



# Women in Leisure Services

Chi Kappa Rho, Inc.

Gamma Gram

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## Presidents Message:

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Fall is finally here and with it, brings more exciting events and activities. I'd like to thank **Robyn Hockenhull** and her dedicated team for hosting our Annual Business Meeting. The event was held on Thursday August 13 at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Irvine.

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Gamma members are also preparing to recognize our Supervisors at our Bosses Day Celebration. **Stephanie Konrad-Stabio** and her committee have planned an afternoon adventure at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. Participants will enjoy an all American Faire Lunch, a souvenir picture and tour of the Aquarium for just \$35 per person.

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And now, for the Big Finale, members should mark their calendars for Gamma's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Join your fellow Gamma ladies, friends and colleagues for a Vegas Style Casino Night on Thursday, November 5 at the Cypress Community Center. Co-Chairs **Shelly Myers and Karen Plantz** are planning an event not to be missed! Don't gamble? Don't worry! These ladies have thought of everything and there will plenty of opportunities to learn, plenty of raffle prizes and plenty of fun!

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I'd also like to thank, in advance, our Gamma Life Members who have (and are) generously contributing to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by donating raffle prizes and to all our volunteers for their support. All funds raised at this event will go toward Gamma Scholarships.

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I look forward to celebrating with you all over the next few months!

Sincerely,

**Michelle Khzouz**

**President**

# National News



## WILS National News

The National Board just finished their fall meeting in the City of Oceanside. We worked hard and had lots to discuss and plan for the coming year. We're gearing up for our organization's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in 2010 and have some very special events planned. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, please let Allison Brammer [abrammer@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:abrammer@lakewoodcity.org) know and she'll get you connected. For now, plug these dates into your 2010 Calendars!

## 75<sup>th</sup> WILS National Anniversary Events in 2010

Wednesday, March 10 – National Luncheon – Palm Springs

Thursday, March 11 – Wine/Cheese Social (evening) – Palm Springs area

Thursday, September 23 – Fall Gala Event (evening) – location TBD

**\$750!!! News** - The National Board responded to a request made by the Gamma Chapter to provide funding assistance to help offset the costs of several events this year. It was approved for up to \$750 of the chapter development account category of the National Budget to Gamma for helping with membership retention and chapter development. Way to go!

**National Directory** – The National Directory will be sent to members once finalized. Expected date is mid-to late October.

**National Board Installation Event** – The National Board was installed at the annual membership meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at the brand new El Corazon Senior Center in the City of Oceanside. A good showing of Gamma members were in attendance including some dedicated Life Members. We had a tasty catered lunch and a short program by guest speaker, Sheryl Roush the “Sparkletude Lady.” The 2009 Helen I. Pontius award winner was re-presented her award. Zeta Chapter member, Donna Tilsner from Minnesota, was selected as this year's HIP recipient. She gave a wonderful acceptance speech and was truly honored to receive our organization's highest recognition. Donna is the new National Vice-President and will continue be a great leader for WILS in this leadership role.

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**Is there something you would like in the Gamma Gram?**

**Please contact Shawntee Holland at [sholland@cityofirvine.org](mailto:sholland@cityofirvine.org)**



# Board Highlights



Nancy Rapp, Gamma member and last year's Helen I. Pontius Recipient with Donna Tilsner, Zeta member and this year's HIP winner.



Eileen Turk, National President, Lizka Mendoza, Alpha Chapter National Delegate, Jana Ransom, Gamma member and Allison Brammer, Gamma Chapter National Delegate

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## Wedding bells are ringing on the board:

o Lydie Delieuze is now Mrs. Lydie Gutfeld. She was married Friday, August 28 to Marc Gutfeld...CONGRATULATIONS!



o Jenny Kucera is now Mrs. Jenny Hanlon. President Michelle described the event as "just gorgeous...it was an event Jenny had been planning since she was a child."  
CONGRATULATIONS Hanlons!

WILS - National will support our Gamma Chapter with \$750 towards membership development! This is the largest contribution they have ever made.

Are you looking to stay somewhere with your work buddies while at the CPRS conference in Palm Springs? National Delegate Allison Brammer and the City of Lakewood will be searching [www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com) for large and inexpensive house rentals options in the area...check it out!

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Sue Leto has decided to take the "SHAKE", the Golden Handshake and retire. Her last day with the City of Yorba Linda was Thursday, October 1. She plans on pursuing a different career in the private sector; however, will stay grounded with the profession she loves the most, PARKS AND RECREATION as she believe it has the most positive impact on us and our communities. She would like to thank you having such a significant part in my career.

**CONGRATULATIONS Sue!!!**



# Upcoming Events & News

## **AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING**

Approximately 50 members attended the August Business Meeting held at BJ's at the Irvine Marketplace on August 13<sup>th</sup>. A delicious all-you-can-eat buffet meal was served and the 2009-2010 budget was approved. While discussing the budget, the issue arose about whether or not the Gamma Chapter should continue to support the CPRS California Regional Scholarship during leaner budget years. The members voted and approved that Gamma would not support this scholarship for the current 2009-2010 year, but instead, would look at it on a year to year basis and make a decision based on the budget. The meeting concluded with raffle prizes, a 50/50 raffle and delicious Pizookies for dessert.

## **Bosses Day Save the Date!**

Women in Leisure Services

Chi Kappa Rho, Inc.— Gamma Chapter

“The Professional Connection for Women”

Proudly Presents

Bosses Day Celebration 2009

Aquarium of the Pacific

100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, Ca 90802

Parking available for \$6 in adjacent parking garage

Thursday, October 22, 2009

11:30 am Check-In

Cost \$35 per person

All American Faire Lunch on the Lawn Includes:

Hot Dogs or Hamburgers,

Macaroni Salad, California Greens Salad, Farm Fresh Fruit Salad and

Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter or Oatmeal Cookies and Lemonade

Aquarium tour day of the event and souvenir picture included.

For more information, call Allison Lewis at 714 961-7180 or visit

[www.wils-gamma.com](http://www.wils-gamma.com).



# **Gamma's 50th Anniversary Casino Night**



Gamma's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Casino Night will be held on Thursday, November 5 at the Cypress Community Center. Check in is from 5:30-6:00pm with the tables will be open from 6:00-9:00pm for gambling.

Registration price is \$25 before October 30. Registration price includes admission, \$100 in chips, appetizers and 1 drink. Special Anniversary Golden Ticket available for \$50 which includes admission, \$150 in chips, two drinks, appetizers and an exclusive raffle ticket. For more information please contact Shelly Myers at (714) 229-6790 or Karen Plantz at (562) 866-9771 x2404.



# Member Birthdays

Lyna	Thoeun	1-Oct
M'Lis	Fox	3-Oct
Tracee B.	Davis	4-Oct
Michelle D.	Pritchard	25-Oct
Karen L.	Plantz	26-Oct
Rebecca	Perez	27-Oct
Vicki	Casanas	30-Oct
Aly	Mancini	5-Nov
Theresa	Burns	6-Nov
Janeen	Laudenback	12-Nov
Michelle	King	17-Nov
Cecily	Renteria	22-Nov
Claudia	Benitez	24-Nov
Jan	Hobson	24-Nov
Christine	Martinez	26-Nov
Marie	Crawford	29-Nov



## Happy Birthday!



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Donation Request

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is looking for a few more donations! On Thursday, November 5, 2009, Women in Leisure Services, Gamma Chapter will be hosting its **First Annual Casino Night** at the Cypress Community Center, 5700 Orange Avenue. Casino Night is an opportunity for members to socialize and network with other professionals and friends. This year's event will include a social hour from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with gaming opportunities from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. This event will be the main fundraiser of the year for Women in Leisure Services.



I would like to invite you to help make this year's Casino Night special by donating any selected items from your inventory such as Theater or pool tickets, gift baskets and/or gift cards. This is a wonderful opportunity for your City to support the Women in Leisure Services, Gamma Chapter. This will be a taxable donation in addition to receiving recognition at the event.

## Thank you to our Sponsors!

