

First Quarter 2005

This is a quarterly newsletter to keep interested parties updated on projects and initiatives of the Florida Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy. Please forward this to anyone you feel would be interested in learning more about the Florida Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy.

President's Message:



This year marks the 10th anniversary of Jump\$tart nationally. Interestingly, it also marks the 3^d anniversary of the founding of Florida Jump\$tart! Congratulations are in order and well deserved both at a national and state level. 38 of the 50 states have a formalized Jump\$tart program and many more are in the process of forming one. We have seen the continued efforts by legislators around the country who have submitted bills to bring public awareness to the need for financial education in our schools in the future. See www.jumpstart.org <<<http://www.jumpstart.org>>>.

Our member base represents a cross section of the Florida community, which includes non profit, financial institutions, educators, government agencies and faith based organizations. Your support in promoting financial literacy has elevated the Florida Jump\$tart Affiliate to be recognized as a statewide coalition. Our website serves the community statewide and receives an average of 2,500 visits a month. During the holiday months, we reached 7,000 visits each month! We hope to develop our website to offer interactive information to students, parents and educators. See www.FLjumpstart.org <<<http://www.fjumpstart.org>>>.

I extend my hand in fellowship to give thanks for the commitment and partnership of the Florida Jump\$tart Board of Directors and Members who have made these 3 years possible and welcome new members, partners and ideas in the coming years.

*Thanks for all you do for financial education in Florida!
Regards, Rosanna*

Upcoming Meetings:

June 8, 2005: Board Meeting and Open Partner Meeting

6/8/05 at 10:00 AM Local Time

Board Meeting 10 a.m. - 12 noon

General Membership (open) 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Location - TBD

Lunch scheduled for 12:00 -1:00 p.m., Sponsored by CCCS - Orlando/Tampa

September 14, 2005: Annual Board Strategy Meeting for 2006

9/14/05 at 9:00 AM Local Time

Board Meeting 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Location - TBD,

Lunch Sponsorship Sponsored by Colonial Bank, N.A.

REMINDER to Board and Partners!

1. The Florida Jump\$tart Executive Team issues a challenge to all partners to invite at least one guest or potential new member to our next face-to-face open meeting scheduled for June 8, 2005, 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

2. Throughout the year, remember to send in your personal financial literacy events to post on the website: www.FLjumpstart.org. Contact: [Rosanna Jacobsen@colonialbank.com](mailto:Rosanna_Jacobsen@colonialbank.com) <mailto:Rosanna_Jacobsen@colonialbank.com> and jhenderson@cccsfl.org <<mailto:jhenderson@cccsfl.org>>

Upcoming Events April - June 2005

April is Financial Literacy Month. Get out those piggy banks!

April 26th is Teach a Child to Save Day!!!

Financial Literacy Group, Inc., Lakeland April Events

A 4 hour session on financial literacy was presented to a group of recently displaced homemakers on April 1st. Budgeting, credit, predatory & payday lending were discussed. April 12: Scheduled to speak to a group of about 40 - 60 small business owners at a Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 12th. The session will explore the cost that personal financial problems is having on businesses. **Contact:** Rob Sansome rsan169@aol.com <<<[>>>](mailto:rsan169@aol.com)

FDIC Money Smart in Florida in April

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The FDIC has scheduled Money Smart financial education train-the-trainer workshops on Thursday, April 14, 2005 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The workshops are free and are from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **Contact:** John Olsen at the FDIC for additional information at jolsen@fdic.gov www.fdic.gov

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, First-Time Homebuyer Workshops - guides participants through the complex, confusing and sometimes overwhelming process of purchasing a home. We believe educated buyers are less likely to become a victim of predatory lending, fair housing discrimination, or become a foreclosure risk. Topics include: finding the right mortgage product; understanding the costs of ownership; and preparing for closing.

Saturday, April 16, 2005 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Community Foundation Building in WPB.
Saturday, May 21, 2005 - 10:30 am - 3:30 pm, Martin County Public Library in Stuart.
Wednesday & Thursday, June 15 & 16, 2005 - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, St. Lucie County Civic Center.
Wednesday & Thursday, June 29 & 30, 2005 - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Community Foundation Building in WPB.

For reservations - call 866-616-3720

Welcome to New Partners:

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Community partner supporting youth and adult financial literacy.

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Please visit our web site: www.FJumpstart.org

Thanks to our community partners and 540 Interactive and their creative work in customizing our web site. It is averaging over 2,500 hits a month providing public awareness as a clearinghouse of materials and information to promote personal financial literacy in Florida!