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President's Message

Dear WILS Members,

What a terrific meeting the National Board had in Palm Springs in March. The board worked very hard on budget, elections, the Purple ribbon committee and a myriad of other topics. The 75th luncheon held at the Renaissance Hotel had over 50 guests who mingled and networked. The gift card Raffle was a hit, as always. Almond champagne was raffled off as table prizes. Double Wow! The next evening a wonderful Wine and Chees social was held at Marsha Coolidge and Cindy Lu Gans home in Palm Desert. Their home is 5,500 square feet of "living space" THANK YOU FOR THE KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY. 'We toasted the WILS organization

Eileen Turk

and reflected on how we have survived and thrived in the past 75 years. We are grateful to the women who saw the importance of building relationships, professional networking and social/educational growth opportunities for women in our field over 75 years ago. They were ahead of their time.

We look forward to continuing to build more chapters around the United States and have drummed interest in Palm Springs, Las Vegas and Illinois!

The National Board will reconvene on September 23 and 24 in Long Beach, California.

The Alpha chapter is busy

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The WILS National Board. From left to right: Eileen Turk, Marcia Bach, Karon De Leon, Mary Kay Witek, Donna Tilsner, Lisa Mc Pherson, Allison Brammer, Lizka Mendoza. Not pictured, Michelle Greenberg-McClung.

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...planning our Fall 75th Anniversary Celebration which will be held on Thursday September 24 in Long Beach at "The Reef" Restaurant. For Those of that know Long Breach, it is over the bridge, overlooking the Long Beach Harbor. It will be a cocktail party type event. The flyer is In this newsletter. Thank you Alpha for stepping up!!! The Helen I. Pontius Award will be given at this event. We would love to have all the former recipients present at this great occasion.



In these tough budget times, it is difficult to keep a positive attitude, but by attending these events which are such an UPPER, we all need each other more then ever! It is so nice to pick up the phone and talk to a staff member in another community having the same challenges. Please know you are not alone. I cannot believe that I've been in this organization since 1993, and each year I've gotten so much out of it.

Ladies— press on and be strong!!!! We are multi-taskers and 'get it done" women. Our communities need us!!

My quote for this year has been " Do it Again in 2010!!!

Enthusiastically,

Eileen Turk (National WILS President)



Wils is celebrating its diamond anniversary—75 years and going strong.

Women In Leisure Services—Chi Kappa Rho, Inc.



"The Professional Connection for Women"

You are cordially invited to the

National Board Installation and Annual Membership Meeting

Wils is celebrating 75 years of Character, Knowledge and Recreation

Join us as we remember the past, celebrate the present and dream of the future.

Thursday September 23, 2010

4—6:30 p.m.

The Reef on the Water

880 South Harbor Scenic Drive

Long Beach CA 90628

562-435-8013

Appetizers and Refreshments

National Board Installation and Annual Membership Meeting

Presentation of the Helen I. Pontius Award

75th Anniversary Video

Recognition of Past Presidents

Cost is \$25 after Sept. 10.

R.S.V.P and Payment ASAP

Payment: Check or Cash (Payable to Women in Leisure Services)

Lisa McPherson, City of Costa Mesa

77 Fair Drive

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

National News

Treasurer's Report

The membership submitted as of April 1, 2010 are as follows:

Alpha Active Members – 13
Life Members – 32
Friends - 1

Delta Active Members – 19
Life Members – 6
Friends—3

Gamma Active Members – 117
Life Members – 45
Associate— 5

Zeta

Active Members – 52
Post Professional—6
Associate—1
Life—6

Beginning Balance Sept. 14 \$17,869.81
Revenue Sept. 14– March 4 \$3,475
Expenditures Sept. 14–March 4 \$4948.40
Balance \$16,396.41

Gift Card raiser: \$1175 collected, after money back to chapters , \$993 made.

Meeting Highlights March 9—10

- Minutes from the National Fall Board meeting were approved, with one correction. 78 registered to vote, 14 of the 78 had technical problems which prohibited them from voting.
- NRPA congress will be held in Minneapolis October 25—29, 2010. Zeta is planning a 75th Anniversary celebration during the NRPA congress.
- The Tag line for 2010 is “Celebrating 75 years of character, knowledge and recreation”.
- WILS National Board Fall meeting is Sept. 22-23, 2010 in Lakewood CA.
- The Fall 75th Anniversary event will include Helen I. Pontius Award, recognition of past HIP winners, installation of new National Board, WILS History video with Chapter interviews, Chapter reports, budget report, President’s Plaque, Present’s Board gifts, and honoring Past Presidents and Life Members. Lisa McPherson will chair the event and Lizka Mendoza and Alpha will do the history video, and decorations. Zeta will do the invitation.
- Thank you to Marsha and Cindy-Lu for hosting the Fall event in their beautiful home.
- Eileen Turk will continue to update the WILS website with the help of “Steve the husband”. She also will hyperlink the national Facebook page onto each chapter’s website.
- As a new pilot program, the President will assign Allison Brammer as Membership Development committee chair on the National Board. Allison has agreed to develop the Purple Ribbon Committee in attracting new chapters.



2009-2010 Executive Board

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Ejjah Cooper, Sunshine Chairperson
Karen Kalsman— Life Member Co Chair

Membership Update

Active Members:	13
Life Members:	32
Friends	1
<hr/> Total:	<hr/> 52



Life is a succession of moments. To live each one is to succeed.

Did you know that Maxine Hjelte met Helen I. Pontius and others at a luncheon in 1935? Maxine and Helen worked for the Los Angeles City of Parks and Recreation department. Both Maxine and Helen were so delighted to plan for the “sorority”, knowing women needed an organization similar to that of the men. Maxine said Helen was the true founder and the others with her were her “planning committee”. The Alpha chapter was formed and here we are today.



Sept. 2, 2010

Alpha chapter members have all been doing more with less. The State budget has forced many members out of jobs or reduced hours. They are still going strong and we all will do what we can to support these very talented some. The website is amazing. Please visit it at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~wils2008/index.html>

The Alpha Chapter is also heavily involved into making plans for the 75th anniversary of WILS. Please join us at the Reef on the Water in Long Beach, CA.

2009-2010 Board

- Michele Greenberg-McClung, President, National Delegate
- Megan Crooks, Membership
- Kathy Tinsley, Treasurer
- Suzanne Stephens, Secretary
- Eileen Turk, National President



Delta Hosts News Years Brunch

HAPPY NEW YEAR BRUNCH! Each January one of our members host a New Year's Brunch. This year Suzanne and Royce Stephens hosted the brunch in Lakeside. It was a beautiful sunny day, about 70 degrees. We sat next to their pool and dined on 50's style burgers and treats! The theme was 1950s and Suzanne has the theme in her "finished basement" to boot. A Betty Boop statue stands almost 5 feet tall. They were gracious hosts. We also played a game (like the white elephant). Suzanne gave out party favors to those who dressed in the theme.



Left to Right: Holly McIntosh, Karen Warner, Holly Malan— 2009 Woman of Distinction, Jennifer Selby and Cathy Cronin

Did you know that WILS is Celebrating 75 years in 2010? We hope you will join us in Long Beach to celebrate.

2009-2010 Board of Directors

Michelle Khzouz, President
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President
Adriana Moran, Second Vice President
Jenny Kucera, Corresponding Secretary
Danielle Valadez, Recording Secretary
Lydie Delieuze, Treasurer
Allison Brammer, National Delegate
Pearl Raya, Past President
Lindsay Cutrell, Committee Coordinator

Awards and Installation Banquet-

This was held on Tuesday, May 25 at the Yorba Linda community center.

The theme was tropical.



Membership Update	(as of 4/1/10)
Active Members:	117
Associate:	5
Life Members:	45
Friends:	0
Total	167

Financial Update	(as of 2/1/10)
Checking Account:	\$5,703.44
Savings Account:	\$3,303.47
Total:	9,006,91

Events

Nov.-50th Anniversary Casino Night
67 members and friends joined in the fun by playing a variety of casino games. Novice “gamblers” learned how to play. A tasty Mexican buffet was served and a special 50th Anniversary commemorative casino chop was given to each attendee.

The Gamma Chapter’s website is being updated weekly. Check it out at www.wils-gamma.com

Gamma Thanks their corporate sponsors for all of their support!!!!

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Nifty after Fifty

Skillastics

Dec.- A Holiday breakfast was held At the City of Lakewood. Past Presidents we recognized. The Orangewood Children’s Foundation spoke and received gifts and contributions from Gamma Members. 32 attended.

January workshop- Breakthrough Networking” put together 90 minutes of survival networking skills for 14 members.

Feb.- The Hour Glass Effect: Leveraging Female Talent for your Competitive Advantage. Dr. Tammy Wong, presented an interesting perspective on leadership from the female perspective.

March- Gamma Life Members help Host 75th National anniversary event.

Over 50 WILS members enjoyed a wine and cheese social at the home of Marsha Coolidge and Cindy-LU Gans in Rancho Mirage. Everyone had a great time! A special thank you to the generous and gracious hostesses.

April- the first annual Bunko tournament was held on April 29 in Fountain Valley. All monies raised will support the Gamma Scholarship program.

May- May 25: The awards and Installation Banquet at the Yorba Linda community center.

Visit the web site:www.wils-gamma.com



Chapter Goals for 2009-2010

1. Recognize Gamma chapter 50th Anniversary.
2. Continue to include veteran and new members to strengthen the chapter programs and follow the principles of succession training.
3. Continue to strengthen the mentor program with a focus on new members and scholarship recipients.
4. Continue to monitor approved budget monthly and be fiscally accountable to the membership.

WILS Volleyball Fundraiser

The 19th Annual tournament was held on Jan. 9 and raised over \$1200 for Zeta chapter. 42 teams played in 4 classes. Special thanks to Jeanne Vestal, Gene Hacket, Sue Lacrosse, and Diane Moe who planned the event. Many other WILS members volunteered.

Jan.- Stretching to Meet your Changing Communities. 27 members heard from the Eagan convention and visitors bureau about partnerships.

Jan. 21 scrapbooking and Potluck - Sandy Werts helped Zeta members organize chapter photos.

Feb. 9 -the Professional Development workshop was held in Eden Prairie. Dream, Stretch, Grow was the theme. 57 attended the day long workshop. At the end of day, members left with a diamond ring to celebrate WILS 75th!

2010 Congress– MPLS MN.

Zeta chapter will host a social to celebrate 75 years of WILS. We hope you will join us.

October 27

5:30 - 7 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn.

It is right next to the convention center. Please stop by to say hi and meet other Wils members.

2009-2010 Zeta Board Members

- Juli Seydell Johnson, President
- Nicole Weedman, Vice President
- Sandy Werts, Secretary
- Shari Kunza, Treasurer
- Kelly Mertes, Past President
- Mary Kay Witek, National Delegate
- Lisa Abernathy, Member Services & Retention Chair
- Lisa Abernathy, Sunshine Chair
- Diane Moe, Ways and Means Chair

4/1/1- Zeta Membership

Zeta Chapter members are working diligently to recruit new people to the organization. We currently have 70 dedicated members comprised of the following:

Membership Update

(as of 9/30/09)

Active Members:	52
Associate:	1
Life Members:	6
<u>Post Professionals</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	65

Financial Update

(as of 3/10)

Checking Account:	\$6,323.45
<u>Savings and certificate:</u>	<u>\$9,561.86</u>
Total:	\$15,885.31

Zeta website is www.wils-Zeta.com. We are on Facebook as well.



Congratulations to Donna Tilsner

Recipient of the University of Minnesota

College of Education Alumni Society

Larry Wilson Award

On Friday April 9, 2010, Donna Tilsner was presented with the Larry Wilson Award at the University of Minnesota. Recipients of this award must be U of M graduates and demonstrate a significant contribution in the field of non-school based education or training and exhibit a willingness to share their proficiency with colleagues.

Since earning her Bachelors Degree in Park and Recreation Studies from the U of M in 1975, Donna has been a passionate advocate for recreation opportunities in Minnesota. Over the years, the cities of Hopkins, Minnetonka, Eagan and Edina have all benefited from her innovative and upbeat leadership style as a supervisor.

Donna has received many awards for her professional and charitable work including MPRA, the cities she has worked for and Donna was also the 2009 Helen I Pontius Award winner for WILS.

Donna is, as several of her nominators stated, a "giver" in all aspects of her life. One was particularly impressed by Donna's willingness to give to the next generation of park and recreation services professionals at the U of M, stating "For nearly a decade, Donna has graciously volunteered to be a mentor to park and recreation students. The students who are matched with her are very lucky indeed".

Donna, your outstanding professionalism in the field of park and recreation services, and your dedication to service are truly extraordinary.

Zeta Chapter is so proud of you!

Did you know?

- Chi Kappa Rho was created from the mind of one woman, a woman with great vision, inspiration, hopes and dreams.
- Helen I. Pontius, our founder, shared these ideas and in 1936 Chi Kappa Rho became a reality when the first chapter, Alpha, in Los Angeles, California was chartered.
- The name Chi Kappa Rho comes from the Greek letter X,K,R that stands for character, knowledge, and recreation.
- The symbols on the Chi Kappa Rho seal are the scale for justice and service, the lamp for enlightenment and the wings for athletics.
- We currently have 4 chapters but have had more across the country over the years.
- We are celebrating our 75th year of Chi Kappa Rho, The professional Connection for Women.
- You are very important to your chapter as well as the National organization. We want you to be an active participant.
- WILS now has a Facebook page.
- We have a 75th Anniversary WILS logo.
- Our only fundraiser will be the gift card raffle. We hope you all continue to purchase some to raffle tickets in the spring lunch and meeting .



From the Editor:

This newsletter was suppose to be the Spring newsletter. Well, Spring turned into a busy summer with programming and so here we go. You will also get a late Fall Newsletter after our Fall meeting. Most of the summer evaluations are done, and many children are back to school, the temperatures are cooling down, I am heading off to the Minnesota Great Get together—the Minnesota State Fair. Lots of food on a stick! Forget my weight watcher points!

I hope to see many of you a the 75th anniversary celebration in Long Beach and at the National Park and Recreation Congress in Minneapolis, MN.

Donna Tilsner

National Vice President



The symbols on the pin represent:

-Scale for justice and Service

- Lamp for enlightenment

- Wings for athletics

INSPIRATION

- The most important things In life aren't things.
- Whatever happens, take responsibility.
- Seek advice but use your own common sense.
- Talking comes by nature, resilience by wisdom.
- Obstacles can't stop you. Problems can't stop you. Most of all other people can't stop you. Only you can stop you.
- The better part of one's life consists of friendships.
- Whatever you are, be a good one.

