

WOMEN IN LEISURE SERVICES GAMMA GRAM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!.....I hope everything is fine with you and your family. Our Chapter is thriving with good ideas for workshops and events. In January, we will have a Public Speaking Workshop in the City of Orange, so please get your registration in soon before you miss out on a great speaker. This will be followed with a Cost Recovery Workshop in February hosted by the City of Placentia. This workshop is especially great due to our economic climate with many of our city budgets and programs being cut.

In March, I hope to see many of you at the CPRS Conference in Santa Clara. WILS is a sponsor for the California Foundation for Parks and Recreation Scholarship. I am also looking forward to seeing many of you at the National Luncheon, so do not forget to purchase your raffle tickets from *Allison Brammer*, especially if you are not going.

On April 3rd, we will have our infamous Golf Tournament and Bunko event at the Costa Mesa Country Club. *Aly Mancini* is coordinating this with a great committee, so get your clubs polished and get ready to have a great time, even if you don't golf well. I am a novice player, so I am going to try my best, and have some fun. If you do not golf, please do not let that stop you. We can get you in a group and show you. If you would like someone to show you, there is still time to learn the basics from some of our more advance players, just let me know.

And, mark you calendar for our Annual Awards and Installation Banquet, for Thursday, May 21, 2009, in Irvine, welcoming our in-coming President *Michelle Khzouz*.

Before I know it my role as President will be over, and so far, I am proud to say, my presidency is going well due to all the support I have received from many of you. I can say with a smile, this has been one of my greatest experiences. And I would recommend the experience, there may be time things do not go well, but with what I have learned, it has been worth it.

Pearl Raya



NAMES IN THE NEWS



Sandy Slate, one of our Gamma Chapter Sponsors, has made in the news. Take a look at the article in the US Chamber giving Sandy Slate a hand for her work. Go Sandy....

For more information please go to:

http://www.uschambemagazine.com/content/0811_si.htm

- With deep sorrow, Life Member Betty Peterson passed away Saturday, December 13, 2008. Her family held a private ceremony; and a memorial service was held on Thursday, December 18th at 10:00am at Saddleback Chapel.
- Rachael Gomez, Community Services Coordinator for the City of Orange, and husband Abel Gomez are expecting their first child, daughter London, April 4. CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOLARSHIPS



Applications will be distributed soon to apply for the 2009 Gamma Chapter Scholarships- The Gamma Chapter will award graduate and undergraduate scholarships in varying amounts from \$500-\$1,500 to assist in the development of women in the field of Recreation and Leisure Services. The objective of the scholarship is to provide support and recognition to female students for personal and professional enrichment through education.

Scholarship applications will be mailed to the membership and will also be available soon on our website at www.wils-gamma.com. The deadline to return applications for the Gamma scholarships is Friday, March 20, 2009. The committee will then screen and rank all applications. The most qualified candidates will be invited to an oral interview.

Scholarships will be awarded to the recipients at the annual Gamma Awards and Installation Banquet to be held in May.

For more information contact Robyn Hockenhull at rhockenh@ci.ontario.ca.us or (909) 395-2368.

EVENT INFORMATION

**Golf Tournament
Update**

Date Change!!!

**Tournament will take
place on Thursday
April 9th 2009.**



Save the Date!!!

**2009 Awards &
Installation Banquet
Thursday, May 21 2009**



For more information, please contact Adriana Moran at

(562) 801-4302 or amoran@pico-rivera.org

EVENT INFORMATION

BOSSSES DAY



Thank you to all who attended and brought their bosses, the committee hopes you had a great time and enjoyed the tour, live entertainment and lunch. All money raised from the raffle was given to the scholarship fund.

CRAFT AFFAIR

Thank you to our life Members for Attending, the 2009 Craft Affair and keeping us updated on the joys of retirement..

Ruth Rehab, Marcia Coolidge, Cindy-Lu Gans, Stacia Mancini, & Roberta White.

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

The Holiday Breakfast was held on Tuesday, December 9th at PJ's Abbey in Orange. Sixty-two members/guests attend and thirteen Past Presidents were recognized. This year beautiful Poinsettias centerpieces were donated from Richard Fisher Associates, adorable nametags were donated from David Volz Designs, Flyers and mailing cost donated from the City of Costa Mesa, Balloon and Signage donated from the City of Irvine and Raffle tickets donated from the City of Ontario. The 50/50 and centerpiece raffle brought in \$280 and \$140 was presented to this year's charity the Susan G. Komen For The Cure. The event made a profit of \$170!

February Workshop

**Determining Core Services,
Resource Allocation & Cost Recovery**

Wednesday, February 11

Check-in: 8:00 - 8:30am

Program: 8:30am - 11:30am

Whitten Community Center, Placentia, CA 92870

Cost: \$20/person

Topics of discussion:

- How to create & identify comprehensive core services and cost recovery philosophies.
- How to shift subsidy to where it is most needed & understand how it affects cost recovery.

Meet & Greet

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Anaheim 300

6pm - 8pm

For more information please contact:

Sylvia Hinojosa at Sylviah@cityoflapalma.org

or (714) 690-3357

NEW & LIFE MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our newest members!

Melissa Klaeb – Applied for membership as a “Friend”
Musco Lighting
Sales Assistant

Sagi Banuelos – Applied for Active membership
City of La Habra
Recreation Leader

Pamela Burton – Applied for Active membership
RJM Design Group, Inc.
Landscape Architect

Welcome!

Congratulations to our newest Life Members!



Ruth Raheb recently retired from the City of Costa Mesa. Ruth was presented her Life membership at a special event held on December 4, 2008 at the Costa Mesa Community Neighborhood center. Ruth has been an active member since 1981. She served on various committees and was Gamma President in 1991-92. In 2002 she was honored with the Helen I Pontius Award. She has been an outstanding mentor and friends to many and now as a Life Member, we can seek her advice for our chapter.



Sue Hughes was presented with her Life Membership at the Holiday Breakfast in December. Sue retired from the City of Signal Hill. Sue has been an active member for the past twenty one years. She has been a very active member in Gamma and National and was president with both organizations. Sue's contributions to the chapter has been great and we will look forward to seeing her at future events.



Gamma Chapter

2009 - 2010 Nominations



Roll up your sleeves and pitch in...



First Vice President/President Elect

This begins the “Presidential Series” and requires a three-year commitment:

First Vice President, President, and then Past President. This Officer is the liaison between the Board and the committee chairs who oversee the Chapter's non-social general membership meetings.

Prerequisite: Executive Board Experience or served as a committee chair.

Second Vice President

This Officer serves as the Membership chair and maintains chapter involvement files; develops the annual

Membership brochure; and solicits, inducts and introduces new members to Gamma Chapter

Recording Secretary

This Officer shall record and distribute the minutes of all Executive Board meetings, maintain the Chapter's Policy Manual, and serve on the by-laws committee.