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#### **CEO's Message**

Dear Valued Members.

We hope that the New Year is off to a great start for you and your family. The outgoing year has been unique in many respects. Hazar Imam visited the USA to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of his Imamat, we opened a full service banking branch in Austin, established an in-house call center to improve communication with you, re-organized the lending operations to align the organizational structure at all of our branches, and implemented e-sign to reduce the turnaround time for funding loans. There were challenges in terms of higher interest rates due to four interest rate hikes in 2018 by the Federal Reserve, resulting in an increase in the cost of borrowing funds. The dividend payout increased drastically over 2017 from \$0.834MM to \$1.353MM in 2018, but the interest rates on loans were kept as competitive as possible. I would like to express my deep appreciation to you for your encouraging responses to the various savings products launched in 2018. As a result, the total deposits increased by \$15MM to \$137MM but we had challenges reaching our desired loan growth goals.

Overall the usage of online banking services has increased enabling us to cater to a wider membership base for banking services. I would encourage our valuable members to utilize our online banking services as much as possible and share your valuable feedback by emailing at feedback@nizaricu.org. Thank you for banking with us, and we wish you a Happy and Successful 2019.

# Save The Date

AGI Annual General Meeting

# **Sunday, April 21, 2019**

**Marquee Event Center** 11040 Southwest | Freeway Houston, TX 77074 Additional information for AGM registration will be provided in March.

# 4th **Quarter Dividends**

Paid December 31, 2018 Our Board of Directors has announced the following 4th Quarter regular shares dividend:

\$100,000 & Under

1.00% Dividend Rate 1.0038% APY

\$100,000.01 & Over

1.10% Dividend Rate 1.1045% APY

\*APY = Annual Percentage Yield

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Nafisa Aziz - Branch Manager of Dallas

Shehroz Maredia - Marketing Manager

Diana Rodrigues - Senior Compliance Associate

Anis Alwani - Senior Operations Officer





# **Savings Plus Account**

If you are looking for a higher dividend but don't want to tie your money up in a share certificate

#### **Key Features**

- A low minimum balance of \$1,000
- Tiered Rates
- (Members earn more as higher balances are maintained)
- Dividend paid monthly

(No dividend will be paid if account closed before month-end)

\*APY = Annual Percentage Yield

\*\* Rates on schedule are subject to change from time to time.

(Effective 12/15/18)\*\*

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Tier Level	Dividend Rate / APY**
\$1,000.00 - \$100,000.00	1.10% / 1.1056%
\$100,000.01 - \$500,000.00	1.25% / 1.2572%
\$500,000.01 - \$1,500,000.00	1.67% / 1.6828%
\$1,500,000.01 - \$4,500,000.00	1.77% / 1.7844%
\$4,500,000.01 - & Over	1.92% / 1.9370%

## **Momentum Share Certificate Rates**

13 Months Special

(Effective 02/01/19)\*\*

\$1,000.00-\$49,999.99

2.0184%

\$50,000.00 - \$99,999.99

**2.1203**%

\$100,000.00 and Over

2.2733% APY\*

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\$1,000.00-\$49,999.99

(Effective 12/15/18 )\*\* **\$50,000.00 - \$99,999.99** 

\$100.000.00 and Over

**25 Months** 

1.8149% APY\*

2.0694% APY

2.3244% APY\*

**37 Months** 

**1.8658%** APY\*

2.1203% APY\*

2.3755% APY\*

\*APY = Annual Percentage Yield | \*\* Rates on schedule are subject to change from time to time.

1. EARLY WITHDRAWAL PENALTY — We may impose a penalty if you withdraw funds from your account before the maturity date.

2. Amount of Penalty. For 13 month, 25 month, and 37 month Share Certificate accounts, the amount of the early withdrawal penalty for your account is 30 days' dividends.

Please note our special 12 month share certificate rate ended on December 31, 2018.





# Diamond Savings Account



High yield savings account designed to work harder to help you achieve your financial goals.

# Save where it counts!



Rates Effective from 2/1/19 \*\*

Tiered Levels	Dividend	*APY
\$500,000.00 - \$1,500,000.00	1.95%	1.9675%
\$1,500,000.01 - \$2,500,000.00	2.00%	2.0184%
\$2,500,000.01 - \$3,500,000.00	2.05%	2.0694%
\$3,500,000.01 - \$4,500,000.00	2.15%	2.1713%
\$4,500,000.01 - Over	2.20%	2.2223%

- Minimum balance of \$500,000.00 is required to receive the dividend
- Tiered Rates (members earn more as higher balances are maintained)
- · No monthly service fee
- Unlimited deposits permitted
- · Dividend accrues from the date of deposit
- Dividends are compounded and paid monthly
- · Dividend will not be paid if an account closed before month end
- \* APY = Annual Percentage Yield
- \*\*Dividend Rate earned is accurate as of February 1st, 2019. Rates on schedule are subject to change from time to time.

Terms and Conditions May Apply.

If you have any questions or require current rates, please call the Credit Union at 281-921-8500.

#### For more details:

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# Looking for a Last Minute Tax Deduction or Planning for Retirement?



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### **Traditional / Roth**

(Rates effective from 01/15/19)\*\*

#### **Amount**

#### Dividend Rate/APY\*

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36
Months

\$1,000.00 - \$49,999.99 \$50,000.00 - \$99,999.99 \$100,000.00 & Over

1.65% / 1.6625% 1.75% / 1.7641% 1.85% / 1.8658%

48
Months

\$1,000.00 - \$49,999.99 \$50,000.00 - \$99,999.99 \$100,000.00 & Over 1.75% / 1.7641% 1.85% / 1.8658%

2.00% / 2.0184%

60
Months

\$1,000.00 - \$49,999.99 \$50,000.00 - \$99,999.99 1.85% / 1.8658%

\$50,000.00 - \$99,999.99 \$100,000.00 & Over 1.95% / 1.9675%

2.10% / 2.1203%

\* APY = Annual Percentage Yield | \*\*Dividend Rate earned is accurate as of January 15th, 2019.

Rates on schedule are subject to change from time to time.

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# make the most of your TAX REFUND

See what your credit union can do for you! Start by investing your tax refund into a savings account, CD, money market, or IRA. Work with a credit union financial advisor to determine how much you can commit to contributing each month and see how quickly you can double your initial investment!



# Six Ways to Use Your Tax Refund

If you're expecting a tax refund this year, now is a best time to start planning how you'll use that extra money. The best uses are to pare down dept and bulk up your savings. For instance, you can:

- 1. Open an emergency fund or add to your existing one. Aim to save enough to cover three to six months of expenses for those unexpected emergencies, like your car breaks down, your refrigerator dies, or you lose your job. Put your tax refund into a savings account opened specifically for these emergencies.
- 2. Fund your IRA. You can make up to a \$5,500 contribution (\$6,500 if you're 50 or older) to a Roth or a traditional individual retirement account (IRA) for tax year 2018. Find out more about Nizari PFCU's IRA Share Certificate Rates.
- 3. Open an Education Savings or a 529 plan. If you save for your child's college education in a 529 plan, you may get a tax deduction for your efforts.
- 4. Take a class to improve your career prospects. If you think you lack certain skills to get ahead in your career, use the refund to purchase classes to learn those skills. You may be able to deduct those expenses from your taxes using the Lifetime Learning Credit.
- 5. Pay off debt. Use your refund to pay off any high-interest-rate credit card debt you may have. Try to pay off the debt in full so you can stop getting interest charges added to your balance every month.
- 6. Start a Holiday Club account. This account lets you save for holiday spending year-round so you don't have to rely on credit cards in December. If your employer offers direct deposit, make saving even easier by having a set amount automatically deposited to this account.

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Shared Branching is very easy to use. Simply walk into a participating branch (look for the CO-OP Shared Branch logo) and show your valid picture ID. State that you're a Nizari PFCU member and provide the teller with your account number.

Visit www.nizaricu.org or www.co-opsharedbranch.org to find a location near you

VISIT US AT: GAMA Tradeshow 2019 - Tuesday, March 5th, 2019

# Employee of the Quarter





ROOHI MAKNOJIA Head Teller

Congratulations Roohi Maknojia for Wining Employee of the quarter award. The way you have performed throughout shows your hard work and your sincerity. I appreciate your high-level proficiency in handling the tasks assigned to you, your craving for perfection, your communication skills and your humble behavior with all the staff members. I hope you keep up the same spirit and find many more opportunities to be congratulated in the future.

# Calendar 2019

January 01| New Year

January 21 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 18 | Presidents' Day

March 21 | \*Navroz Mubarak

\*Closing early at 3 pm

Do you like to pay service fees and per item charges?

Would you prefer NOT to pay high fees and NOT maintain minimum balances to avoid fees?



If the answer is yes, it is time to switch your checking account to



- No Minimum Balance Required to Keep the Account Open
  - No Monthly or Annual Fees
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# CALL US, TO MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!

Many people dream of owning a home. Let Nizari PFCU team help you make that dream come true. Whether you're buying your first home or you're an experienced buyer, it's a decision that can require a significant personal and financial commitment. Nizari PFCU Loan Officers can provide you with the right steps to owning the home of your dream.



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Car Depreciation - 5 Things to Consider, CARFAX, May 18, 2017.

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# **Shopping for Cars on the Web**

Over 80% of consumers use the Internet to shop for cars. It's a fast and convenient way to compare prices, models, reviews, and dealerships. If you're in the market for a new car, we have a few tips for you:

- \* Explore your choices. If you have an idea of what you want--a small SUV or a mid-size sedan, for example--start by clicking on a category at Edmunds.com for choices and their list prices.
- \* Check safety records. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration gives crash test results on its website at nhtsa.gov. See how vehicles fared in 40-mile-per-hour crashes at iihs.org.
- \* Find out the real price. Automotive manufacturer and dealer sites give the list price or manufacturer's suggested retail price, which they may work down from in your dealings. Instead, you want to know the dealer's invoice price and negotiate up from there. Any manufacturer's rebate comes off your agreed price. For invoice pricing and current rebates, go to Edmunds.com, kbb.com, cars.com, or carsdirect.com. Combine a rebate with low credit union rates and you have the best of both worlds.
- \* Locate that vehicle near you. Find a local dealer's website by using a search engine like Google.com or Bing.com. Most dealers post their inventories on their websites.

Talk to Nizari PFCU loan officers for loan pre-approval before you shop. Having a pre-approved loan is the same as shopping with cash.

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# Who do you expect to pay your loans when the unexpected hits?



Protect your family against the unexpected.

# Credit Insurance may make your loan payments when you can't

Life can be wonderful. But it can also get complicated when unexpected things happen. Protecting your loan payments against unexpected disability and covered life events could help protect more than your finances. It could help lighten the burden for the people you care about. Insure your loan payments today so you can worry a little less about tomorrow.

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- ▼ \*\*Quick and easy approvals
- Limited time offer
- No other promotions apply

- Offer is valid until Saturday, February 16th, 2019 and will end thereafter any time.
- Acceptance of your loan application does not guarantee approval
- Incomplete loan applications will not be processed
- Supporting documents must accompany loan application
- All the terms and conditions are subject to change
- Some restrictions may apply





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**Go outside!** Build a campfire and roast marshmallows under the stars.

**Check out** local park and recreation departments and state tourism calendars for free local events.

**Make** a batch of homemade cookies.

Go on a scavenger hunt in your own city.

Make a list of special things to find and take a photo together at each place. Turn the photos into a collage and give that as a gift.

Make a special dinner at home and pack it up for a picnic. Stay warm with hot cocoa and a cozy blanket.



Make an appreciation jar.

Fill a mason jar with notes about reasons or memories that describe what it is you appreciate about someone special.



**Volunteer your time together.** Walk stray dogs together at your local animal shelter, roll up your sleeves and help the homeless at a local soup kitchen or by helping to build first homes, visit an elder care facility and spend time with older members of your community. You never know, they may even share their stories of relationship success!



Nizari PFCU sponsored the AKF Walk | Run 2018. Our staff also showed their support by participating in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

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# Members enjoying Thanksgiving and Holiday treats at our branches



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### **Share Your HOLIDAYS Food Drive**

Each year, Nizari Progressive Federal Credit Union participates in the annual Share Your Holidays Food Drive and this year was no exception. The staff of Nizari Progressive Federal Credit Union supported the Aga Khan

Council for the Southwestern United States by donating non-perishable items along with ABC 13 aiding the Houston Food Bank. Additionally, the organization encouraged its members to donate and aid in collecting non-perishable items for the food drive at the Sugar Land branch. We would like to thank our staff and members for their contribution towards the food drive!



# Members' Testimonials



Hello Elvia and Shohnia,

The closing went smoothly yesterday at Great American Title and we are not complete. Builder has a few things to finish on his end.

Thank you for all your help and support and guidance all throughout this process. You both were excellent to work with and we are truly grateful.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!

Best regards

Naushir & Sneha Merchant





Good Afternoon Nisma,

I wanted to follow up to share with you about my recent loan experience with Nizari and yourself as the financial representative I primarily worked with on the loan. Overall I felt it was a very positive experience and felt your sense of urgency. quick responsive time to all of my communication, and flexibility contributed to my positive experience. I truly felt it was a personable experience and I was not just a number in line. The end to end process took approximately a week time frame and understandably so with communication between all parties/necessary compliance required as a financial institution. My initial expectation was that this would be a 2-4 week process with a lot of back and forth, my expectations were exceeded.

Please forward this email to your immediate supervisor/manager so they are aware of the excellent service you provided and so that your organization's personnel continues to improve best practices towards convenience, simplicity and leads your example in providing excellent customer service.

Sahil Charolia

Thank you members for participating in our Member Satisfaction Survey and sending us your feedback. Congratulations to all the raffle winners.

#### **UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

If you have recently moved, changed your phone number, or changed your email address please let us know. Keeping your account information up-to-date ensures that your statement will be sent to the appropriate address. It also makes it easier for us to contact you regarding your account.



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