



# Women in Leisure Services

## *Chi Kappa Rho, Inc. - Gamma Gram*

### **Presidents Message:**

Happy New Year Gamma Friends! We ended 2009 with a fantastic breakfast Chaired by *Shawntee Holland, City of Irvine*, which celebrated and recognized our Life Members and Past Presidents. Thanks also to the City of Lakewood for hosting us at their brand new community center. I would love to have attended however, I too was busy celebrating the birth of my son Yousef Van Khzouz on December 9, 2009.

Gamma Members kicked off the New Year with our January Workshop “Breakthrough Networking” hosted by *Lydie Gutfeld, City of Irvine*. Participants learned survival networking skills and left feeling very technologically savvy. *Jenny Kucera, City of Rancho Cucamonga*, has prepared a must-attend Workshop on February, 10, 2010 entitled, “The Hour Glass Effect: Leveraging Female talent For Your Competitive Advantage”. Dr. Tammy Wong will be presenting on how to give your career a boost and how to discover your skills. I expect each of you will leave feeling empowered and invigorated by this one of kind workshop.

Please keep your eye peeled for information on annual Gamma Golf and Bunko event. *Aly Mancini, City of Signal Hill*, has been working tirelessly on an exciting Putt and Roll event scheduled for April.

I look forward to seeing you all the CPRS Conference in March as we celebrate National's 75th Anniversary!

Finally, I'd like to thank the entire Gamma board and especially *Robyn Hockenhill* for their support during my maternity leave. I'm sure Robyn had no idea she'd be doing double duty when she accepted the role of 1st Vice President.

Sincerely,

Michelle Khzouz  
President



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## Members in the News:

- Gamma member Lety Reyes from the City of Pico Rivera welcomed a healthy baby girl Layla Evelia Reyes on December 29, 2009. She weighed 7lbs. 6oz. and measured 20in. long. Mom and baby are doing well. This is Lety's 2<sup>nd</sup> child. She has a 6 year son named Jacob who is totally excited to be a big brother!
- Gamma President Michelle Khzouz welcomed her second child a healthy baby boy, Youseff Khzouz, born Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:38 am, Hoag Hospital, 20.5 in., 7.9 oz. Older sister Regan is excited to take the reins and everyone is doing well.  
Congratulations to the Khzouz family!
- Lydie Gutfeld is running for CPRS District 10 VP of Correspondence- Please make sure you vote!  
According to CPRS, the ballots are set to go out on January 27, 2010. This year CPRS is moving to electronic elections and has invited the various Districts and Sections to do the same. Members will receive an email from CPRS announcing the election period is open and they will be provided a link to the CPRS website to vote.
- Marian Last was presented with her Gamma Life Membership at a retirement celebration held in her honor, January 22. The well attended Mardi Gras affair recognized her 34 year career with the City of El Monte. Marian retired from her position as Community and Senior Services Manager. She received a boatload of accolades and her expertise on our senior population will be sorely missed. Although she has retired from her employment with El Monte, Marian will continue to impact her community through advocacy and her commitment to others.

## Gamma & National News

**Nominations and Election.....**How time flies. We will be seeking nominations for 2010-2011 Women In Leisure Services - Gamma Chapter Board.

The positions open are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-President Elect
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- National Delegate

If you are interested or know of a member that would be a great fit for any of the above positions, please contact Pearl Raya at [praya@santa-ana.org](mailto:praya@santa-ana.org) or (714) 571-4230. Nomination forms will be sent out in late February.

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Look for two special invitations coming from National. First is the National Luncheon in Palm Springs on Wednesday, March 10 at the Renaissance Hotel, 888 Tahquitz Canyon Way (this is the conference hotel.) You'll also receive another invitation for a special National WILS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on Thursday, March 11 in the early evening. On this date National will be hosting a wine and cheese event in Palm Desert to kick off our organization's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Save these dates and plan to attend both. It's a great way to meet wonderful women from other chapters in our organization.



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## Scholarships:

**PAST PRESIDENTS**.....It is that time again, Past President, Pearl Raya, will be contacting all Past Presidents for their donation to the PAST PRESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP. Before we know it, we will be sitting at the upcoming Awards and Installation Banquet. If you have any questions, please contact Pearl Raya at [praya@santa-ana.org](mailto:praya@santa-ana.org).

## Events:

### January Workshop

The January training was held at the Lakeview Senior Center on Wednesday, January 6th. Breakthrough networking put together a very informative 90 minutes of survival networking skills! Though not very well attended, those who participated received valuable information on new ways to improve their networking skills.



### Holiday Breakfast

This years Holiday breakfast was held at the City of Lakewood's brand new community center Mae Boyar Park. Our charity this year was Orangewood Children's Foundation. A big THANK YOU goes out to all who attended and donated. It was very touching to see how many people are still willing to give in such hard times. It was a great group, lots of laughing and smiling, thank you!



### 50th Anniversary



Gamma celebrated 50 years by hosting a casino night!! 76 members and friends joined in the fun by playing 21, Texas Holdem, Horse Racing and Roulette and a lot of socializing. It was great to see new members as well as several of our Life Members at the event.

## Save the Date!!!

Lydie Gutfeld, Michelle Khzouz, and Morgan Gonzalez are on the committee for this years

### CPRS dance at conference.

This year's theme will be St. Patty's Day at the "Park Pub"

Come enjoy drinks, dancing and Karaoke!

Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

Come out and support your fellow WILS members!

March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9pm-1am

Currently looking for any in-kind decoration donations!

Contact Lydie at 949-724-6817



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## Save the Date!!!

### February Workshop

The Hourglass Effect- Leveraging Female Talent for your Competitive Advantage

For more than 25 years, top Fortune 500 firms have turned to leadership innovation expert Dr. Tammy Wong, CEO of Fostering Executive Leadership, Inc. (<http://drtammywong.com>) to effectively re-shape their organizational culture and bottom line. Dr. Wong will lead a highly interactive workshop that will help you discover the skills or give your career a boost. Whether you are looking to advance to your next challenging leadership position, or want to learn how to thrive in your current position, this workshop is a must for women who want to continue to enhance their career.

*ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE DR.. WONG'S BOOK!!!*

Wednesday, February 10, 2010  
Yorba Linda Community Center  
4501 Casa Loma  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

8:30am- Check In and Refreshments  
9:00am-10:30am- Workshop

\$25 Members, \$30 Non-members (Non-members must make payment prior to the event)

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE NON MEMBERS TO ATTEND**

## Save the Date!!!

It's that time again! The Annual Women in Leisure Services Golf and Bunko Tournament is around the corner. This year's **Putt n' Roll** event will change up the event by replacing the formal golf tournament with a MINIATURE GOLF competition! That's right, now there is no excuse for the young professionals not to join the fun on the green. And, as always, if golf is not your thing there will be plenty of action at the Bunko tourney. So, save the date to come out and play on **April 22, 2010**. More details to follow.

### Thank You Corporate Sponsors!



