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**League's 79th Annual Convention celebrates Rock 'n Roll,
honors numerous individuals/CUs with awards**

Naperville, IL., April 17, 2009 -- This morning's Keynote and Awards Program at the Illinois Credit Union League's (ICUL) 79th Annual Convention provided the means for numerous individuals and credit unions to be honored. These included:

Desjardins Awards. Prairie Trail CU, Joliet, received first place in the Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award program in the \$35 - \$75 million in assets category. NuMark CU, Joliet, won first place in the \$75 - \$250 million category; and Great Lakes CU, North Chicago, earned first place in the more than \$250 million category. Scott CU, Collinsville achieved an honorable mention in this category.

Dora Maxwell Honorees. The following were acknowledged for their participation: \$50 - \$100 million: first place, Rock Valley FCU; \$100 - \$200 million: first place: Financial Plus CU, Ottawa; second place, Streator Onized CU, Streator; and receiving honorable mentions in this category were Community Trust CU, Gurnee, and NuMark CU, Joliet; \$200 - \$500 million: first place, Scott CU, Collinsville; second place: GCS FCU, Granite City; and more than \$500 million: first place, Consumers Cooperative CU, Waukegan.

Hall of Fame Inductees. Receiving leadership awards were James Bright, inducted posthumous as CEO of Scott CU, Collinsville; and William Reidel, retired CEO of Consumers Cooperative CU in Waukegan. In addition, Janet Francoeur, CEO of Riverside Community CU in Kankakee, was honored with a lifetime achievement award.

Illinois Credit Union Foundation Commemorative Awards. The Foundation recognized tribute scholarships recently established in honor of Robert Nelson, board member of Members Choice CU, Peoria; and a surprise tribute award in honor of VicMcCauley, board member of MembersAlliance CU, Rockford. Also recognized posthumous with a memorial award was Mary Sue Sours, manager of St. John ECU, Springfield. In addition, Raymond Schulenberg, director on the board of Motorola ECU, Schaumburg, was honored with a Perpetual Tribute Award.

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Louise Herring Winners. GCS FCU, Granite City, received first place in the \$50 - \$250 million category; and in the more than \$250 million category, Consumers Cooperative CU, Waukegan, won first place.

Spirit of Service. These awards recognized Employee of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. The recipients were Ann O'Neill, executive vice president at Prairie Trail CU, Joliet; and Dave Harris, supervisory committee chairman on the board at NuMark CU, Joliet, respectively.

Also acknowledged at the Keynote & Awards were the numerous individuals, credit unions and chapters who contributed more than \$372,000 to the Credit Union Political Action Council (CUPAC), and those who assisted the ICU Foundation in providing nearly \$175K in grants, scholarships in 2008.

In addition, 19 credit unions celebrating milestone (25th, 50th and 75th) anniversaries were recognized. Wrapping up the ceremony was Keynote speaker, Al Masocco, of PulseBeat Marketing, who provided a multi-media presentation on his 30-year history of rock and roll, marketing and branding.

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Note: The Illinois Credit Union System is the primary trade association for credit unions in Illinois, which provides members with information, legislation, and education. Membership is open to any credit union operating in accordance with the Illinois Credit Union Act or the Federal Credit Union Act. There are 423 credit unions in Illinois serving more than 2.7 million members.