



## *It's not goodbye...it's just a new chapter*

That's not the end of RBCU but a rebirth, starting - October 1, 2024 we will be part of Consumers Credit Union out of Lake Forest, IL. A credit union that will take all of us into the next level and beyond in financial services.



## *A brief history of Rockford Bell Credit Union*

May 13, 1935 – was the first day of Rockford Bell Credit Union.

Rockford Bell Credit Union (RBCU) was founded by employees of the Rockford Bell Telephone Company. The purpose was a convenient and safe place for Bell telephone employees and their families to save and borrow.

In 1935 RBCU wasn't alone in starting a credit union. Across the county Bell Telephone employees were organizing their own credit union's. Other Bell Credit Unions – Bell General Office. Bell West Community and Peoria Bell (just to name a few). Today Bell CU's go by their original name, have changed their name or merged into other credit unions over the years.

### OTHER CREDIT UNIONS THAT MERGED INTO RBCU WERE:

- Mattison Credit Union
- Mueller's- Pinehurst Credit Union
- Atwood Credit Union
- North West Illinois Credit Union
- Rockford Newspapers Credit Union

# *Thank you for being part of our family.*

It has been an honor to have been a part in the history of Rockford Bell Credit Union. But it would be a mistake not to mention those who have been so instrumental in making RBCU what it has been... **A GREAT CREDIT UNION!**

Thank you to our Board Members who served on the RBCU Board.

- BJ Alexis (Retired AT&T Employee)
- Edward Buhlmann (Community Member)
- Donald Conness (Rockford Bell Telephone – Family Member)
- Dennis “Denny” Davis (North West Illinois – Board Member)
- John Finrock (Community Member)
- Dan Gioppo (Rockford Bell Telephone – Family member)
- Walter Haas (Rockford Newspapers – Board Member)
- John Hansen (Hired as President / CEO)
- Ferol Labash (Community Member)
- Duane Langkamp (Zenith Cutter – Select Employee Group)
- John G. Thompson (North West Illinois – Board Member)

As a credit union board member, they are a 100% voluntary board – this means they served on the board for no pay or special treatment. They attended 12 monthly meeting, an annual meeting and other meetings when necessary. They serve because they believe in what a credit union stands for *“People helping people”*.

In addition I’d like to thank the entire staff who have worked so hard to provide the service our members deserved.

And most of all you our Members without out you there wouldn’t have been a Rockford Bell Credit Union!



*Thank you,  
John*

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