



GOLD CLUB NEWS

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IRS warns against COVID-19 fraud; other financial schemes

Criminals are continuing to use COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments as cover for schemes to steal personal information and money. Scams related to COVID-19 are not limited to stealing EIPs from Taxpayers, however. Scams related to the organized selling of fake at-home test kits, offers to sell fake cures, vaccines, pills and advice on unproven treatments for COVID-19 have also appeared. Other scams purport to sell large quantities of medical supplies through the creation of fake shops, websites, social media accounts and email addresses where the criminal fails to deliver promised supplies after receiving funds.



Other COVID-19 related scams involve setting up fake charities soliciting donations for individuals, groups and areas affected by the disease. Some criminals are offering opportunities to invest early in companies working on a vaccine for the disease promising that the “company” will dramatically increase in value as a result. These promotions are often styled as “research reports,” make predictions of a specific “target price,” and relate to microcap stocks, or low-priced stocks by the smallest of companies with limited publicly available information.

Finally, there has also been a tremendous increase in phishing schemes utilizing emails, letters, texts and links. These phishing schemes are using keywords such as “Corona Virus,” “COVID-19,” and “Stimulus” in varying ways. These schemes are blasted to large numbers of people known by the bad actors in an effort to get personally identifying information or financial account information to include account numbers and passwords. Most of these new schemes are actively playing on the fear and unknown of the virus and the stimulus payments.

Coronavirus-related scams should be reported to the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or submitted through the NCDF web Complaint Form. The NCDF is a national coordinating agency within the Department of Justice’s Criminal Division dedicated to improving the detection, prevention, investigation and prosecution of criminal conduct related to natural and man-made disasters and other emergencies, such as coronavirus (COVID-19).

Taxpayers can also report fraud or theft of the Economic Impact Payments to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Taxpayers can always report phishing attempts to the IRS. Those who receive unsolicited emails or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, should forward it to phishing@irs.gov. Taxpayers are encouraged to not engage potential scammers online or on the phone.

Learn more by going to Report Phishing and Online Scams page on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). Official IRS information about COVID-19 pandemic and economic impact payments can be found on the Coronavirus Tax Relief page on [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov)

Our next event is almost here:

Gold Club Dinner Richmond - FREE

July 14, 2020

We will be doing an appreciation dinner To-Go at our Richmond Branch. We will be handing out dinner between 5pm and 6pm. The dinner will include a sandwich, chips and a cookie. This will be available while supplies last. RSVP to Ann Thelen at 320-223-6307 or Kris Ruegemer at 320-597-2145 if you plan to pick up dinner.



Upcoming Events

RSVP: athelen@falconnational.com or call Ann at 320-223-6307



Gold Club Lunch Foley - FREE

August 2020

We will be doing an appreciation Lunch To-Go at our Foley Branch. The lunch will include a sandwich, chips and a cookie. This will be available while supplies last.

Date and Time to be determined

Day Trippers Dinner Theatre

September 16, 2020

Join us at the Day Trippers Dinner Theatre to see "A Bench in the Sun". Due to COVID-19 we will not be having transportation provided but will be meeting at the theatre by 11:45a.m. The cost is \$39.95 for lunch and the play. If you are interested, please send your payments to any of our locations. **Please RSVP by September 9th.**



Nashville Trip

October 2020

Start planning for one of the big events of 2020! Join us as we take a trip to Nashville October 4-10, 2020. We will be visiting The Grand Ole Opry, County Music Hall of Fame, Johnny Cash Museum and lots more! There is an initial deposit of \$75.00 upon signing up. **Please RSVP before all spots are filled!**

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what we actually do

MISSION

To create a banking experience that develops into life-long relationships focused on customer growth.

what we aspire to be

VISION

We know the key to success is simple:
You win. We win. You thrive. We thrive.

This is our community. This is our future. This is our bank.

principles, beliefs

VALUES

R Relationships
I Integrity
S Solutions, Service
E Execution

At Falcon National Bank we build long lasting **Relationships** with our customers, our communities, and our colleagues. With the highest level of **Integrity**, we provide trusted **Solutions** and exceptional **Service** to deliver the very best banking experience. We pride ourselves on our fast and reliable **Execution**. At our core we know, that we can, and will **RISE** to every occasion.

A message from Ann:

I hope this newsletter find you well and that you are having a healthy and fun summer. We have been working on scheduling some events for upcoming months while taking precautions to keep our Gold Club Members and employees safe.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Stay well and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Ann Thelen

**Questions, comments
or suggestions?**

Let us know!



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