



# Member Solutions



Banking with purpose,  
building stronger communities.

## 7 17 Credit Union Hosts Second Annual Financial Wellness Night at the Ballpark

Get ready for another unforgettable evening of summer fun!

7 17 Credit Union is thrilled to announce its second annual Financial Wellness Night at the Ballpark, returning to Eastwood Field on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

As part of our continued commitment to community enrichment and financial wellness, **7 17 is once again buying out the ballpark to offer free admission, free parking, entertainment, and refreshments to all attendees.** Last year's event lit up the night sky with the largest fireworks show in Eastwood Field's history. This year, we're raising the bar again by debuting the **first-ever drone light show** at a Mahoning Valley Scrappers game spectacle you won't want to miss!

Fans can enjoy a free hotdog and a free soft drink. Tickets are available exclusively through the Scrappers' box office. And there's an extra perk for our members: by presenting proof of membership (such as a 7 17 debit or credit card or a recent account statement), members can receive premium seating for an even better view of the action.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate community, financial wellness, and summertime fun — on us! We'll see you at the ballpark!



### 7 17 Financial Wellness Night at the Ballpark

Thursday, July 17, 2025  
Eastwood Field — 111 Eastwood Mall Boulevard, Niles, OH 44446  
First pitch at 6:35 p.m. Drone show after the game.

Get all the game updates and information at  
[www.717cu.com/financial-wellness](http://www.717cu.com/financial-wellness)

Check out all the cool photos on our social media accounts!

## 7 17 Credit Union Teams Up with the Mahoning Valley Scrappers

We're proud to announce our new multi-year partnership as the Official Credit Union and Banking Partner of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers! This exciting collaboration reflects our shared commitment to community, youth outreach, and financial wellness across the Valley.



### What to Expect:

- Exclusive giveaways and special savings at Scrappers games
- A revamped Dollar Dog Club for kids, including free game tickets
- The launch of a Scrappers Affinity credit card, giving back 7.17¢ per swipe to support youth programs and improvements at Eastwood Field



- Low introductory rate, and other perks for cardholders

Thank you for supporting our mission to bank with purpose and build stronger communities!

Learn all about the partnership by visiting:  
[www.717cu.com/scrappers-partnership](http://www.717cu.com/scrappers-partnership).



## President's Corner



### A Home Run for Community and Connection

As summer approaches and we prepare for sunshine, warm evenings, and the crack of the bat echoing through Eastwood Field, I'm thrilled to share some exciting news with you — 7 17 Credit Union is now the Official Credit Union and Banking Partner of the Mahoning Valley Scrappers.

This partnership is more than just branding or sponsorship. It's a commitment to community — a shared belief that when we support each other, our entire region thrives. The Scrappers are a vibrant part of the Mahoning Valley, and by joining forces, we aim to amplify what both of our organizations do best: bring people together and build stronger communities.

We've had a longstanding relationship with the Scrappers, and now we're deepening that connection with a multi-year partnership. Together, we'll offer fans special savings opportunities, exciting ballpark giveaways, and financial wellness initiatives designed to make a real difference. From our youngest members in the revamped Dollar Dog Club to adults who can now proudly carry a Scrappers-branded VISA® Affinity Credit Card, we're putting our values into action.

Every time that card is used, 7.17 cents will be donated back to the Scrappers for youth outreach and stadium enhancements. Across thousands of transactions, it adds up to real change.

Because when you choose to bank local, your money stays here — creating opportunities, supporting neighborhoods, and making a real impact right where you live.

Speaking of the Dollar Dog Club, we've just rolled out an exciting new update for our K-5th grade savers! Now with balance-based rewards, kids can earn cool prizes, get free tickets to a Scrappers home game, enjoy quarterly meet-ups, and receive a \$5 bonus when opening an account with just \$25. It's a fun, hands-on way to build smart saving habits early.

And of course, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention one of our most anticipated events of the year: Financial Wellness Night at the Ballpark, happening on Thursday, July 17. Last year, we lit up the night sky with the largest fireworks display in Eastwood Field's history. This year, we're going even bigger with the first-ever drone light show at a Scrappers game. We're buying out the ballpark again so families can enjoy free admission, hot dogs, soft drinks — and memories that will last a lifetime.

At 7 17, we talk a lot about banking with purpose. This partnership brings that purpose to life.

We hope to see you out at the game — cheering on the home team and being part of something bigger than baseball.

Respectfully yours,

*John Demmler*

## Board of Directors Officers Chosen

The board of directors of 7 17 Credit Union conducted its annual reorganization meeting following the credit union's 67th Annual Meeting on April 29, 2025.

**Paul Marshall** was elected board chairman. He has served as a director for 8 years.

**Michael Anness** was elected vice chairman. He has 11 years of service.



Paul Marshall



Michael Anness

### Completing the slate of officers for the board of directors are:

- **Arlene Mathes** – secretary/treasurer (34 years of service)
- **Denise Boyes** – assistant secretary/treasurer (2 years of service)
- **Jack Wilster** – director (39 years of service)
- **Harrison Hochman** – director (1<sup>st</sup> year of service)



Arlene Mathes



Denise Boyes



Jack Wilster



Harrison Hochman



## Upcoming Nomination and Balloting Process Announced

The 7 17 Credit Union 2026 election, nomination, and balloting process for the board of directors will soon be underway. There will be three positions up for re-election, each for a three-year term. Election of the directors, and any other items that require a membership vote, are handled through the mail and potentially electronically, giving every member equal opportunity to vote.

In the event of a contested election, ballots will be sent to the membership with the December 2025 account statements that should be received on or around January 10, 2026. The ballot results will be announced at the annual meeting in April 2026.

Board directors, Denise Boyes, Paul Marshall and Michael Anness have been appointed to the 2026 election nominating committee. All candidate nominations for the board of directors' positions must be made by the nominating committee before the ballot mailing. Candidates should be aware that the board of directors' positions require a considerable amount of time. Members interested in being considered by the committee should send a letter outlining their intent to run, if nominated; and serve, if elected; along with a resume to:

**7 17 Nominating Committee  
Seven Seventeen Credit Union  
3181 Larchmont Ave. NE  
Warren, OH 44483-2498**

Letters of intent and resumes **MUST BE POSTMARKED AND RECEIVED BY CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL** (with return receipt requested) by the Nominating Committee no later than August 31, 2025. If you have any questions regarding your letter, or the nominating process, call 800-775-7741, extension 8197.

Members who have submitted letters of intent by the deadline and are not nominated may still have their names placed on the ballot if they submit a petition containing a minimum of 250 valid member signatures. Your directors look forward to your participation in the 2026 election, nomination, and balloting process.

## News from your Board of Directors

After dedicating 34 years of service, **Cheryl DiGiacobbe** retired from the Board of Directors in January 2025. Her unwavering commitment and leadership have left an indelible mark on the organization and the community it serves.



Throughout her tenure, Cheryl played a pivotal role in guiding the organization through numerous initiatives and challenges. As Cheryl steps into retirement, the organization and its members express profound gratitude for her decades of dedication.

As we say farewell to Cheryl, we welcome **Harrison Hochman** to the Board of Directors



A fintech entrepreneur and Stanford graduate, Harrison is the co-founder and CEO of Sparrow, which he launched from his parents' backyard at just 20 years old. Sparrow is a groundbreaking student lending infrastructure platform described as an Expedia for student loans. Sparrow's powerful engine helps borrowers find affordable college financing. Recognized by Forbes and the Straubel Foundation, Harrison brings a forward-thinking mindset that aligns with our mission of empowering members through accessible, purpose-driven banking.

His experience in fintech, commitment to sustainability, and role as a mentor to aspiring entrepreneurs make him an invaluable addition to the 7 17 Credit Union Board.

## Your Keys, No Fees: A Special Mortgage Offer for Workplace Partners

At 7 17 Credit Union, we believe that strong communities begin with the security of homeownership. That's why we're proud to offer our Workplace Partner employees an exclusive Home Buyers Incentive Program — designed to make buying a home more affordable than ever.

**With a NO-FEE FIRST MORTGAGE**, eligible employees can save thousands when financing a new home. That includes:

- No application fee
- No appraisal fee
- No loan origination fee
- No credit report fee
- No processing fee
- No title insurance fee



Real savings: On a typical \$132,000 mortgage, you could save up to \$3,482 — just for being part of a 7 17 Workplace Partner organization!

This program is part of our mission to support our members' financial well-being and promote homeownership across Northeast Ohio — one family, one home at a time.

Apply today at [www.717cu.com/home-loans](http://www.717cu.com/home-loans).

\*Some restrictions apply. Contact the credit union for full details.

## 7 17 Credit Union Awards \$18,000 in Scholarships to Area Students

7 17 Credit Union is proud to support the educational goals of local students by awarding **\$18,000 in scholarships** as part of its 2025 scholarship program.

Twelve deserving recipients each received a \$1,500 scholarship to help them pursue post-secondary education. The scholarships were awarded across several categories, including university-specific awards, as well as scholarships through 7 17's youth clubs — Cha-Ching Teen Club and The edge Club. These programs are designed to support young members as they plan for their futures, both academically and financially.



### Congratulations to the 2025 Scholarship Winners:

#### University of Akron

- Tasso Anastasiades – Howland High School
- Rachel Brecht – Conneaut High School

#### Youngstown State University

- Joshua R. Macejko – Poland Seminary High School
- Rocco Ague – Liberty High School

#### Kent State University – Main Campus

- Dani Lickwar – Lordstown High School
- Jibril James Jackson – Marlington High School

#### The edge Club Scholarships

- Diesel Williams – Bristol High School
- Dani Lickwar – Lordstown High School

#### Kent State University – Regional Campus

- Julia L. Mediate – Columbiana High School
- Serenity J. Stano – Warren G. Harding High School and Trumbull Career & Technical Center

#### Cha-ching Teen Club Scholarships

- Gino DiCesare – Warren G. Harding High School
- Austin Mariani – Joseph Badger High School

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these outstanding students and wish them continued success in their academic journeys.

To learn more about 7 17 Credit Union's scholarship opportunities and youth programs, visit [www.717cu.com/Scholarships](http://www.717cu.com/Scholarships).

## Grow Your Business with Commercial Loans from us!

At 7 17 Credit Union, we're here to support every part of your financial journey — including your business. In addition to personal mortgage and auto loans, we also offer **a full range of commercial lending solutions designed to help businesses of all sizes thrive.**



Connect with a Business Lending Representative today or visit [www.717cu.com](http://www.717cu.com) to learn more.

## Stay Connected with 7 17 – Events, Appearances & More!

- **Follow us on social media** to get real-time updates, event reminders, and more ways to interact with your credit union family.



- Visit our website at [www.717.com/events](http://www.717.com/events) to check out the full list of upcoming events and stay informed about everything happening at 7 17!

## The New & Improved Dollar Dog Kids Club is Here!

More rewards. More fun. Same great mission to teach kids smart saving habits!

The **7 17 Dollar Dog Kids Club** received an exciting update! We're moving to a balance-based rewards program that makes it easier for kids to learn money skills — and earn cool prizes!

### New perks include:

- A \$5 bonus when you open an account with \$25
- Brand-new Dollar Dog membership cards
- Free Mahoning Valley Scrappers game ticket (Free tickets are for Dollar Dog account holders only; not including parents or caregivers; limit to 200 tickets per home game)
- Fun quarterly Dollar Dog Meet-Ups
- Dollar Dog Savings Challenge, and online Clubhouse
- New balance-based prizes — the more you save, the more you earn!
- COMING SOON: A Dollar Dog newsletter just for the kids!!!



Read all about the new prizes and fun game tickets by visiting [www.717cu.com/dollardog](http://www.717cu.com/dollardog)

**Current members keep their accounts and get all the new perks** — just pick up your new membership card at any 7 17 branch!

**Got coins?** Kids can still turn in saved coins for prizes until September 30, 2025.