

**CARL FOOTE LEGACY AWARD:
LOIS GASTON**

Lois Gaston appreciates the opportunities to serve others that Foothill Unity Center, Second Baptist Church Monrovia and the Duarte Kiwanis Club gives her. In 1990, after a 32-year telecommunications career, she retired from AT&T Lucent Technologies. Since then, she has used her human relations skills to recruit and help train FUCI's board of directors. She currently serves as the Nominating Committee Chair as an Elected Official Representative.

During her Foothill Unity Center tenure, Lois had the privilege to serve with Carl Foote. His knowledge and financial expertise made a lasting impression on her and the organization. "Carl had a way of making everyone feel valued. I still have a collection of Christmas cards he and Claudia sent through the years," Lois said. "The personalized notes he penned remind me of what a caring individual he was. To have volunteered with Carl was inspirational. To receive a legacy award named for him is an incredible honor."

Lois was born in Arkansas in 1937. She migrated to Monrovia to join her mother in June of 1949, joined Second Baptist Church and graduated from Monrovia-Arcadia Duarte High School in 1953. She has three retired sons, Harold Carter Sr., a fireman, T K Carter (Sandra Collier) an actor, and Bruce (Lena) an attorney, plus Vincent Gaston, an LAUSD educator who teaches K-1 grades; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Since 1969, Lois has resided in Duarte where she served on the city council for eight years and as mayor in 2007. Her faith in God, love for family and dedication to church and community still keeps her active and gives her purpose.