



# Women In Leisure Services

Chi Kappa Rho, Inc.

## Gamma Gram

February | March | April  
2012

### President's Message

#### **Happy New Year Gamma Ladies!**

What a year it has been! Our membership has improved, our programs have improved, our partnerships and sponsorships with organizations and businesses have grown! Talk about meeting and exceeding the goals we set for our membership! The Casino night committee put together a fabulous event and raised over \$1600 for Gamma Scholarships!!! Congrats to Allison Lewis and the Holiday Breakfast committee for the fun and festive event held at Downtown Disney! Both events were a perfect end to the 2011 year.

Big Kudos goes out to the committee chair for the Winter Workshop. Kristy Samples continued on as chair in the midst of a job change and the economic reality that many members are facing within their cities. Again, a true sign of how valuable our members are and how committed they are to providing quality trainings. Also, make sure you save the date for our Annual Bunko event on Thursday, April 19th.

In this issue you will see new member and life member highlights. I encourage you to get to know these members and introduce yourself to them when you see them at events. I was kindly reminded of this at the recent holiday breakfast while taking the past presidents picture. I knew the face but forgot the name and asked "the lady in red" to please move over. This was followed up by 25 past presidents saying "How do you not know Cindy?" After taking the picture, I quickly apologized and was given a nice hello, hug and formal introduction! Thank you Cindy-Lu Gans for being so kind.

Lastly, I want to welcome back our President, Jenny Hanlon. Jenny has been busy being a new mom to little Gracie for the last three months and has returned to her duties with the City of Rancho Cucamonga and also to WILS. It has been fun being the sit in and it's been a nice warm up for the year to come! Jenny, we are glad to have you back!

Lydie Gutfeld | First Vice-President



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# Gamma News

## Lead and Inspire | Gamma Board Nominations

We need you! Nomination Forms will be sent out this month for all members who would like to volunteer their time for the 2012-2013 Gamma Board. We are looking for women who would like to lead by example, meet other members and grow as a professional. This fun and rewarding experience is a great way to meet other women in the organization! You may nominate a friend or co-worker or nominate yourself! Positions include: First Vice President/President Elect (Previous board experience required), Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. More information regarding the responsibilities of these positions will be in the nomination form or online at the Gamma website [www.wils-gamma.com](http://www.wils-gamma.com).

For more information, please contact Robyn Hockenull at [rhocken@ci.ontario.ca.us](mailto:rhocken@ci.ontario.ca.us).

## Scholarship Information

Women in Leisure Services—Chi Kappa Rho, Inc., Gamma Chapter will award **student scholarships** to assist in the development of women in the field of Recreation and Leisure Services. New this year, the Gamma Chapter will also award a **professional scholarship** to assist working professionals in the field of recreation and leisure services. Applications and eligibility criteria will be available in February at [www.wils-gamma.com](http://www.wils-gamma.com).

Applications will be due on **April 6, 2012** and the most qualified applicants will be invited for interviews in late April. In addition to scholarship money, all scholarship recipients will receive a one year WILS membership and will also be invited as guests to the WILS Annual Awards and Installation Banquet in May, where they will be honored for their achievements.

For more information, please contact Allison Lewis, Scholarship Chair at [alewis@yorba-linda.org](mailto:alewis@yorba-linda.org).



# Gamma News

Upcoming Events | Save The Date



## **Bunko Night** **Thursday, April 19th**

Vellano Country Club  
Chino Hills  
5 - 8 p.m.

*More Information To Come*

## **The WILS National Luncheon** **Wednesday, March 21**

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Yard House, Long Beach

*More Information To Come*

Reserve a spot on your calendar now!  
The Yard House is walking distance from the CPRS Conference location and is a great venue for our members to socialize and network.

In preparation of the luncheon, the Gamma Chapter is recruiting members to

donate gift cards to support National's annual fundraiser. Gift cards in any denomination and to anywhere is desired. If you are unable to provide gift cards, you can still be a part of this fundraising effort by buying raffle tickets to win gift cards!

If you would like to buy raffle tickets for the fundraiser or you have gift cards to donate, call or email Valarie Frost, 562-866-9771 ext. 2417 or [vfrost@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:vfrost@lakewoodcity.org).

## **2012 Awards and Installation Banquet** **Thursday, May 17th**

*Save the Date!*



# Gamma News

## Bosses Day Recap | Tuesday, October 18, 2011

The annual Bosses Day Celebration, for which the theme was “Out of this World” took place at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey. A total of 64 WILS members and bosses were in attendance for the event, which included a self-guided tour of the museum and its many interactive exhibits. Scott Pomrehn, Executive Director of the Space Center, made a short speech about NASA’s rich history in Downey and described some of the current projects underway at the facility, including the process of becoming an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute. WILS members also had the chance to take a souvenir photo with their boss in a photo booth featuring funny props and NASA gear.

## Casino Night Recap | Friday, November 4, 2011

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2011 Casino Night Fundraiser, which was held at the Cypress Community Center. More than \$1600 was raised to support the scholarship program! Volunteers Marc Gutfeld, Chad Clanton and Matt Pashley helped make the night fun!



## Holiday Breakfast Recap | Thursday, December 9, 2011

The annual Holiday Breakfast was held at Tortilla Jo’s in Downtown Disney. A total of 70 active members, Past Presidents, and life members gathered together to share in the holiday spirit and to acknowledge the special women in this group whose leadership has continued to allow this organization to thrive and succeed in bringing together women in the recreation profession. It was with great honor that the Gamma Chapter recognized our very own Sue Leto as the 2011 Helen I. Pontius National Award recipient. This year, the committee selected Human Options as the 2011 sponsored charity. This charity, based in Orange County, helps battered women, their families, and communities break the cycle of domestic violence. With the graciousness of the Gamma chapter, we raised over \$1300 (cash and gift cards) for Human Options. Lastly, we are very thankful to Cal South Soccer Foundation whose donation helped off-set registration costs and allowed the committee to provide the

sweet treats to take home. Thank you to all the committee members and to all those who attended, it was a morning to remember!



# Gamma Gals

## Happy Birthday

### February Babies

Kathy Ables - 1  
Ruth Raheb - 5  
Robyn Hockenhull - 7  
Valerie Taylor - 16  
Cindy Robinson - 18  
Cindy-Lu Gans - 23  
Brandy Vega - 23  
Liz Tran - 26  
Betty Davenport - 28

### March Babies

Adrianna Hyta - 2  
Christie Pearce - 2  
Jean Smith - 4  
Michelle Khzouz - 5  
Emily Ishigaki - 6  
Cynthia Street - 9  
Karon De Leon—10  
Karen Fazlurrehman - 12  
Lindsay Cutrell - 13  
Deana Martin - 14  
Patricia Fierro - 17  
Georgiann Vanderpool - 18  
Rachael Gomez - 20  
Diana Davis - 20  
Pamela Burton - 30

### April Babies

Kristi McClure - 2  
Stacia Mancini - 6  
Shawntee McCauley - 11  
Sue Hughes - 16  
Ellen Ward - 17  
Marilyn Huff - 19  
Julie Dorey - 24  
Kathy Sorensen - 27  
Karin Pekala - 30



***Do you have exciting news  
you want to share?***

Email Kristen at [kreid@cityofirvine.org](mailto:kreid@cityofirvine.org)  
to have it included in the  
next Gamma Gram!

## Names In the News

**Adrianna Hyta**, City of Cypress, and her husband, Randy, are expecting their first child in June!

**Candice Cheung**, City of Cypress, and her husband, Philip, are expecting their second child, due in June!

**Taylor Smith**, Richard Fisher Associates, and her husband, Dax, welcomed their son Rylan Easton Smith on Sunday, January 22nd.

## Welcome To Our Newest Members

Jennifer Camacho • City of Rancho Cucamonga

Kate Dudley • City of Yorba Linda

Danielle Jones • City of Yorba Linda

Lindsay Marksbury • City of Lakewood

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# Gamma Gals

## Did You Know...

Lindsay Cutrell • Member Since 2006 • City of Costa Mesa • Gamma Treasurer

**Why Did You Join WILS:** Joined because my supervisor, Ruth Raheb, was very involved as well as others in my City and I wanted to network and meet people.

**How Do You Spend Your Free Time:** With my husband of 5 years, Seth. We enjoy our season tickets to Segerstrom Center for the Arts and we like hang out with our friends!

**Are You A Morning or A Night Person:** Night! When I have a choice to get up and I don't have to, I won't!

**If You Could Learn To Do Anything, What Would It Be:** I really want to learn to speak different languages, especially Spanish, and travel more.



**What Was The First Thing You Bought With Your Own Money:**

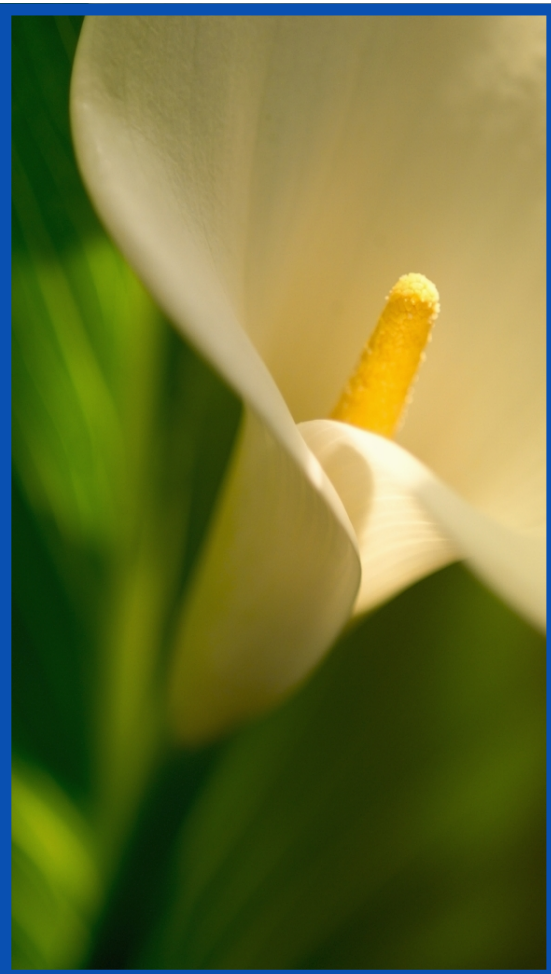
I worked all summer when I was 15 and I really wanted my own phone line in my room so I saved up and then I was sooo cool and all my friends were jealous!

**If You Were Cooking Dinner What Would It Be:** I love to cook.

I like to try new things all the time and not cook the same things over and over again. I love to look through recipes in my cooking magazines.

**What's The Best Vacation You've Ever Had:** Our last vacation was the best, a cruise to the Bahamas over the holidays. We had an awesome time!

**What Chore Do You Absolutely Hate Doing:** Taking out the trash, I do not want to touch trash.



# Gamma Gals

## Did You Know...

*Donna Georgino • Member Since 1987 • Newly Retired*

**What Was The First City You Worked For:** My first full time job working for a city was with the City of Duarte. In 1981, I was hired as a Senior Recreation Leader. In 1982 I was promoted to Recreation Supervisor. I was made Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation in 1985, and promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation January 1, 1987.



**What Is Your Favorite Professional Memory:** I have so many great memories that it is hard to pick just one. But, in general, I enjoyed trying to positively impact the lives of Duarte's youth. Some of the activities I was involved in included the development of the Duarte Teen Center, obtaining grants for Teen Pregnancy Prevention programs that lasted for 14 years, teaching a ROP class for Recreation Leaders at Duarte High School, and developing the Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan.

**What Is Your Favorite Gamma Memory:** Again, I have a lot of wonderful memories, but one thing that stands out was taking my boss, Jess Duff, to Bosses' Day. He always looked forward to attending and we always had a great time.

**What Do You Look Forward To In Retirement:** Short term, I hope to get caught up on my household projects. Long term, I want to spend time with my family and friends, volunteer, and travel.

**What Are Some Words Of Wisdom To Live By:** In my office I had on the wall a bumper sticker that said "What Are America's Children Learning From You". I hope to always conduct myself in a manner that will positively impact the lives of the young people I come in contact with.

**A Few Other Comments:** Being a recreation professional has been a blessing in my life. I don't know of any other profession that attracts such friendly, creative, hard working, compassionate, and fun people!



# Gamma Gals

## Gamma Bloopers

In 1990 I was hired in Lakewood as a Community Services Coordinator. One of my first tasks was the completion of the Summer Recreation Catalog which is mailed to every home in Lakewood. It's in the summer issue that we list all the aquatics seasonal swim programs. I missed correcting a typo on the phone number for one of the pools and all summer long one of our residents had to "field" the MANY phone calls that were made to the pool that summer. Horrible! (the resident was REALLY nice about it).

**Allison Brammer, City of Lakewood**

I was making Snicker Doodles with a group of kids in our afterschool program. When they were all done, the kids were complaining that they did not taste good. I soon realized that I used salt instead of sugar to make the cookies. I am still called "Salty Doodle" by some of the people that I work with.

**Kristen Reid, City of Irvine**

I was preparing a letter on behalf of my boss who was the Public Services Agency Director. I submitted it to him for his signature when he noted that I had left the "L" out of "Public" on his signature line.

**Julie Dorey , City of Ontario**

When I worked in Long Beach, one of the programs I was responsible for was the Long Beach Municipal Band. The main marketing for the upcoming season was our program brochure, of which we printed 30,000 copies so that we'd get through the 8 week concert season. So, of course, while editing, I made sure we had the who, what, when, where and info line. Problem was I didn't catch that the information phone number I'd listed was my HOME phone number, no one else looking at the document caught the mistake either. Not until I started getting phone calls at home about what music the band was going to be playing, if people could bring dogs to the concerts and all the other weird questions I SHOULD have been getting at work did I realize that all of the brochures that had already been sent out had the wrong number on them. I changed the rest (about 15,000 of them!) with a label, but all summer long I got calls. I had to let my phone go to message, which included "if you are calling about the Municipal Band, the correct number to call is ....," before I actually answered. What a pain!

**Jana Ransom, City of Irvine**

*Thank you to everyone  
who shared thier  
"Bloopers"*

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