

# In Memoriam: Kent R. Gleason



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Kent R. Gleason, President and Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Corporate Credit Union. Kent began his remarkable 34-year tenure in 1990 as a League Consultant with the Kansas Credit Union Association before joining Kansas Corporate Credit Union in 1992 as an Asset/Liability Analyst. His expertise and leadership quickly became evident, leading to his promotion to Executive Vice President in 1997. In 2016, he was appointed Chief Operations Officer, where he continued to drive strategic initiatives that strengthened Millennium Corporate. In June 2024, Kent assumed the role of President and CEO.

Over the years, he led key initiatives, including the development of Millennium's Investment Advisory Service, providing invaluable guidance to member credit unions. His leadership was instrumental in Millennium Corporate's successful merger with Missouri Corporate Credit Union in 2015, a transition he navigated as Interim President/CEO. Kent also played a crucial role in steering Millennium Corporate through the financial crisis recovery, helping to restore financial stability to member credit unions. His commitment to innovation ensured that Millennium Corporate remained at the forefront of financial services, including advancements in investment services and solutions.

Alongside Kent's many accomplishments at Millennium Corporate, Kent positively impacted the lives of those he worked with. He was not only a co-worker, but a friend and a shoulder to lean on. Long before he became President, Kent showed how he cared and provided for those around him, his co-workers and members, too.

Kent's passion for the credit union movement was matched only by his dedication to his family and community. Born in Moorhead, Minnesota, he moved to Wichita, Kansas, during his youth and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Kansas State University, where he also played center field for the Wildcats baseball team. He was a devoted husband to Tricia K. Gleason and a loving father to Ryan and Cory Gleason. He found great joy in coaching his children's sports teams and remained a loyal supporter of Kansas State University athletics.

Kent's leadership, integrity, and genuine kindness left an indelible mark on Millennium Corporate and the credit union community. His legacy of service and dedication will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of working alongside him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

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## WHAT A YEAR!

## 2024 Year in Review

**Sheesh** – talk about a having good year! 2024 was filled with tons of accomplishments for Millennium Corporate. So many that we can't fit them all here or this page would go on and on and on...

But what we can do is list some of our favorite highlights on one page, which you'll find at the very end of this newsletter! It's hard to pick our best accomplishments, but I would say having the best market rates (for a few years in a row) would be something to hoot n' holler about!

**But that's not all** – in 2024, we appointed a new President/CEO, paid 65 million in dividends to members, visited 132 credit unions (that's you!), scored an 81 NPS on our membership survey, and so much more. Want to see the rest?

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## ITEM PROCESSING, CHECK!

## Item Processing is In The House

**Item Processing is in the house! Literally!**

This February, the team packed up their boxes and set up camp in the newly renovated offices that were prepared for them this past June. Already, the arrival of the department has brought a lively, bustling energy to us- which we welcome with open arms! **Welcome to your work home, I.P.! We are thrilled to have you here.**

# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

May 7th–9th, 2025 | Hotel Kansas City

From morning yoga to evening entertainment, this year's annual meeting will be lively around the clock! We've been prepping our vocal cords for an epic night of piano dueling and singing our hearts out at the legendary **Howl at the Moon**. But the high notes don't end there! We'll get in touch with our crafty side for **Board and Brush at The Bardot** and head on over to **No Other Pub**. There, we'll enjoy some competitive gaming and raise a glass to all the networking and learning that will be brewing this May!

Registration is NOW OPEN!

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## MILLENNIUM: TO THE CORE!

### Millennium Corporate Introduces New Core Values

Just like our new website and rebrand, our core values are joining the bandwagon and getting a makeover too! Since our early days as **Kansas Corporate Credit Union**, we've taken pride in the core values that have laid the groundwork for our corporate.

They are at the forefront of our daily actions and as you can imagine, they aren't something that just change everyday. That's why we have recently taken time to carefully analyze and redefine what Millennium Corporate is **to its very core!** So, you might be wondering, **what are the values that we'll carry with us as we move towards the future?**

After some brainstorming, **these are the five golden pillars that make Millennium, well Millennium.**

**Reliability, Committment, Cooperation, Excellence and Integrity**



**These aren't just noble words that we pulled out of nowhere.** They have been carefully chosen by studying Millennium Corporate's decades-long history of providing value to the credit union space.

From now on, you'll be hearing a lot more about these values as we challenge our employees to become living, breathing examples of them in their everyday work, for you, our members.

# FINTECH ACADEMY

## Ryan's I3 Adventure

**I3: Investing in Innovation.** It's not just fancy alliteration—it's a big deal! **Filene i3** is a fraternal 2-year education program with the mission of instilling innovative mindsets into credit union professionals.

And get this, our very own **Ryan Nong** has recently been selected to take part in it!

Time to break out the confetti! Ryan will soon be launched into a program that informs leaders of best practices within the fast-approaching world of fintech.

The skills acquired within the program are designed to help the participants become masters of implementing innovative changes within their credit unions.

What's more, many credit union CEOs are I3 alumni. Which makes this investment in Ryan's development all the more exciting!

Make sure to send him your best wishes as he gears up for this impactful educational journey! You can always shoot him an email at  
- [ryan@millenniumcorporate.org](mailto:ryan@millenniumcorporate.org)!

# SO LONG, OLD PAL

## Jerry Peterson Retires

After an incredible 32-year presence, our very own **Jerry Peterson** hung up his hat in the **Item Processing Department** and celebrated his retirement this January.

We've heard it from many folks here at Millennium – his spirit of unwavering commitment is an admirable one!

And we aren't the only ones who will have a Jerry-shaped hole in our lives. It's clear that many of the credit unions he works with will also miss his unmatched work ethic and extraordinary contributions.

After three decades of dedication, Jerry's earned every bit of his upcoming retirement, which will hopefully be filled with laughs and outdoor adventures.

So, as Jerry transitions into this exciting new phase, we send him off with well wishes and hope that his retirement is as stellar as he is!



# CURQL, SQUARE, TRIANGLE

## Millennium Corporate Invests in Curql

**Hold your breath**, because Millennium Corporate has just taken a giant leap into the booming world of fintech! **We've officially invested in Curql Fund II**, and trust us, this is an exciting launch into the future of finance! Curql Fund II is comprised of over 120 credit unions dedicated to exploring the financial technology predicted to soon revolutionize the industry. Our participation in Curql Fund II aligns closely with our mission and aims to bring value to our members through innovation. The investment bridges the gap between credit unions and rising fintech companies. We're talking top names like **Zest.AI, Eltrophy, Illuma, and Posh AI**, among others!

By exploring emerging technologies within the initiative, Millennium Corporate aims to seek the up-and-coming opportunities that best suit our members' ever-evolving needs.





# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

## A Stellar Speaker Line-Up!

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Rumor has it that there will also be some note-worthy speakers attending! We'll be kicking it off with **Kevin Miyamoto**, who will reveal the powerful potential of harnessing the power of AI at your credit union. Building on this tech-forward theme, **Lee Wetherington** will introduce us to a world of fintech innovations that will soon be all the rage.

The finance expert himself, **Chris Kuehl**, returns to give us a very forward-looking analysis of the current economy while **Alyson Van Hooser** draws from her management experience to introduce her winning Infinite Influence Strategy and succession planning tips.

Bringing it closer to home, Millennium's very own duo-**Chris Hageman and Rachel Dulaney** will join **Matthew Jackson** to outline strategies for credit unions to adjust to ever-changing market conditions.

Mindfulness guru, **Tessa Todd Morgan** will introduce us to **The Daily Reset Break**- a power practice that will help us to mitigate stress, elevate creative thinking and remove distractions in minutes.

What's more, we'll also join her atop Hotel Kansas City's rooftop for a re-energizing AM yoga session that will leave us tranquil and reflecting on all the learning, networking and innovation of this year's meeting!

## HAPPY EXPLORING!

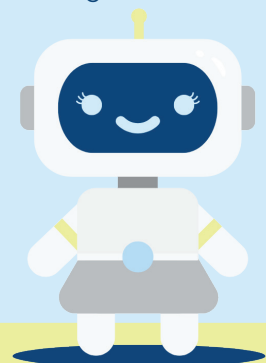
### New Website-Introducing Millie!

As you may have seen, Millennium's website has recently undergone a spectacular makeover. Our dedicated team has been hard at work "behind the screens" to create a site that captures the essence of Millennium Corporate at first glance. So, what exactly is new?

Imagine a sleek and modern homepage, a vibrant color palette and- hold on to your hats-**an AI chatbot!** Yes, you're reading that correctly. Millennium is catching up with the times and introducing **Millie**, our first ever chatbot. If you keep your eyes peeled on our website, you'll spot this adorable digital assistant in the lower right hand corner of your screen. Her mission? To answer any- yes any- of your burning questions regarding Millennium Corporate.

**No question is too big or too small for this little firecracker.**

With the AI movement in full swing, we couldn't resist jumping on this trend and bringing you a delightfully updated experience. We're absolutely over the moon about our new website and hope you'll love our fresh look as much as we do! **Happy exploring!**



# MY-MY-MY-MILLENNIUM

## MyMillennium Update

All good things must come to an end, and in this case it's our beloved website portal, **MyMillennium**. With the addition of a new website-which is pretty snazzy by the way- we've decided to eliminate our secure access portal, **My Millennium**.

As many of you know, this portal housed the Due Diligence packet, fee schedule, webinar recordings, and Security Safekeeping information. With this feature going away, what will you do now when you want access to those secure files?

Not to worry! We've got you covered.

Although those files are not readily accessible on our new website, you're still able to email **info@millenniumcorporate.org** to request any of those items you may need!

We know that it's an adjustment, but rest assured, we are always here to provide you with the resources you need.



## NO JINX HERE-JUST DANA!

### Introducing Dana Burnham!

**Dana Burnham** is the newest Account Specialist in Millenium Corporate's Operations Department, and we welcome her with wide open arms! Dana is a Jinx, but not in the way you might think... She graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, home to the JINX, which brings good fortune, **just like Dana does to us!**



Dana has banking experience prior to her new role, but also has dabbled in the flooring industry and medical fields as well.

**Lucky us** – not only can Dana assist us with operations, but if we need new floor or, God forbid, a medical emergency! **A three-for-one, if you will.**

Dana is ready for the warm weather to return, and when it does, you'll probably find her on the softball fields watching her granddaughters batting-it-up! And on those rainy days? You'll find Dana inside, snug with a good read or streaming her go-to movies.

Dana says she is so happy to be a part of the team at Millennium Corporate, and boy are we happy to have her!

Want to send her your warm welcome?  
You can find her at **dana@millenniumcorporate.org** or **800.721.2677 ext. 134.**

# HONORING BOB THURMAN

## Honoring Board Chair, Bob Thurman

**As you may have heard, Robert “Bob” Wayne Thurman, former CEO of Credit Union of America and former Board Chair of Millennium Corporate, peacefully passed away on February 4, 2025.**

Bob began his career in the credit union industry in 1975, and in 1987, he joined Millennium Corporate's (then Kansas Corporate) Board of Directors. Over the course of his tenure, Bob served as Chairman on two occasions and played a pivotal role in the corporate credit union mergers.



In addition to his work with Millennium Corporate, Mr. Thurman served on the US Central Board and held various officer positions from 1992 to 2004. He was also active in several CUNA committees, and served as District Chairman/National Director, and as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Director of KCUA.

Bob retired from CUA in 2018 after a remarkable 43-year career marked by exemplary leadership, service, and significant contributions to the credit union movement. Bob's contributions to the credit union industry are immeasurable, and his influence extended beyond his professional life. He was deeply committed to his community in Wichita, and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend.

**Bob will forever have an impact on our lives and in our hearts. We ask that you keep his family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.**

# BIG BOBBY DOES IT AGAIN

## Robert Jewett Earns CUBDP Certification

Our very own, Robert Jewett, earned his **Credit Union Business Development Professional Certification (CUBDP)** from America's Credit Unions in October and it was no small task.

Bob spent a week in Nashville not honky tonkin', (an impossible feat in and of itself) but instead he dedicated countless hours learning and studying, even cramming for his final exam, which he passed with flying colors! **Of course, he did! He's Bobby J!**

**Congrats, Bob!** We're proud of your hard work and dedication to the credit union industry and the members you love to serve.

Be sure to shake his hand and offer your congratulations next time your paths cross or send him an email here – [robert@millenniumcorporate.org](mailto:robert@millenniumcorporate.org). Phone calls are welcome, also – **800.721.2677 ext. 112.**



# CORPORATE'S IN CAHOOTS

## AIM Partners with TriCorp

Did you know that AIM – Millennium Corporate's Asset & Investment Management Team – has an ongoing partnership with Tricorp Federal Credit Union? I know what you're thinking – "A corporate working with another corporate?" **Yup! We sure are!**

AIM has been partnering with Tricorp to help provide credit unions in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont with investing solutions and ALM services including marketable securities, validations, etc. We want to help lead credit unions in the right direction in any way we can, and partnering with Tricorp allows us to do just that!

**The cherry on top?** The AIM duo – Chris Hageman and Ryan Younger – are doing a "roadshow" of sorts in Maine! This roadshow consists of two Tricorp Investment & ALM Roundtables, where Chris, Ryan and Billy from Tricorp, will discuss key investment strategies and asset/liability management trends to attendees. These roundtables are designed to provide valuable insights into the evolving financial landscape, offering expert perspective (we have that!) and peer discussions tailored to the needs of credit unions.

Want more information on the Roadshow or have questions?  
Email **Chris Hageman** at [chris@aimcusolutions.org](mailto:chris@aimcusolutions.org)!

## BETTIN' BIG ON CREDIT UNIONS

### MONDAK Roundtable in Las Vegas

What do Montana, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota all have in common (besides shared borders and brutal winters)? They all have credit union folks who attended the MONDAK Roundtable in Las Vegas at the beginning of February!

And do you know what Kansas has in common with those four states? It has three Millennium Corporate team members from Wichita who also attend the Roundtable! Those three team members in question – **Bob Jewett, Ian Trebilcock, and Ryan Nong** – joined members and other northern credit union's in Las Vegas February 4th & 5th for lots of education and lots of fun!

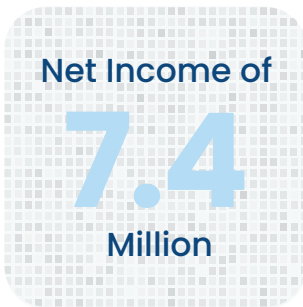


There were good eats. There was card games, lots of laughs, friendly conversation, learning.

**You name it, it probably happened.**

That's what these roundtables are all about, right? Credit union people coming together, making friends, educating one another, all in order to support who and what matters most – **the people!!**

# 2024 Year In Review



**That's The Scoop...**

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