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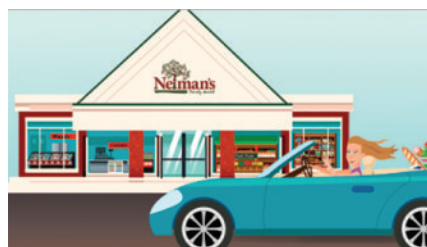
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Genisys Credit Union has been voted “Best of the Best” in the Oakland Press Readers Choice Awards for Best Credit Union, Best Financial Advisor, and Best Mortgage Lender. The credit union would like to extend a thank you to all that took the time to vote to make this opportunity possible.

“Recognitions like ‘Best of the Best’ affirm our continued efforts to provide service excellence for our members,” said Jackie Buchanan, President & CEO of Genisys Credit Union. “We work to create an environment where members can focus on their financial health through personalized services, tailored products, and competitive rates while investing in the communities in which they live & work by concentrating on financial education, non-profit giveback, and event sponsorships.”

Genisys has been recognized as Best Credit Union and Mortgage Lender for 12 consecutive years and Best Financial Advisor for five.

Built on the principle of putting members first, the credit union gives back to their members with *Genius High Yield Checking*, which pays an annual percentage yield (APY) of 4.07% and offers debit card rewards. For those 18 and under, they have a *High Yield Youth Savings* with an APY of 5.12% on balances up to \$500.

“This account aims to help our youngest members grow their savings while learning the important role finances play in their

life,” said Buchanan. With support from the Michigan Credit Union Foundation, the credit union hosts virtual *Reality Fairs* for students to get a hands-on, interactive experience to advance their financial understanding through realistic approaches to budgeting.



Genisys volunteers at OLHSA's 2020 Walk for Warmth

They've brought the program to various school districts in Oakland County such as Rochester, Lake Orion, Oxford, Clarkston, and Pontiac.

The credit union also has a *Financial Wellness Center* on their website, www.genisyscu.org. The *Wellness Center* offers tools and information about budgeting and spending, saving, managing debt, retirement planning, and more. For both members and non-members alike, this resource provides a “financial toolbox” with links to ebooks and videos, budget

calculators, webinars, subject quizzes, and more.

They continue to enhance their mobile and online banking system with features and functionality such as “on/off” debit and credit card controls. The controls allow you to receive usage notifications,

adjust spending limits in real time, set GPS location limits, offer touchID for quick card access, and more to stay in control of your card, safely and securely. “With the vast functionality offered by Card Controls, our members are able to stay in control of how and when their cards are used,” said Buchanan.

A mission at the credit union is to invest in the success and vibrancy of their branch areas. Genisys partners with local organizations to support events for community members to attend at little or no cost along

with raising funds for non-profit organizations like Lighthouse and Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA). They were proud to increase support in their communities through the pandemic and are working diligently to continue that support.

In 2020, Genisys was voted a Detroit Free Press Top Workplace for the 13th year in a row and a Best & Brightest Place to Work in Metro Detroit. The credit union also ranks in the Top 200 Healthiest Credit Union by depositaccounts.com while also receiving a 5-Star rating from Bauer Financial for safety & soundness. Genisys also had the great honor of receiving the Crystal Award by Raddon, a Fiserv Company. The award recognizes credit unions for achieving a top ten ranking across a scorecard of criteria with honorees ranking in the top 2 to 3 percent of credit unions nationwide.

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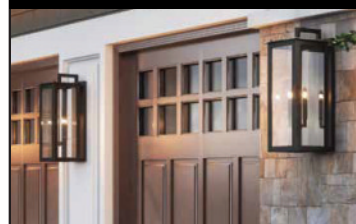
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313 Pizza named 'Best of the Best' for pizza, happy hour

**By Dean Potter
For MediaNews Group**

Lake Orion's restaurant scene is growing, and leading the charge is 313 Pizza Bar.

Named Best Pizza and Best Happy Hour by The Oakland Press' "Best of the Best" Reader's Choice Awards, the pizzeria is the latest venture by veteran restaurateur Drew Ciora, who also owns The Royal Oak Brewery and the Detroit Beer Co.

Ciora attributes three key ingredients to 313's success: "We have the best Detroit-style pizza in Lake Orion, the best atmosphere featuring three patios and outstanding service."

Ciora has been in the restaurant and brewing business for nearly 30 years. He and his partners opened Lockhart's BBQ at 313 Pizza Bar's current location in Lake Orion in 2010. Ciora says Lockhart's was doing well but he wanted to try something different, and after some market research he realized Lake Orion lacked a great dine-in-pizza place. Ciora and his team transformed Lockhart's BBQ into 313 Pizza Bar, and the rest as they say is history.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the reader's choice awards," Ciora said. "The community has really embraced us."

The menu has some surprises too; like Dill Pickle Pizza which features diced dill pickle, applewood bacon, garlic cream cheese and house blend cheeses. Another customer favorite is the Carnivore Pizza with pepperoni, cup and char pepperoni, Italian sausage, brown sugar ham, applewood bacon, house blend cheese and red sauce.

"These pizzas really pair well with a good hearty lager or a craft cocktail," he said. "We really wanted to focus on a place where you can sit down and enjoy great pizza, craft cocktails and a great atmosphere."

Though the pandemic has limited seating capacity inside the restaurant, Ciora and staff are making additional improvements to the seating and bar area that will be unveiled next month.

"Lake Orion is a great place," Ciora said. "The city has a great new social district so come out and visit 313 Pizza — you will be glad you did."

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Excellent customer service earns Douglas Water Conditioning Best of the Best honors

By Jane Peterson

For MediaNews Group

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Today, the company remains family owned and operated. Mike Lanni works in process control, ensuring that his

dad's commitment to quality is upheld day in and day out. Jason Tiefenback, Jerry's son, is one of the owners along with partners Ron Steward and Scott Shepherd. Many employees have been with Douglas Water Conditioning for decades. Shepherd, for example, was hired as a 15-year-old to take care of salt deliveries nearly 30 years ago. Steward worked for EcoWater System before joining Douglas more than 20 years ago. Mike Lanni grew up with the company, stepping away for 10 years to work in the corporate world before joining the family business.

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