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LAFCU remembers Mary Gullett

Long-time employee 'trailblazer' for member services, valuable volunteer in retirement

LANSING, Mich. — Mary Gullett, known to many in Michigan's credit union community, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, in Lansing at the age of 76. She was revered as a dedicated employee and champion for member services at LAFCU as well as a valuable volunteer on LAFCU's credit committee in her retirement.

"Mary is beloved by many within LAFCU and well thought of throughout the credit union industry," said Patrick Spyke, LAFCU CEO. "She worked tirelessly for the financial betterment of LAFCU members and was a trailblazer who brought home equity and credit card products to members in the 1980s. She was also instrumental in the creation of LAFCU's mortgage products."



Mary Gullett

Gullett worked for the mid-Michigan credit union for more than 30 years, joining in 1970 as a teller and retiring in 2001 as manager of the real estate department, which she helped develop.

Following retirement from LAFCU, Gullett continued to provide her extensive knowledge and wealth of experience to benefit the credit union's membership as a member of LAFCU's Credit Committee. She was elected by LAFCU members in 2005 and served on the committee until earlier this year when her health prevented her from doing so. The volunteer group meets twice monthly to monitor lending and address lending-related issues, including reviewing denied loans and working with members for possible solutions.

Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, senior vice president of marketing, said, "I was fortunate to have worked directly for Mary in the real estate department for many years. Like countless others at LAFCU, I believe that she was a great leader, extremely intelligent, creative and always thinking outside the box about how LAFCU could better serve members."

In memory of Gullett, contributions may be made to Grace Bible Church, 1000 S. Canal Road, Lansing, MI 48917. Online condolences may be shared at www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com.

About LAFCU

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is proud to be mid-Michigan's credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves nearly 60,000 members, holds more than \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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