



## INSIGHT

### A Few Words From Our CEO

In this month's newsletter, please find information about a new service that we will be helping our member-owners and non-members to learn more about, in order to determine not if, but when this important service is right for you.

In our most recent Strategic Vision Planning Meetings that included input from 15 of our East County educational leaders, it was brought up that many school employees may not know about the importance of Estate Planning, and more importantly, how to know which Estate Planner is right for them.

To serve this need, East County Schools Federal Credit Union has interviewed several local providers of this important service and we have invited one of our two selected referral sources to provide a free seminar here at our office for your benefit.

Ms. Leanne Barbat Maestre, an attorney for Kimball, Tirey & St. John, LLP will be here on April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to share her wealth of experience providing Estate Planning services throughout San Diego County. Her presentation will answer the Who, What, When, Where and Why of your Estate Planning. For some, it is much more than just Wills and Trusts.

I hope to C U here on April 17, 2024.

Steven A. Devan  
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Teachers Mrs. Merry Board and Ms. Robin Larson.

## VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts) at PRIDE Academy in Santee

St. Patrick's Day Jam, Peanut Butter Jam, there's a whole lotta JAMMING going on at this campus! Less than a year after the start of the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program at PRIDE Academy in Santee, the music program has been literally transformed, thanks to VAPA teacher Robin Larson. As written by one of her peers: "Robin's enthusiasm for music education is contagious. She has engaged students from kindergarten to eighth grade with unparalleled passion, fostering a love for music that extends far beyond the classroom. What sets Robin apart is not only her dedication to teaching but also her extraordinary talent for orchestrating memorable performances. The events she has curated showcase the students' musical prowess and bring our community together in a harmonious celebration of the arts. In addition to her teaching prowess, Robin has been a force in securing grants and showcasing her proactive commitment to enhancing our music program. Her relentless efforts in this regard demonstrate a dedication to providing the best possible musical education for our students."

From pumpkin drumming in October, trumpet club, Irish Jigs in March, and instruments from boom whackers to keyboards, there is literally something for every student at PRIDE Academy. We celebrate Robin, and all the VAPA teachers in East County like her, who are working hard every day to bring music to our students and school community.

**SAVE THE DATE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th**

REGISTER AT:



## WILLS & TRUSTS SEMINAR

Estate Planning gives you the power to control who inherits your property and who will care for you and your assets if you become incapacitated, instead of having the law and the court dictate that for you. Avoid significant attorney's fees and costs and a very lengthy process to have your assets transferred to your heirs via probate court by planning in advance. Attend this free seminar to learn the basic components of an estate plan, why each are important, probate, and the practical considerations involved in the creation of an estate plan.

UPCOMING EVENT



1069 Graves Avenue  
El Cajon, CA 92021



Wednesday,  
April 17, 2024  
5:30 p.m.

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Attorney Leanne Barbat Maestre

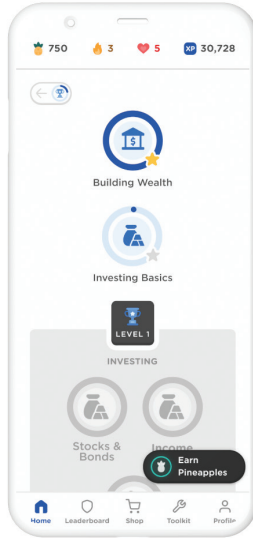
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**Kimball, Tirey & St. John LLP**

## Introducing ZOGO – your ECSFCU personal financial education app!

What is Zogo? It's a gamified financial literacy learning app that rewards users for completing bite-sized lessons. There's something for all ages, 13 and up.

By completing modules, taking interactive five-question quizzes and participating in daily trivia parties, users earn virtual "pineapples" and work toward rewards.

This free financial literacy app has 900+ micro lessons in 20 different categories with real-world personal finance scenarios. Download Zogo on the App Store or get it on Google Play. Check out the mini-lessons, answer questions for points, and watch your name climb the leaderboard.



## Master your Financial Knowledge with **ZOGO**

Use the access code on our website at  
[EastCountySchools.org/Zogo](https://EastCountySchools.org/Zogo)

## Our 2023 Annual Report is Now Available

View and download your copy online at:  
[EastCountySchools.org/Annual-Report](https://EastCountySchools.org/Annual-Report)



*Thomas H. Gould &  
Paul R. Marsh*

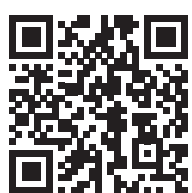
## \$1,000 ECS Scholarships Available

High school seniors who are graduating in 2024 from any high school district and will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college or university this fall are eligible to apply for one of two \$1,000 scholarships. Students who are not ECSFCU primary account holders are eligible to apply if a parent, grandparent, or immediate family member is an ECSFCU member. Selection is based on merit, character and campus/community activities.

### Applications due April 26, 2024

We believe in the power of education to transform lives. ECSFCU is proud to support the bright minds of our members' children and family who are committed to making a positive impact through learning. Apply for our Scholarship today!

Call or Text (619) 588-1515 or visit  
[EastCountySchools.org/scholarship](https://EastCountySchools.org/scholarship)



## Introducing our Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee

Our 2024-25 volunteer Board of Directors are ECSFCU members who are responsible for the general direction and control of the credit union. **Following our February Annual Meeting, our Board includes:**

Paul Schnaubelt, Chairman; Dr. Leo Smith, Vice-Chair; Scott Buxbaum, Treasurer; Natalie Ray, Secretary; and directors Rachel Brandt, Dr. Randy Montesanto and Ken Leighton.

The 2024-25 volunteer Supervisory Committee are ECSFCU members who meet to ensure that the credit union's financial records are in order and that internal controls are in place to protect the assets of the credit union. They are appointed annually by the Board of Directors.

### The committee for 2024-25 are:

Ken Leighton, Chair, and members Alba Orr, Grant Nelson and David Yeager.

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

### Memorial Day

Monday May 27, 2024

### Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

### Independence Day

Thursday, July 4, 2024



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