



WOMEN IN
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**GAMMA
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Gamma Gram

Fall 2020

The Professional Connection for Women

Dear Gamma Gals,

Sweater weather, pumpkin spice and still rocking that face mask! Fall 2020 here we come!

Trying to figure what to do with our “new normal”? Ready to get your creativity wheels turning? There is still time to join an event committee. For more information or to join an event team, contact Ashley Thomas at Ashley.Thomas@costamesaca.gov.

Thank you to everyone who attended the virtual Annual Business Meeting; and a special thanks to event chair, Monica Ortiz from the City of Downey, for her planning assistance. Also a big thank you to everyone who donated to the student scholarship program. The meeting kicked off with an awesome presentation on how to manage stress by Health and Wellness Coach Sandi Bassett. The meeting concluded with Gamma business. A HUGE thank you to Amanda Bassett, Gamma’s Director of Finance, for preparing and presenting the 2020-2021 budget.

Mark your calendars for the virtual Fall Food For Thought on Thursday, November 12. Join Stephanie Stephens, CPRS Executive Director, as she discusses leadership along with an interactive cook along. Gamma will also be asking for donations towards the student scholarship program. This event is free and open to non-members!

Happy fall to all!

2020-2021 Gamma President,

Shayna Gutierrez

“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.”
– Maya Angelou

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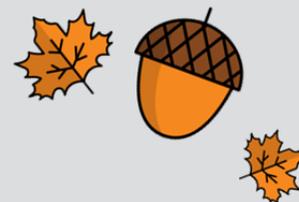
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National News

Board Meeting Information, Facebook Group & Website



The National Board conducts a phone meeting the third Tuesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. For more information on how to call in to the monthly meetings please contact National Delegate, Ashley Thomas at ashley.thomas@costamesaca.gov.



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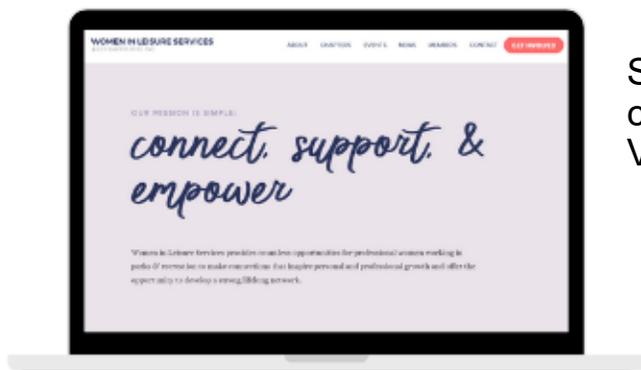


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Did you know?

The National Board created a private Facebook group that is open to all WILS members. You can request to join the private Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/wilsnational.



Stay current with National News, events and your chapter on the WILS National website!
Visit womeninleisureservices.com.



Gamma Events

2020-2021 Gamma Event Schedule



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"The Professional Connection for Women"

Events 2020-2021

Annual Business Meeting - Thursday, October 15

Fall Food for Thought - Thursday, November 12

Winter Social - Mid-January

Women's Mini Conference - Early March

Networking Night - Early May

Spring Food for Thought - Mid-June

Awards & Installation Banquet - Thursday, August 12, 2021

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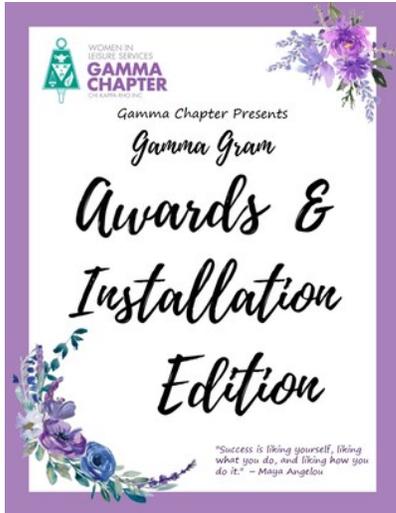
-MAYA ANGELOU

Get Involved and Join a Committee!

*If you would like to serve on an event committee, please contact
Ashley Thomas at ashley.thomas@costamesaca.gov.*

Gamma Events

Virtual A&I - Recap



For the first time in Gamma history, the Awards and Installation Banquet was held virtually via Gamma Gram and video. The 2020-2021 Gamma Board was installed, Shayna Gutierrez delivered her incoming presidential message, and student scholarship and award recipients were announced! As always, it was a great way to recognize sponsors, members and supporters.

If you've yet to view the 19/20 Gamma Gram – A&I Edition, it's not too late, visit wils-gamma.com/awards2020/!

Annual Business Meeting - Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2020 Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, October 15. The event was held virtually this year via Zoom. The 28 Gamma members and sponsors in attendance enjoyed a presentation from Health and Wellness Coach, Sandi Bassett, titled "Quick and Easy Tips on How to Manage Individual Stress." The 2020-2021 Gamma Board was introduced, the Gamma budget was approved, the chapter goals were reviewed, and new members were welcomed. Thank you to all the ladies that donated and/or participated in the silent auction! Money raised from the silent auction and all donations go directly to the Gamma Scholarship Fund. We raised \$215 at this event.



Gamma Events

Fall Food for Thought

"THE PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION FOR WOMEN"

FALL FOOD FOR THOUGHT *Goes virtual on Zoom!*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00-8:00 P.M. (PST)

Cooking Up Leadership
Conversations around the dinner table

Stephanie Stephens
CPRS Executive Director

Chef Steve Salle and friend, Cathy Goff, will be joining Stephanie to give us some actual "cooking" demos during her virtual leadership presentation. They will help us create two fun dishes that will WOW your family and friends! We'll send a shopping list the week before so you can have ingredients on hand to "cook along" with us. **Good food, great conversation, and a lot of fun in store!** ("Cook along" is optional.)

\$5 suggested donation benefiting Gamma Student Scholarships.

Donations will be accepted at <https://tinyurl.com/WILS-FFFT>.



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Gamma News

Gamma Birthdays

November Birthdays

Isabel Roberts	11/3
Lauren Parga	11/4
Theresa Bruns	11/6
Tiana Johnson	11/8
Earleen Chandler	11/12
Ann Brandt	11/19
Helen Cummings	11/22
Jan Hobson	11/24
Claudia Torres	11/24
Deanna Manning	11/25

December Birthdays

Allison Brammer	12/3
Ryan Morais	12/4
Linda Divino	12/5
Susan Hunt	12/10
Donna Georgino	12/11
Desiree Gurrola	12/14
Nicole Duran	12/15
Nancy Hogan	12/17
Kimberly Powell-Albarian	12/18
Yvette Aguilar	12/19
Yassmin Perez	12/23
Janet Cates	12/27
Laura Murphy	12/29



January Birthdays

Shehnaz Gosla	1/3
Jana Ransom	1/3
Marsha Coolidge	1/15
Nancy Hitt	1/16
June Anderson	1/25
Barbara Anderson	1/27
Lisa Tom	1/31

*Happy
Birthday*



Recipe for Fall

Cranberry Pecan Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 tube (16-1/2 ounces) refrigerated sugar cookie dough, softened
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2/3 cup white baking chips
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine cookie dough, pecans, chips, cranberries and vanilla. Scoop by tablespoonful and place 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets.
2. Bake until lightly browned, 10-12 minutes. Cool 2 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Store in an airtight container.

Source: www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/cranberry-pecan-cookies/

Gamma News

Grant Program

Grants Available

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New Gamma Gal

Yassmin Perez, Senior Community Services Leader - City of Costa Mesa

What made you decide to go into the field of Recreation or Leisure Services?

I decided to go into the field of recreation to give back to the community and put my educational background to good use.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

It would be to fly so that I can quickly visit loved ones and explore the world.

What is your hidden talent?

Finishing a book in a few days. I enjoy reading.

What is one word that describes you?

Ambitious

What are you looking forward to as a new WILS member?

I'm excited to gain more knowledge, get new opportunities and network.



New Gamma Gal

Jessica Cedillo Padilla, Recreation Leader - City of Stanton

What made you decide to go into the field of Recreation or Leisure Services?

I grew up on Parks and Recreation programs and services since I was 6 years old. I volunteered with the city of Stanton prior to being employed with them. I love being able to work in programs I grew up with.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Telekinesis powers!

What is your hidden talent?

Being able to read long books in one day.

What is one word that describes you?

Determined

What are you looking forward to as a new WILS member?

I'm looking forward to learning from women who are also in leisure services who might have experiences similar to mine. I'd like to grow from their knowledge and guidance.



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New Gamma Gal

Jessica Cardenas, Community Services Leader- City of Mission Viejo

What made you decide to go into the field of Recreation or Leisure Services?

I have always wanted to work for the city I grew up in (Mission Viejo) and I knew I wanted to be directly involved in my community. Working in recreation seemed like the perfect fit.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Super speed, so I could do more in the day.

What is your hidden talent?

My leader skills. People are surprised when a 5'2" female is able to take the reins.

What is one word that describes you?

Resilient. Like many, I have faced a lot of hardships, but I always keep pushing. I don't stay down for long.

What are you looking forward to as a new WILS member?

I am excited to learn and grow as a WILS member. I want to find my path in the Recreation Field. WILS is an amazing network of women who I want to learn from.



New Gamma Gal

Mistina Gonzales, Community Services Leader - City of Costa Mesa

What made you decide to go into the field of Recreation or Leisure Services?

I am in the field of psychology; however, I do have an interest in continuing my career in recreation and applying my psychological background while helping the community.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

It would be to stop time so I could take an extra minute to live in the moment and appreciate special events in my life.

What is your hidden talent?

Making beaded jewelry. I started when I was younger and still create new pieces including anklets, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings.

What is one word that describes you?

Outgoing. I am open to new experiences, enjoy creating new relationships, and often go out of my comfort zone.

What are you looking forward to as a new WILS member?

I am looking forward to gaining knowledge and seeking advice from other women in the field of Recreation or Leisure Services. I am also excited to hopefully create a relationship and seek advice from others and have more experience in the field. I hope to gain a new perspective and discover other routes and careers in Recreation and Leisure Services.



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New Gamma Gal

Nancy Perla Garcia, Latinx Student Union President - Cal State University Long Beach

What made you decide to go into the field of Recreation or Leisure Services?

I am a natural born helper. At a young age, I had the tendency to volunteer in my community. In high school, I found myself volunteering at a local Parks & Recreation program where I helped counselors set up and lead various activities. Soon I became a counselor for a beach and outdoor based summer program. My participation in recreational programs launched my passion for recreation, which guided me to my career decisions.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

I would like to be a shapeshifter that is able to transform into any type of animal. This superpower includes the ability to communicate with animals!

What is your hidden talent?

I make handmade jewelry and more often than not I am wearing my own handmade items!

What is one word that describes you?

Resilient

What are you looking forward to as a new WILS member?

As a new WILS member, I am eager to develop professional skills by participating in a WILS committee and meet women who are succeeding in the field of recreation!



Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Scholarship Recipients

Dolores Thompson Scholarship Recipient

JESSICA CEDILLO PADILLA

Past President Scholarship Recipient

JESSICA CARDENAS

Gamma Scholarship Recipients

GAELIN TUTTLE

MISTINA GONZALES

NANCY PERLA GARCIA

Gamma News

Names in the News



Congratulations to **Desiree Gurrola** and her husband Jose on the birth of their baby boy bundle of joy! Jose Luis Gurrola III was born on July 28.



Congratulations to **Shayna Gutierrez**, her husband Gerardo and proud big brother Nathan (pictured) on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Gina! Gina Marie Gutierrez was born on June 2.



Congratulations to **Gaelin Tuttle** (formerly White) who married her husband Nathaniel on August 14!



Congratulations to **Taylor Smith** on her new position as Sales Representative for Coast Recreation!



If you have exciting news you would like to share with the Gamma Chapter, email Andi Terry at aterry@cypressca.org

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Sponsor Highlight - Coast Recreation



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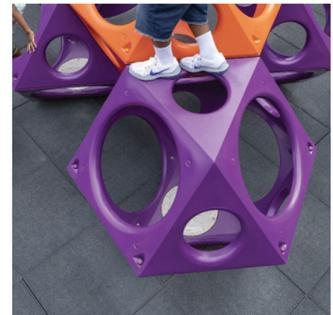
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