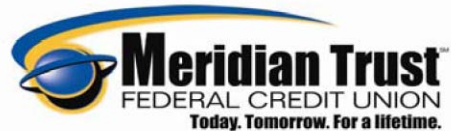


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Withers inducted into industry Hall of Fame

CHEYENNE – Kimberley Withers has become the first person from Wyoming to be inducted into the Credit Union Executives Society Hall of Fame. The honor recognizes her significant contributions to CUES and the credit union movement.

Withers is president/CEO of Meridian Trust Federal Credit Union, which is headquartered in Cheyenne and is the second-largest credit union in the state with \$190 million in assets. In 2007, Withers received CUE’s Executive of the Year Award for credit union achievements and innovation, volunteer service and a continued commitment to education.

“The Hall of Fame award recognizes the achievements of the remarkable people at Meridian Trust over a number of years,” said Withers. “Meridian Trust is a Credit Union that has passion for what we do every day.”

Withers, who has a doctorate in banking and finance, has served Meridian Trust since 1991, and has been CEO since 1994. During her tenure, assets have grown nearly 500 percent, branches have increased from two to five, and hundreds of businesses and associations have partnered with the credit union.

During the past few years, the credit union has teamed with Utah Power Credit Union to operate PowerTrust facilities in Casper and Rock Springs. Meridian Trust has also established a Heating and Energy Assistance Trust (HEAT) to provide financial assistance for members struggling to pay utility bills.

Withers serves on the Suncorp Corporate Credit Union Board of Directors and has been involved with the Wyoming Credit Union Association. She is a Rotary member, and is a Girl Scout Troop Leader and Girls Scouts Southeast Service Unit Secretary/Treasurer.

Meridian Trust is a full-service, not-for-profit financial cooperative founded more than 50 years ago on the philosophy of people helping people. The credit union has offices in Cheyenne, Rawlins, Lander and Jackson, and PowerTrust facilities in Casper and Rock Springs.

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