



**“Diwali is about culture, it is about an age-old concept that transcends cultures and communities...to consider the duality of life, the balance between darkness and light. To celebrate the light, elevating us out of the darkness.” - Kamala Harris**

Diwali is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival is named from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deeps) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This festival is as important to Hindus as the Christmas holiday is to Christians. Over the centuries, Diwali has become a national festival that's also enjoyed by non-Hindu communities. Diwali is celebrated over five days with a series of unique rituals and traditions. [Learn more here!](#)

## LEARNING DISABILITY (LD) & ADHD AWARENESS MONTH

October is Learning Disabilities (LD) & ADHD Awareness Month; 1 in 5 individuals in the United States have an identified learning or thinking difference, like dyslexia or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Research indicates, that of the "1 in 5," approximately 8% of those students received specialized instruction or accommodations in school - less than half. So what happens to the other students? The impact of not identifying or receiving specialized services is immense and long term. [Learn more here!](#)

## 8th CREDIT UNION PRINCIPLE

We celebrate International Credit Union Day and our cooperative roots during October. The 7 original Cooperative Principles illustrate cooperatives' core values, economic model and governance practices. The application of these principles into everyday operations distinguishes cooperatives from other organizations. Learn more about the effort to establish an 8th Cooperative Principle, which says diversity, equity and inclusion is an ideal that should be pursued. [Learn more about the 8th Cooperative Principle here!](#)

## SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to welcome Molly Freye and Edgar Hernandez to the Illinois credit union Town Hall event. Join us to **explore the multicultural and multigeneration research – WHAT MATTERS NOW All People Seen. All Voices Heard.**



**Tuesday, November 15 @ 1:00 pm**

Join the Illinois Credit Union Town Hall Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83397856049?pwd=UFFRc2dLdFZZWG9FZTdpRIZjRGpvdz09>

Meeting ID: 833 9785 6049

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**Wednesday, December 7 @ 12 pm** THE FINAL "SOMETHING TO CHEW ON" TED TALK FOR 2022