



# Women in Leisure Services Gamma Gram

October/November 2008

## Presidents Message

These past few weeks as your 2008-2009 President have been full of excitement. I have heard from our members and have been listening to their concerns and suggestions about our chapter's growth and wellness. As President, it is my responsibility, along with the support of the board, to ensure that we continue to keep Gamma's history alive and maintain our purpose as a Chapter. Its all been good and I thank everyone for their suggestions.

The first major business that we accomplished this year, was getting our budget presented to the members and getting everyone's support to get it passed and approved. The input I received was great and this tells the board that people are actually reading it (which is a good thing). Our Chapter is evolving and the change is good. We have noticed that our life members are increasing so we, as a Chapter, need to retain our members and continue recruiting new members. With this in mind, we are changing our Professional Mentor Program.

Our focus will be on mentoring our scholarship recipients and Gamma's new members. **Liz Tran** and **Cindy Robinson**, with the help of **Michelle Khzouz**, have been working hard to develop a great networking avenue for our members. Watch for your invitation to get involved. Your involvement is key!

If you haven't seen our updated web site at [www.wils-gamma.com](http://www.wils-gamma.com), take a look. **Valarie Frost** has done a superb job and it looks fantastic. On our web site, you can see our By-laws, our past *Helen Pontius*, Mary Kay Peterson and Gamma Service Award Recipients; our membership brochure, calendar of events and much more. I would like to give a big hand to Valarie for all her hard work.

We are working on getting our committees set and ready to go. If you haven't volunteered, let me know so I can get you connected. You should be receiving information soon on our Holiday Craft Affair and Holiday Breakfast. These events are just around the corner, so we encourage everyone to put the dates on your calendar and bring a friend to support the Chapter. Our events are being planned at great locations in order to network and be in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere, so do not miss the action.

And finally, before we know it, it will be time to have nominations for the 2009-2010, our *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year*. It is not too early to think about it, so please call me to get more information on the duties and responsibility of the positions that you may be interested in.

With Mentoring as our theme this year, we know that with guidance and support from our veteran members and board, becoming a board member or a committee chairperson will be well worth it...remember, we are "The Professional Connect for Women".

Pearl S. Raya



# National News



## National Board Update

The WILS National Board was installed in September at the National Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 11 in Long Beach. Officers and Delegates are as follows:

Karon De Leon, President

Lizka Mendoza, Alpha Delegate

Eileen Turk, Vice President

Allison Brammer, Gamma Delegate

Sue Hughes, Past President

Michele Greenberg-McClung, Delta Delegate

Lisa McPherson, Treasurer

Donna Tilsner, Zeta Delegate

Marcia Bach, Secretary

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## Congratulations to Nancy Rapp

On Thursday, September 11, Nancy Rapp received the Helen I Pontius award at the WILS National Meeting held in Long Beach.

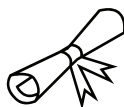
The purpose of this prestigious award is to recognize women who have made outstanding contributions to Women in Leisure Services, Chi Kappa Rho and the field of Leisure Services. Gamma Chapter is thrilled that Nancy Rapp was selected. Nancy has been a member of the Gamma Chapter since 1981 and has accomplished much in her professional career. She is currently the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Santa Barbara. Her boss, Assistant City Administrator, Joan Kent said “her leadership and inspiration have taken the department to new heights in employee morale and productivity and in service to the community. Ms. Rapp has created an environment that inspires employees to improve and innovate.” Nancy is also very active in CPRS District VIII. As President in 2007 and 2008 she increased the participation of district agencies, improved the quality of events and the number of skill development programs for members. She also convened the first ever Leadership Summit for directors of district agencies. Most recently she co-authored a chapter in the college textbook, “Campus Recreation”, published last April by the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association. Nancy is also actively involved in her community serving on numerous boards and committees. We are certainly proud of all of her achievements. In her acceptance speech at the luncheon, Nancy gave credit to the many friends and colleagues she met in Gamma Chapter for helping her to succeed in the profession. Congratulations again Nancy!

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## Other National News

Alpha Delegate, Lizka Mendoza has volunteered to lead a WILS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brainstorming Committee. WILS will be celebrating 75 years in the year 2010 and we want to get every chapter involved in the planning process. She would like one or two representatives from each chapter to give ideas and input to take to the next National Board Meeting in March, 2009. If you are interested in serving, please contact Allison Brammer by November 1, (562) 866-9771 ext. 2403 or [abrammer@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:abrammer@lakewoodcity.org)

## Gamma Scholarship



*Leticia Lozoya, Recreation Society President  
2008 Past President's Scholarship Winner*

## Event Information

The WILS Golf and Bunko chairs are looking for a few good women to assist us in planning and running one of WILS premier events, the Golf Classic and Bunko tournament to be held in April! Come join the fun! If you are interested, email Aly Mancini at

[amancini@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:amancini@cityofsignalhill.org)



# National Awards Installation



55 women were “Welcomed Aboard” the nautical themed luncheon that looked out on the Long Beach Marina. On September 11, Khoury’s Restaurant was the setting for the 2009 WILS National Board of Directors Installation and the presentation of Helen I Pontius Award to Nancy Rapp. We had a wonderful time renewing acquaintances and meeting new friends. The meeting was pulled together by committee Gamma members Nancy Hogan, Michelle Khzouz, Jenny Kucera, Allison Brammer and Pearl Raya.

The raffle raised \$329 for Gamma programs. The committee did a great job and made Gamma look good!

## AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

This year’s August Business Meeting was held at Irezumi Sushi in Costa Mesa. Over 60 members attended the luncheon and enjoyed socializing and catching up. It was wonderful to see so many Gamma members and several corporate sponsors. A special thanks goes out to Shawntee Holland, Jenny Kucera and Shelly Myers for their help. Congratulations to Nancy Hogan who was the winner of the 50/50 raffle of which \$96 was raised for scholarships.



### Gamma’s turning 50! Donate to Celebrate!

If you haven’t heard, the Gamma Chapter of WILS will be turning 50 next year! In an effort to raise funds and celebrate in style, we are asking our members to save your change and bring it to each event. Thanks to Nancy Hogan, there will banks set up at each event for you to deposit your pocket change and, “Donate to Celebrate!”

An account has been started so if you’d like to donate funds or are interested in serving on the committee, feel free to contact Michelle Khzouz, City of Irvine, 14351 Yale Ave., Irvine, CA 92612 or [mkhzouz@cityofirvine.org](mailto:mkhzouz@cityofirvine.org).

# Event Information



## TO GOLF OR NOT TO GOLF



As many of you may or may not know, our **Annual Golf Tournament** raises funds for our WILS Scholarships. We are looking to have a great event in April 2009. Our goal this year is to have 50 or more golfers. However if you do not golf, we have an idea just for you. We would like to arrange lunch time golf time in neighboring driving ranges in five cities of our membership area. This would give you an opportunity to become familiar with the game and have time to be ready for April, not as an expert, but as a good novice player (this is what I am doing). It is a good way to enjoy your friends on the Green and have lots of fun.

If you are a Golfer and would be willing to conduct a *brief lunch time* lesson on the basics, please contact Pearl Raya or Aly Mancini and they will put together a schedule to encourage our members to learn to golf.

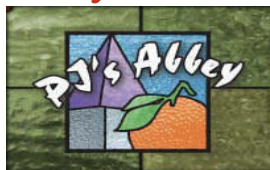
Also, if you are interested on being on the Golf/Bunko committee, please do not hesitate to contact Aly Mancini at [amancini@cityofsignalhill.org](mailto:amancini@cityofsignalhill.org),



We look forward to seeing you on the **GREEN**.

### Save the Date

#### Holiday Breakfast



Tuesday, December 9th

Check-In begins at 8:30am

This year's charity will be  
Susan G. Komen for the cure

<http://cms.komen.org/komen/index.htm>

### Save the Date

#### Holiday Craft Affair



13234 166TH St  
Cerritos, CA 90703

Thursday, November 20th

This year's Holiday Craft Fair is  
"Going Around the World!"

Vendors will be selling great gift items for  
your friends and

family. Donations for the silent and live

## See you There!



"The Professional  
Connection  
for Women"

Tour OCPAC  
& Segerstrom Hall

Picnic Lunch

Corporate Sponsors



Women in Leisure Services  
Chi Kappa Rho, Inc. Gamma Chapter presents  
[www.wils-gamma.com](http://www.wils-gamma.com)

### Bosses Day 2008

Orange County Performing Arts Center (OCPAC)  
600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Wednesday, October 22

Check-in 10:30am, Tour 11:00am,  
Lunch Noon, Entertainment 12:15pm

Grass seating -- bring a chair and/or blanket

Parking--Free at South Coast Plaza/Fee at parking structure



RSVP by 10/10/08

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**\$35.00**  
(payable to WILS)

**NO SHOWS  
will be billed**

# 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: Stephanie Martinez

## **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

## **PROFESSIONAL MENTORING**

Co-Chair: Liz Tran

Co-Chair: Cindy Robinson

## **HISTORIAN**

Chair: Gloria Alvarado

## **WEBSITE**

Chair: Valarie Frost

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Chairs: Stephanie Konrad Stabio

Robin Hockenhuill

## **GAMMA GRAM**

Chair: Shawntee Holland

## **BYLAWS**

Chair: Ruth Raheb

## **NOMINATION/ELECTIONS**

Chair: Nancy Hogan

## Names in the News



- Stephanie Konrad-Stabio, City of Rialto, gave birth to twin girls on August 26, 2008, Daniella Teresia Stabio 5lbs 10 oz & Riley Katherine Stabio 4lbs 15 oz, the family is doing well.
- Marie Crawford, City of Signal Hill, had foot surgery on September 8<sup>th</sup> and will be out of commission for six weeks. We wish her the best in her recovery.
- Due to the recent resignation of our Treasure Marie Crawford, Lydie Delieuze, from the City of Irvine, has been appointed to replace Marie. Lydie is a Program Coordinator and has been a member since 2006. Let's welcome Lydie to the 2008-2009 board.
- Adriana had her baby boy this morning at 10:43 a.m. Adrian Federico Moran weighed in at 8 lbs, 13 ounces, is 20 inches long, and has quite a beautiful head of hair!
- Brandy Vega, formally Brandy Lopez, The Preserve at Chino, gave birth a baby boy June 2008. Congratulations Vega Family!
- Lisa Lynn from Hermosa Beach gave birth to a baby girl, Maxine Lynn Webber, on June 3rd 2008. Maxine was 8 pounds, 4 ounces measuring 21 inches. Congratulations Weber Family!

## Mentoring Program Update!

I'm sure you've all been anxiously awaiting announcements regarding the Mentor Program. This year, the committee has, along with support from the board, decided to focus on mentoring new members and scholarship recipients with the goal of increasing our retention rate amongst these two groups. It's come to light that many new members and scholarship recipients frequently do not renew after their first year of membership. As more and more active members become life members, it is important to create a warm and welcoming environment to retain and increase our active membership. To learn more on becoming a mentor, or if you're a new member and are interested in connecting with an active member, please contact Liz Tran, [ltran@weho.org](mailto:ltran@weho.org) or Cindy Robinson, [cindyr@cityoflapalma.org](mailto:cindyr@cityoflapalma.org) or check out the Gamma website for updates!

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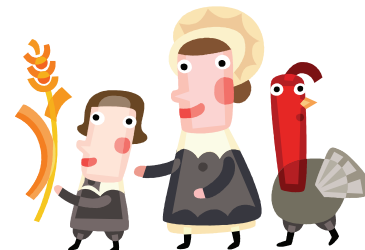
# Member Birthdays

## October



Lyna Thoen	1
Melissa Fox	3
Tracee Davis	4
Eileen De Leon	6
Rebecca Perez	27
Betty Peterson	27
Bonnie Kehoe	27
Lois DeLano	30
Vikki Casanas	30
Kitty Rudometkin	31

## November



Teresa Bruns	6
Debbie Quinn	6
Sally Satterfield	9
Earleen Chandler	12
Janeen Laudенback	12

Want to add something to the Gamma Gram?  
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