

Fall 2021

# EXTRA NEWSLETTER



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# Letter from *the CEO*

Dear Valued Member,

It's hard to believe winter is almost upon us. As 2021 winds to a close, we reflect on the past year with gratitude.

We are glad to have had the opportunity to honor long-time leader of the Supervisory Committee, Casper Roos. The dedicated service of members like Casper makes us better at serving all of our membership.

In September, we welcomed Tony Valenziano as our new Chief Operating Officer. Tony has over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry with a proven record of driving growth and leading through change while maintaining a member-centric culture. We are excited to have him join the team.

This year, Actors FCU offered its first scholarships to three talented young students who are pursuing an education in the arts. We are grateful for the opportunity to enable these artists to access new opportunities for growth.

In the last few months, the credit union's Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee, executives, and management team recently met for a two-day strategic planning session, where we affirmed our purpose. We head into 2022 as committed as ever to our purpose – **“to provide financial empowerment to members of the creative community.”**

Yours in service,

**Daniel Czerniawski**  
**President & CEO**





***Congratulations to Casper Roos on receiving the 2021 Conrad Bain Award for Actors Federal Credit Union Volunteers!***



# AUTO TALK

## Fall is a Great Time to Get That New Car!

Car manufacturers are beginning to showcase new-year models at this time of year. That incentivizes local dealers to offer better prices to get rid of the current year's inventory. It also gives buyers more negotiating power. You can get a better price while still having more choices for the model, color, and options you want.



## Your Auto Loan Refinance Calculator

Did you know that you can save money on your existing auto loan? Simply go to the "Resources" tab on our auto shopping website and find out your savings with our refinance calculator. It's super easy to use and will provide you with valuable information, including what lower interest rates are available and how much you could save.

## Finding the Right Loan

Doing business with us will put you in the driver's seat. It's a different experience than working with a large bank. For starters, we're a not-for-profit organization established by members, for members. Once you qualify for a loan with us, you're a member of a very special financial institution that comes with the following benefits:

### Lower Rates

Rates at credit unions are generally lower. This is because credit unions pass savings from their not-for-profit status throughout our product lines. As an example, credit unions offer members higher rates on savings accounts and lower rates on loans and credit cards. We are not looking to make a profit.

### Loan Approval

Credit unions exist for their members. We are more likely to understand and listen to your circumstances when applying for a loan; sometimes adjusting terms of loans accordingly. While the loan approval process is similar, we are much more approachable and willing to work with you. We strive to provide a personalized approach that values you and your financial situation.

### Customer Service

Members report high satisfaction rates when conducting business with our credit union. It is our mission to provide members with affordable financial services because our goal is not to profit from a member.



# *Student Loan Refinancing*

*Powered by LendKey*

Student Loan Refinancing allows you to renegotiate terms (including rates) to get a better deal, remove a cosigner or consolidate multiple loans.

Consider Refinancing If:

- Your Credit Score Improved
- Interest Rates Have Changed
- Economic Conditions Are Right & You Have High Income

[Learn More](#)

# *And the awards go to...*

**Danika**



***ActorsFCU Scholarship for the  
Creative Arts***

**Thais**



***Gil Rogers Scholarship for the  
Theatrical Arts***

We are proud to award scholarships to these members of the ActorsFCU community to help further their education in the arts!

# *Gil Rogers Scholarship for the Theatrical Arts*



Gil Rogers served on the ActorsFCU board for over 40 years. Originally attending Harvard University to study Chemistry, Gil transferred to a school with a drama department to pursue his education in the arts. He would go on to become a talented actor, acting on-screen and onstage.

Gil passed away peacefully in March 2021 at the age of 87. We are proud to award this scholarship in his honor so that another young actor can pursue their education in the arts.



# *Gil Rogers Scholarship for the Theatrical Arts Winner: Thais*



Though only 11 with few acting opportunities near her MA small town, Thais created, directed & performed in her 1st movie with the help of her younger sisters & her grandfather as the star.

During the pandemic, Thais also began performing for the elderly on Zoom to cheer them up.

With this award, she hopes to continue training & entertaining older audiences.

# *ActorsFCU Scholarship for the Creative Arts Winner: Danika*



Danika is a senior at NYU Tisch finishing her BFA in Theatre. At the age of 20, she has modeled in NY Fashion Week & was recently signed by her 1st talent agent.

She shares this scholarship to help cover tuition costs in arts education with her sister Makena who plans on attending Marymount Manhattan next year to pursue a BFA in Theatre.

# *Important Dates*

<b>Branch Closings</b>	
Veterans Day November 11	All Branches & Call Center Closed
Thanksgiving Day November 25	All Branches & Call Center Closed
Black Friday November 26	L.A. Offices Closed
Christmas Eve December 24	Branches Close at 3pm & Call Center Closes at 6pm (EST)
Christmas Day December 25	All Branches & Call Center Closed



# *Supervisory Committee* Notice

**Do you have unresolved issues with your account?**

The first & best way to resolve account issues to is contact our Member Services department at **212.869.8926, option 6** Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM EST.

If your issue is still not resolved, confidentially contact our Supervisory Committee at **sup\_com@actorsfcu.com**.

You may also call **212.869.5655** & leave a message.  
A Supervisory Committee member will return your call promptly.  
This line is not intended for day-to-day use.

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New York, NY 10036  
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