

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 friend 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.



# Gamma Chapter



## 2009 - 2010 Nominations

### Corresponding

#### Secretary

This Officer notifies the Executive Board of all Board meetings, maintains the Chapter mailing lists, and provides other correspondence as needed.

### Treasurer

This Officer receives and deposits all monies, maintains appropriate records for all Chapter funds, prepares monthly financial statements, and initiates dues renewals.

Please review the available offices and the brief description of their duties. If you would like a more detailed description of duties, please contact Nancy Hogan at (626) 308-2875 or Michelle Khzouz at (949) 724-6755. You may also refer to the Gamma Policy Manual for Additional information.

# MENTORING PROGRAM



## WILS Spotlight Gamma-Gram



Most people remember jaNell Adams by the unique spelling her first name. Her parents decided to spell her name in a nontraditional way by combining her mother's initials ja, which her mother signs in lower case; and her mother's middle name Nell. Combing the two together you get jaNell.



jaNell became a member of WILS in August of this year. She quickly became involved within the organization by attending WILS events; and became a member of the WILS Mentor Committee.

In 2004 jaNell graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a B.A. in Recreation and Leisure Services. Currently, jaNell is working with the City of Lakewood Recreation & Community Department as the Management Trainee. When asked what strengths she uses in her current position jaNell responded, "Time management and creativity are key. I'm consistently working on a variety of projects from planning special events to program development to supervision of youth programs. I have really enjoyed the opportunities and creative freedom Lakewood has given me with this position."

A memorable moment for jaNell was last year when she had an amazing opportunity to travel to Romania to provide program training to other recreation professionals.

Looking forward, jaNell plans on continue gaining more experience with sports and aquatic programs with the City of Lakewood. She is keeping her eye out for a full time recreation position with a city and is excited to continue her professional career in recreation because it's such a fun and innovative environment and she truly believes in providing excellent programming for others.



# NATIONAL NEWS



**Going to the CPRS Conference? Save the Date of Wednesday, March 4 for the WILS National Luncheon at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency. A flyer with more information will be sent prior to the event.**

In preparation for the luncheon, The National Board is also preparing for our **National Gift Card Opportunity Fundraiser** and we need your help! Do you have a gift card to donate to the fundraiser? Perhaps you received a gift card over the holidays that you'd like to give. Or, perhaps you'd like a chance to win? You can buy opportunity tickets in advance, through February 25. The cost is \$5 each or \$20 for 5 chances. Contact Allison Brammer, your National Delegate, if you'd like to support this fundraiser by either donating a gift card or purchasing tickets, or both.

Allison Brammer City of Lakewood

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National's goal is to raise \$1,300. The challenge is on to see which Chapter can generate the most donated gift cards. Let's try and have Gamma Chapter win! The drawing will be conducted at the National Luncheon on March 4.



## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### February



- Kathy Ables 1
- Ruth Raheb 5
- Sonya Meacham 6
- Dana Nava 6
- Robin Hockenhull 7
- Kyla Strokes 8
- Leticia Reyes 10
- Kathleen Stevens 15
- Cindy Robinson 18
- Melissa Joy Flores 21
- Tina Cherry 24
- Liz Tran 26
- Betty Davenport 28

### March



- Adrianna Hyta 2
- Jean Smith 4
- Michelle Khzouz 5
- Emily Ishigaki 6
- Robin Metz 8
- Cynthia Street 9
- Karon De Leon 10
- Lindsay Cutrell 13
- Kelliagh Brown 16
- Patricia Fierro 17
- Georgiann Vanderpool 18
- Diana Miyasaki Davis 20
- Rachael Gomez 20
- Jordan Kehrer 21
- Amy Kinnick 25
- Sandy Romsri 29
- Angie Contreras 31

### April



- Kristi Caraveo 2
- Stacia Mancini 6
- Shawntee Holland 11
- Sue Hughes 16
- Marilyn Huff 19
- Julie Dorey 24
- Gina Hernandez 26
- Kathy Sorensen 27
- Karin Pekala 30

A Special Happy Birthday to Danielle Valadez...sorry we forgot your birthday on the last Gamma Gram. December 31st, we hope it was a great one!

# MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

## May



Sherri Schmid 1  
 Janice Branich 2  
 Jennifer Hunt 2  
 Laura Detweiler 5  
 Sally Duff 6  
 Tanya Taylor Orr 7  
 Lois Scott 8  
 Katie Elmore 10  
 Candice Dong 10  
 Dodie Mosby 13  
 Nancy Lerner Boone 13  
 Leslee Temple 18  
 Leticia Lozoya 27  
 Eileen Harter 28  
 May Woodward 28  
 Julia Davidson 30

## June



Vikki Blethen 1  
 Olivia Grace Walker 4  
 Louise Cunningham 4  
 Candice Valdepena 7  
 Taylor Smith 8  
 Shannon Murphy 9  
 Angelita Noche 10  
 Lillie Mae Wesley 11  
 Mary Gale Chomppff 16  
 Patty Bailey 17  
 Dena Diggins 19  
 Kristina Freeman 21  
 Laurel Meyers 25  
 Michelle Myers 30

## July



Colleen Gefer 1  
 Sylvia Hinojosa 1  
 Marian Last LMFT 2  
 Heidi Courtney 2  
 JaNell Adams 3  
 Colleen Callahan-Litfin 9  
 Lisa Lynn 12  
 Kelly Feldman 13  
 Sheila Pautsch 14  
 Gloria Alvarado 17  
 Lydie Delieuze 19  
 Sjanya Larson-Cash 20  
 Nancy Rapp 27  
 Angie Avery 28  
 Sasha Henckell 28  
 Eyvette Ruiz 31

# COMMITTEE CHAIR ROSTER

### BOSSSES DAY

Chair: Michelle Khzouz & Shelly Myers

### HOLIDAY CRAFT AFFAIR

Co-Chair: Rocio Meza  
 Co-Chair: Lydie Delieuze

### HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Chair: Lisa McPherson

### JANUARY WORKSHOP

Chair: Lisa Tamburelli

### MEMBER TRAINING FUND

Chair: Morgan Gonzalez

### MEET AND GREET

Chair: Sylvia Hinojosa

### FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

Co-Chair: Kristi Caraveo  
 Co-Chair: Kelliagh Brown

### GAMMA GOLF CLASSIC

Co-Chair: Aly Mancini  
 Co-Chair: Christie Araiza  
 Co-Chair: Erica Rodriguez

### AWARDS AND INSTALLATION

Chair: Adriana Moran

### AWARDS

Chair: Valarie Frost

### FINANCE

Chair: Sue Leto

### BYLAWS

Chair: Ruth Raheb

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Co-Chair: Liz Tran  
 Co-Chair: Cindy Robinson

### HISTORIAN

Chair: Gloria Alvarado

### WEBSITE

Chair: Valarie Frost

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### GAMMA GRAM

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**Have a great Summer!  
Look for the next Gamma  
Gram in August.**

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