



# Women in Leisure Services

## Gamma Gram

August - September

### Presidents Message:

Dear Gamma Ladies,

I'd like to first thank **Adriana Moran**, City of Pico Rivera, and her committee for all their hard work and preparation for the annual Awards and Installation Banquet. This year's banquet was held at Bucca Di Beppo in Irvine. It was intimate, fun and full of surprises. Thank you to **Tina Cherry**, City of Chino and **Colleen Callahan-Litfin**, City of Orange, for their support in the installation.

I'd also like to congratulate all our scholarship winners and welcome them as new members. The Mentor Program Chairs **jaNell Adams**, City of Lakewood, and **Mariana Rabinovich**, City of Long Beach, will continue working with each of these ladies and our new members to ensure each of them feel welcome at our events. The committee will also continue with the ground work set forth by **Liz Tran**, City of Hollywood, **Cindy Robinson**, City of La Palma and **Nancy Matthews**, to ensure member retention.

Recently, members were asked to complete a Gamma Member Survey and the results have been tabulated. What the board has heard you say is not only is Gamma valuable to you professionally but personally. The following are a few ideas generated by our members and some updates to our programs and services.

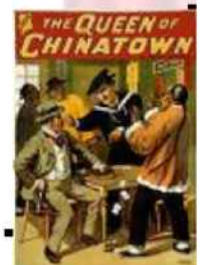
- This year, Gamma will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in style with a Casino Night chaired by **Shelly Myers**, City of Cypress and **Karen Plantz**, City of Lakewood. In lieu of our annual Holiday Craft Affair, Gamma will be combining this fundraising event with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in November.
- Past Presidents and Life Members will all be recognized at our December Holiday Breakfast chaired by **Shawntee Holland**, City of Irvine.
- Gamma's annual Golf and Bunko Tournament will also take on a new life. **Ali Mancini**, City of Signal Hill, is preparing for a new twist by offering Miniature Golf and Bunko this year. With the excitement building for National's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Gamma will be taking a hiatus from our March Meet and Greet.

The Gamma Board is here to serve you this year so please share your thoughts with us. Board Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:30 am in the City of Orange.

Please check our website as our Chair **Valarie Frost**, City of Lakewood works diligently to make frequent updates and changes. Thanks Val!

In closing, I'm looking forward to an exciting and productive year ahead with some wonderful, professional dedicated ladies who are committed to serving our members.

**Michelle Khzouz**



# 2009 - 2010 Gamma Board

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# Gamma Award Winners

*Mary K. Peterson Memorial Merit Award*

*Helen Green Memorial Citation*

*Service Awards*

*Outstanding Contribution During*

*1st Year of Service Award*

*President's Awards*

Allison Brammer

Nancy Hogan  
Michelle Khzouz

Lydie Delieuze  
Morgan Gonzalez  
Shawntee Holland  
Jenny Kucera  
Lisa Tamburelli  
Danielle Valadez

Taylor Smith

Valarie Frost  
Nancy Hogan



# Scholarship Winners



**Miracle Playground  
Sales Scholarship  
Jennifer Morris  
CSULB**



**Gamma Scholarship  
LaToya Ward  
CSULB**



**Past President's  
Scholarship  
Pamela Poindexter  
CSULB**



**Dolores Thompson  
Scholarship  
Brandy Bandaruk  
CSULB**



**Gamma Scholarship  
Caitlin Stevens  
CSULB**



**Richard Fisher Associates  
Scholarship  
Marina Rabinovich  
CSULB**

\*\*Thank you to Dr. Susan  
Leifer Mathieu who accepted  
this award on behalf of  
Delores Thompson\*\*

## Save the Date!!!

The August Business Meeting is almost here! Mark your calendar for Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at BJ's Restaurant & Brewery at the Irvine Marketplace, 13130 Jam-boree Road. Check-in begins at 11am with a buffet lunch of soup, salad and sandwiches at 11:30am. We will be approving the budget for 2009-2010. The fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members and also includes a Pizookie!

Please register by Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to:

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**Come and get involved and meet other members!**



# WILS NATIONAL NEWS



## What Does it Mean to Be a Part of a National Organization?

As a Women in Leisure Services member, you belong to a national group of women who value recreation and work toward providing services that enhance the quality of life for your community. As women representing all professional levels of recreation and leisure services, you are contributing to supporting each other in a professional capacity which can enhance your personal growth, professional growth and future career path. Whether in spirit, or in person, you belong to a community of people who understand the value of leisure services and believe that the daily work that you do, changes lives and makes a difference. **We're strong and we're growing together!**

## What Does your Association with Women in Leisure Services Mean to You?

Send a quote to your delegate: Allison Brammer [abrammer@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:abrammer@lakewoodcity.org)  
National is collecting quotes to use for our National 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Year.



# Save the Date!!!

## WILS National Meeting & Luncheon

Plan to venture down to the beautiful city of Oceanside for the WILS National Fall Luncheon. We will have a fabulous Guest Speaker, Sparkletude Lady "Sheryl Roush –Author/Motivational Speaker" ----she will give us a boost like never before in these dreary economic times. She will be worth the drive!!!!!! Also we will honor this year's Helen I. Pontius Award recipient.

Tuesday, September 15, 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Location: El Corazon Senior Center

3302 Senior Center Drive

Oceanside, CA

\$25 per person





# MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



## August

## September

Marina Rabinovich August 2  
 Pearl S. Raya August 6  
 Jenny Kucera August 8  
 Valarie Frost August 13  
 Susan Jones August 15  
 Lisa Litzinger August 15  
 Shelley Hellen August 16  
 Candice Smith August 17  
 Judy Miller August 18  
 Nettie Nielsen August 19  
 Emily Chacon August 24  
 Nancy Beard August 28  
 Catherine Thibodeaux August 28  
 Heide Xitco August 30  
 Alta Duke August 31

Laura Chotkevys September 3  
 Donna Hunter September 6  
 Nancy L Matthews September 8  
 Joanie Conley September 10  
 Patricia Norman September 11  
 Heidi Lockwood September 17  
 Delores Thompson September 17  
 Rocio Meza September 18  
 Michelle Jenney September 19  
 Heather Stephenson September 21  
 Marjorie McDonald September 21  
 Susan Leto September 24  
 Lisa Tamburelli September 24  
 Cathy McCarthy September 25  
 Janet Grabowski September 28  
 Wendy Casar September 29

### SAVE THE DATE!

First annual WILS Casino Night. That's right, Blackjack, Texas Holdem, Horseracing, Prizes and more.

Not sure how all the gaming tables work, don't worry; there will be opportunities to learn how to play and win money for the prizes.

Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Congratulations to our New 2009 - 2010 Board of Directors. We look forward to a new and exciting year!

If you would like to add something to the next Gamma Gram, please contact Shawntee Holland at [sholland@cityofirvine.org](mailto:sholland@cityofirvine.org)

