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**GAMMA
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Winter 2020



The Professional Connection for Women

Hello Gamma Ladies!

2019 is officially in the books! A special thank you to Gamma's 2019/2020 Board of Directors for all their hard work and many accomplishments in 2019. I look forward to finishing strong in 2020 and fulfilling our goals for FY 2019/2020!

In November, Gamma partnered with Men in Leisure Services (MILS) to host the WILS & MILS Winter Workshop! The workshop featured a morning of trainings, discussions, and networking for more than 40 attendees. Thank you to co-chairs Amber Fazlurrehman and Alyssa Rico, and their team for coordinating the workshop.

The Winter Social was held on January 30, 2020 at the Luca Bella at The Walker House in San Dimas, where laughter and joy filled the center as members enjoyed lunch and reminisced. We celebrated our Gamma sister, Lydie Gutfeld, who was the recipient of the prestigious Helen I. Pontius award at National Luncheon in San Diego on October 1, 2019. The purpose of this award is to recognize women who have made outstanding contributions to Women in Leisure Services, Chi Kappa Rho and the field of Leisure Services. Lydie exemplifies a true leader and pioneers in the advancement of women in the field of recreation and leisure services. Again, congratulations Lydie Gutfeld! Additionally, Past Presidents and Life Members were recognized and money was raised for scholarships! A special thank you to this year's co-chairs Karon De Leon and Sue Hughes, and their committee for all their hard work. It was truly a great way to kick off 2020.

Our Scholarship Committee is in full swing spreading the word that our application is available online. If you know anyone who is pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in Recreation, Leisure Services, Human Services, Public Administration, or any closely related field at an accredited college or university and lives within the Gamma Chapter boundaries, please have them apply.

Cheers to another great year!

Your 2019-2020 Gamma President,

Ashley Thomas

***"Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much."
- Helen Keller***

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National News

Update from National

Your National Board is busy reviewing and amending the National Policy Manual to ensure continuity with the newly approved National Bylaws, and to ensure the National Board is following current best practices.

Bobbi Nance, Chair of the Purple Ribbon Committee, continues to make connections across the country to generate interest in new WILS chapters! Most recently, ladies from North Carolina expressed interest in the organization, and the Purple Ribbon Committee will continue to foster that relationship!

The National Board continues to meet via conference call on the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

The National Board hopes you and your family's holiday season was filled with love, family and memories!



National Delegate Position

Gamma's Board is seeking a new National Delegate to serve a two year term beginning June 2020! If you are a Gamma Past President, or an Active Member with three or more years of Gamma Board of Directors experience, please contact Ashley Wysocki for more information! She'd love to give you insight on the requirements of the position, and would love to mentor you through the process as she serves her Presidential series on the National Board.

If you would like to attend a meeting, or if you have questions or suggestions for the National Board, please contact Gamma's National Delegate Ashley Wysocki ashley.wysocki@cityofrc.us.



Gamma Events

Winter Education Workshop - Recap

On Thursday, November 14th, the City of Garden Grove hosted our annual Winter Education Workshop at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center where 44 registered attendees gathered. This jointly held workshop with MILS featured a morning of networking and refreshments before our opening speaker, Arlene Salazar, set the stage to inspire the future manager in all of us. Breakout training sessions on Homelessness: What you Need to Know; and



Emergency Preparedness for Your Employees and Facilities, were followed up with a sports program panel and a session on discovering What's Your Why. The event was closed out by Gamma's own Lydie Gutfeld, who currently serves as CPRS President and is our WILS 2019 H.I.P. recipient. Lydie motivated all to make life better one day at a time before attendees headed out. A big thank you



to our event chairs, Amber Fazlurrehman from the City of Ontario, and Alyssa Rico, from the City of Whittier for pulling off a fantastic event with the help of committee members Francine Jimenez and Kassy Riggle, both from the City of Costa Mesa.



Gamma Events

Winter Social - Recap

This year's Winter Social was an elegant morning at the Walker House in San Dimas. Life and Active Members came together for a morning full of socializing, lunch, fundraising for Gamma scholarships and lots of fun! Gamma member Lydie Gutfeld was recognized for her Helen I. Pontius award and her endless contributions to WILS. Congratulations again Lydie!

A big thank you to everyone on the committee for putting together this wonderful event!



Gamma Events

Networking Night

FREE
Entrance!



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"The Professional Connection for Women"

FREE
Appetizers!

NETWORKING NIGHT

Wednesday, February 26

5:30-8:00 P.M.

Socialize with other professionals in the field of Recreation,
gain resources and fresh ideas!

Select a location and participate in a hands-on networking experience!

All Recreation professionals are welcome (full time staff · students · part time staff · members · non-members) & remember to bring your business cards!



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at 949-470-8432 & include the location that you plan on attending.

2019-2020 Gamma Sponsors:



Gamma News

Gamma Birthdays

February Birthdays

Kathy Ables	2/1
Aumee Frey	2/1
Ruth Raheb	2/5
Robyn Hockenhull	2/7
Mariana Pena	2/11
Noel Shultz	2/11
Ebony Perkins	2/13
Madison Letterman	2/16
Valerie Passarella	2/16
Cindy-Lu Gans	2/23
Tina Cherry	2/24
Danielle Smith	2/27

March Birthdays

Lauren Burgnon	3/2
Adrianna Hyta	3/2
Jean Smith	3/4
Michelle Khzouz	3/5
Robin Metz	3/8
Cynthia Street	3/9
Karon De Leon	3/10
Karen Fazlurrehman	3/12
Deana Read	3/14
Susan Peebles	3/16
Gaelin White	3/17
Patricia Fierro	3/17
Georgiann Vanderpool	3/18
Rebecca Sandoval	3/19
Diana Miyasaki Davis	3/20
Amber Fazlurrehman	3/20
Lorraine Delarosa	3/22
Jovan Fontenot	3/23
Monica Ortiz	3/25
Ashely Thomas	3/29

April Birthdays

Kristi McClure-Huckaby	4/2
Stacia Mancini	4/6
Ashley Wysocki	4/11
Sue Hughes	4/16
April Batson	4/17
Marilyn Huff	4/19
Francine Jimenez	4/24
Kimberly Cobb	4/25
Kathy Sorensen	4/27
Karin Anderson	4/30

*Happy
Birthday!*



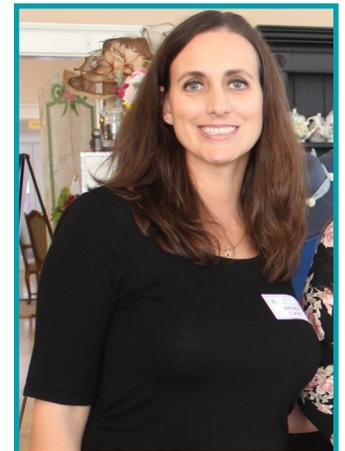
Names in the News



Congratulations to **Aumee Frey** who was promoted to Community Services Supervisor with the City of Mission Viejo!



Congratulations to **Karon De Leon** and **Wendy Cant** who both are now Life Members of Gamma!



If you have exciting news you would like to share with the Gamma Chapter, email Caitlin Cariso at ccariso@lakewoodcity.org

Gamma News

Gamma T-Shirts and New Magnetic Pins Available

Women in Leisure Services Gamma T-Shirts Available Now!

That's right, we have some new Gamma swag for you!



Shirts will be available for purchase at all upcoming events.

Price: \$20

A variety of sizes in ladies fit and unisex will be available for purchase.



Need a new WILS Pin?

New magnetic pins are now available for purchase for \$10.

Contact Monica Ortiz to purchase at mortiz@downeyca.org

CPRS Conference

Volunteers needed to promote WILS Gamma at the CPRS Conference!

Are you attending the CPRS Conference? If so, Gamma needs volunteers during the lunch hour to help promote our organization. This is an easy way to get involved this year if you haven't already done so.

Volunteer shifts are:

Wednesday, March 11
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, March 12
11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Please contact Caitlin Carioso at ccarioso@lakewoodcity.org with the day and time you are able to assist. Specific details will be sent to you closer to the date of the event.

Gamma News

Grant Program

WILS GRANTS AVAILABLE!

Want to become a WILS member? Already a member and need financial support to attend an educational training offered by WILS? We are proud to offer a grant program to help women grow professionally within the Recreation and Leisure Services field. For more information on how to apply, please visit:

wils-gamma.com

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR 2019-2020**

EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS

NEW MEMBERSHIPS



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Student Scholarship - Applications Now Available!

Gamma Chapter Scholarship Program

Women in Leisure Services, Gamma Chapter is proud to announce the 2020 Scholarship Program. Student scholarship recipients can earn up to \$1,000 in scholarship funds!

To view the scholarship application and requirements to apply please visit www.wils-gamma.com. All completed application information is due by Friday, March 6, 2020.

For more information contact Scholarship Chair, Marianna Peña at (714) 327-7544 or via email at marianna.pena@costamesaca.gov.



Gamma News

New Gamma Gal

Lauren Hull, Recreation Specialist - City of Cypress

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

From a very early age I always knew I wanted to help people be healthy and happy. In college I tried my hand at psychology, biology and kinesiology but none of these concentrations felt like they fulfilled what I wanted to do. A school counselor pointed me in the direction of recreation, and I fell in love with its diversity and the many ways it can be used to improve people's lives.

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

If I could have any superpower it would be the ability to teleport. I would use it to visit the worlds most beautiful destinations, as well as getting authentic foreign cuisine whenever I wanted.

What is your hidden talent?

My hidden talent is I can make bird noises with my hands. I learned how to do it watching YouTube videos.

What is one word that describes you?

If I could describe myself in one word I would say I am creative.

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

As a new WILS member I am most looking forward to getting to meet new people in the recreation industry. Connecting and networking with people in different areas of recreation has been my favorite part of all the recreation jobs that I have had. They have sparked so many ideas and interest that I might not have thought of on my own.



New Gamma Gal

Melissa Lynch, Program Coordinator - City of Downey

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

During my summer breaks from college I would spend my summers working as a Recreation Leader in camp programs. This is where I developed my interest in recreation and a passion for working with youth. Now over 15 years later I'm still in parks and recreation.

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

Teleport

What is your hidden talent?

Landscape photography

What is one word that describes you?

Passionate

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

Networking with women in the parks and recreation profession and attending trainings/workshops that will better myself in my career.



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New Gamma Gal

Kimberly Tom, Volunteer Coordinator - Sunrise Senior Living

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

Recreation has always made a huge impact in my life. Dancing is what I am passion for and found it to be therapeutic throughout my life. When I heard about recreation therapy and took a few classes, I fell in love with the major. I want to make others feel empowered to be able to partake in something they are passionate for despite their mentality or disability, so they are able to have a better quality of life. Recreation is often overlooked when it is a necessity to everyone's life because of the benefits we obtain from the activities we participate in.

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

My superpower would be to have the ability to fly. I want to be able to experience other's cultures and lifestyle because each area of the world is unique.

What is your hidden talent?

My hidden talent is dancing! I have been on several competitive and exhibition hip hop teams. Currently I partake in smaller project teams where we perform at events we are invited to.

What is one word that describes you?

One word that describes me is optimistic.

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

I am humbled and honored to be a part of the WILS. I would love to get to know the members personally and learn about their role in the field of recreation.



New Gamma Gal

Heidi Mazas, Community Services Supervisor - City of Long Beach

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

I was lucky to find recreation while attending college as a part time recreation leader. That is when I feel in love with the profession and never looked back. I have worked in the profession for 18 years.

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

I would have super speed because I would be able to accomplish everything I need to do and then I can relax and enjoy myself.

What is your hidden talent?

I don't really have a hidden talent instead I have more of a competitive nature when it comes to any competition.

What is one word that describes you?

Dedicated

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

I am looking forward to rejoining WILS after many years of being inactive. I am excited to network with other members and attend some great events.



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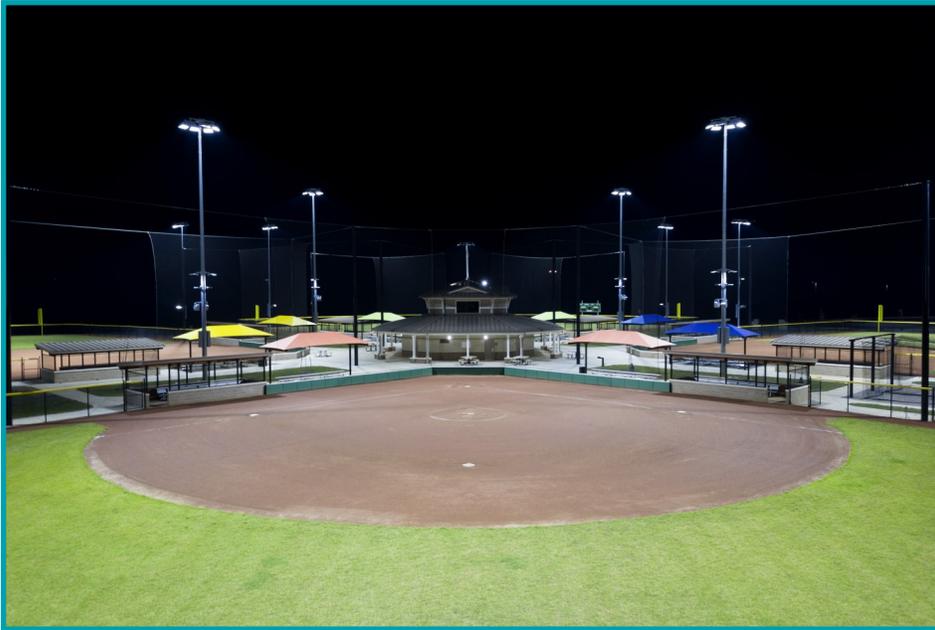


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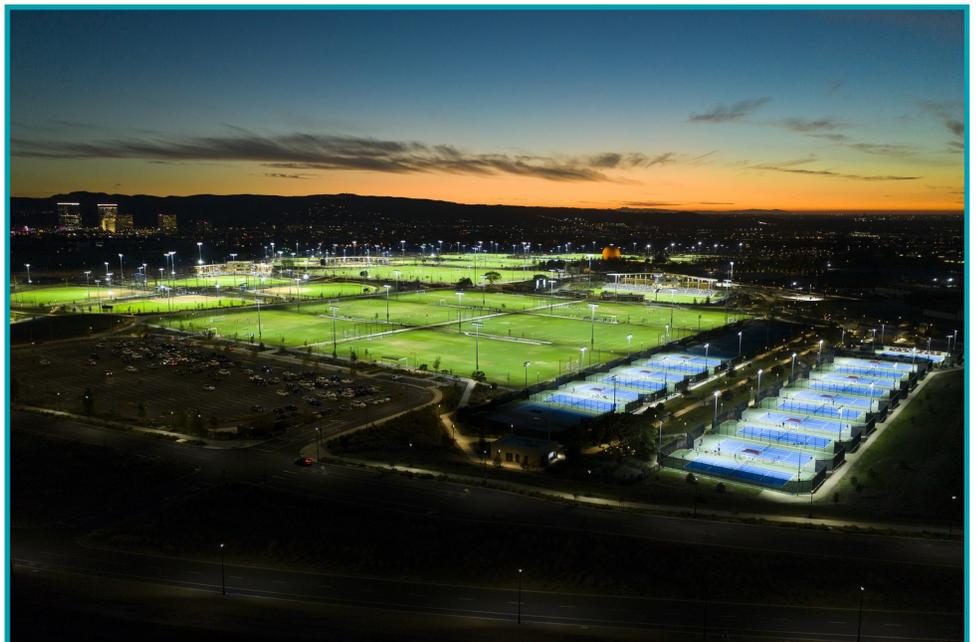
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