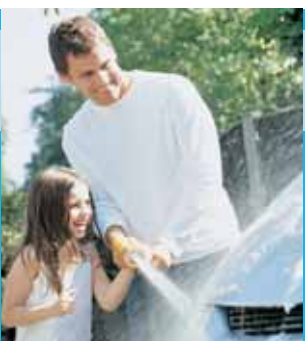
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DRIVE AWAY WITH A GREAT LOAN RATE...

Celebrate Alliant's 70 years with .70% off on an Alliant auto loan

Now through November 30, when you finance a vehicle purchase or refinance a current vehicle loan financed at another institution with Alliant, you'll receive .70% off your standard qualifying rate. Hurry, this special anniversary offer ends November 30, 2005.

Rates as of 9/22/2005: Alliant new car rates as low as 4.5% APR and used car rates as low as 4.90% APR. Rates include automatic payment option. Rates are .4% higher without automatic payment option. Loan approval, APR and downpayment required based on creditworthiness, collateral and ability to repay. Rates terms and conditions subject to change. APR = Annual Percentage Rate.



Heading Off to College

MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to our 2005 Members Scholarship Program Winners!

From hundreds of applications received, the Alliant scholarship committee awarded five Alliant members \$2,000 each in our annual Members Scholarship Program. Each candidate was evaluated and scored on a combination of academic performance, community involvement and statement of personal goals. Applicants also submitted essays about what Alliant membership meant to them, and many offered personal insights into the financial independence they achieved with their Alliant membership.

Congratulations to our five finalists...



Kelly Daumit, a college freshman, attends Seattle University, where she's studying pre-medicine & international studies.



Christopher Wheeler, a college senior, attends Metro State College of Denver, where he's majoring in aviation.



Katharine Marlow, a college freshman, attends Radford University in Radford, VA, where she's studying marketing and public relations.



Belinda Williams, a college senior, attends Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, where she's majoring in English and Spanish.



Dilshad Patel, a college sophomore, attends the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL, where she's studying elementary education.

To view the winning essays, visit the Alliant web site.

Your Alliant Story: Marking 70 Years



Over the years, Alliant has helped countless members save money with a great loan rate or our unbeatable savings dividend. We provided services in times of need and ultimately enabled members to realize their dreams. Here is one example...

"I also will mark 70 years in existence this October. When a youngster, an older man's advice to me was: 'Every time you get a raise, put 1/2 of it in savings, you're still getting a raise.' I did this, and after 40 years with Alliant, the results were unreal. I have always used my CU savings to buy cars, etc. Advice: Have a plan with a good financial institution behind you." — **Harry M. Gates**