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President's Message

The Women in Leisure Services National Board of Directors met on Tuesday, March 4 at the Goldy S. Lewis Community Center in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

We had a full day of reports from the National WILS Officers and Chapter Delegates. It's very exciting to hear about all of the wonderful professional development programs, fundraisers, and scholarship opportunities that are available throughout our organization. WILS truly is "the professional connection for women!"



The objectives of WILS are to provide a forum for women in leisure and community services to exchange ideas and enrich their professional skills, to develop training programs specifically relating to professional growth and personal development, to provide a support system for the recognition and advancement of the members and the organization, and to foster friendships, self-enrichment, and networking for professional assistance.

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National Luncheon a Success!

The National Spring Luncheon and Gift Card Fund-raiser was a fabulous success at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Ontario, CA on March 5. Big thanks to Tina Cherry and everyone from Gamma Chapter who helped with the plans for the luncheon, which was just a short walk from the CPRS convention site. There were 41 members in attendance and almost \$1,000 was raised through the gift card raffle from Chapters and members buying tickets!

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President's Message, continued

We discussed in length the need to keep our website current and interesting with photos and videos from all of the Chapters and National events. Please contact Lydie Gutfeld, WILS National Treasurer with content for the newsletter. She can be reached at LGutfeld@ci.irvine.ca.usthanks to Lydie!!!

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I want to personally thank all of our National Board members for their time, commitment, expertise, professional interaction, and friendship. WILS is a better organization because of women like you!

All the best,

Marcia Bach

WILS National President

ROZ GREENBERG'S FAMOUS BROWNIES

(Marcia Bach)

2 sticks butter (room temperature)

2 cups sugar

4 eggs (room temperature)

4 envelopes Nestle pre-melted chocolate (Choco-Bake)

1 cup flour

1 tsp. vanilla

Powdered sugar (for dusting)



Cream butter, add sugar, and mix well. Add eggs one at a time and mix well. Add the Choco-Bake and mix well. Add the flour and mix well. Add the vanilla and mix well.

Grease a 9x13 metal pan and grease well. Dust with flour.

Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes (depending on your oven). My oven takes 28-29 minutes. Test with toothpick until it's clean. Let cool and dust generously with powdered sugar. They should be very fudgy. Tip of the day: Use plastic knife to cut brownies! Enjoy!!!



Purple Ribbon Committee Update

We have taken some positive moves here in Illinois regarding WILS. As Chairman of the Board for our state association I have formed a Women's Task Force. The charge of that Task Force is to survey and evaluate the needs of women relative to education and networking, in the State to determine if a Women's section should be added (Currently, we have Administration, Aquatics, Recreation, Parks, etc.) and as part of adding the section we will affiliate with the National WILS. While it is going to be taken longer than expected, I have a team of eight really excited ladies that are leading the charge and taking it off of my plate.

In February we had 24 ladies gathering to make up the workshop originally scheduled for January 7, "Preparing for Your Next Job in Parks and Recreation" in Bloomingdale, IL. It is a seminar and lunch. We have some very excited registrants. Baby steps.....we will get there before I retire!!!!

Thank you! Have a great day. **Jan Peterson Hincapie, CPRP**

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Membership

Active	68
Life	6
Post-Professional	1

February 28 - WILS Professional Development Workshop ~ “Strength in Leadership” This meets WILS Visioning Goal of building “personal connections, professional respite, offering opportunities to experience growth in a safe environment, celebrating successes and encouraging proactive involvement”. Join us for a day of personal growth and professional development as we learn from Dr. Jody Janati and Rosealee M. Lee at Brooklyn Center Community Center.

March 13 - “Iron Orchid” Leadership Combining feminine leadership traits with the new era of leadership. This meets WILS Visioning Goal of “exposure to trends that influence the industry”. Cheryl Alexander Stearns will provide you the framework and tools that will strength your ability and your organizations to drive desired change. We hope to see you at this leadership and networking breakfast at the Town Green in Maple Grove.

April 8 - “How to Maximize your Internal Organization Impact Through Personal Branding Carol Larsen will speak to the importance of your personal brand as a career tool. Leave the program armed with basics to manage your own career. Optional Resume Review after the program.

April 23 – WILS & WIN Career Clothing Swap Event in Minneapolis WILS and WIN (Women in Networking) are collaborating for a career women’s clothing and accessory. For only \$10 you can support *Ready For Success*, a local non-profit supporting women in need. Enjoy an evening of networking, updating your

wardrobe and accessories and enjoy some wonderful beverages/wine and appetizers.

Zeta Award

The 2013 Zeta Award was presented to Juli Seydell Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Eagan. Seydell Johnson has been a member of the Zeta Chapter for 8 years during which time she has served as Program Chair, President, National Delegate and on numerous committees.



National Budget

National Budget 2013 ~ 2014	2013-2014 Adopted	Actual as of 3-4-14
CHAPTER REVENUES		
Membership Dues	\$2,860.00	2570.00
Fall Fundraiser	0.00	
Fall Luncheon	\$0.00	
Fall Social	\$0.00	
Spring Fundraiser	\$700.00	
Spring Luncheon/Social	\$0.00	
Spring Social/Hospitality Suite	\$0.00	
Pin Sales (\$8.00 each)	\$96.00	
Scholarship	\$0.00	
Corporate Sponsor	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$305.00	420.00
Chapter Development Trust (\$500 in trust)	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$3,961.00	\$3,030.00
	2013-2014 Adopted	
EXPENDITURES		
Total National Meetings	\$3,990.20	\$2,683.00
Total National Events/Social	\$0.00	
Total Fund Raisers	\$100.00	
Total Newsletter	0.00	
TOTAL ELECTIONS	\$ -	
Total Membership	\$0.00	
Total Awards	\$747.80	\$80.28
Archives	\$0.00	
Total Admin Costs	\$70.00	\$87.45
Special Projects	\$900.00	\$12.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,808.00	\$2,910.73
Summary	2013-2014 Adopted 9/13	Actual as of 3-4-14
Total Revenue	\$3,961.00	\$3,030.00
Total Expenditures	\$5,808.00	\$2,910.73
Net Profit/<Loss>	(\$1,847.00)	\$119.27
Account Balance	\$13,034.22	\$13,272.76

Submitted by: Lydie Gutfeld

3-4-14

Alpha Chapter

Maile Marquand National Delegate

2013-14 Board Members

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Maile Marquand

Life Member Chairperson

Dorothy Meyer / Karen Kalsman

Sunshine Chairperson

Vanessa Rodriquez

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Membership:

Active Members: 17

Life Members: 47

Friends: 2

Past Events:

Run4her 5K Friendship Walk & Run (November)

Four Alpha Chapter members participated in the event along with two mothers and one husband on Team Chi Kappa Rho ~ Alpha Chapter. The team participated in the event to raise awareness of the research and efforts to cure Ovarian Cancer.

Bosses Day Luncheon (October)

This event was held at the Cheesecake Factory restaurant at The Grove. Twenty four people attended ranging from part-time staff to the Assistant General Manager of the City of Los Angeles. The value of taking the time to eat lunch and refuel our minds was discussed. As a reminder, the Alpha Chapter gave Lunch Bags to each attendee.

Winter Holiday Luncheon & Auction (December)

Thirty members attended this event at Mimi's Café. There was a recognition of Life Member with each receiving a Poinsettia plant. Mini calendars were given and event dates were noted in them. An auction was held for scholarship and sponsorship funds. \$419 was raised.

Upcoming Events:

- Lozilu Women's 5K Mud Run (March 22, 2014)
- Employe Recognition Event (April 25, 2014)



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Membership

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National Delegate

Kathy Tinsley

Past President/Webmaster

Membership:

16 Active Members

8 Life Members

Treasury Balance:

\$2,593.52

October 30, 2013 Bosses Day Luncheon

Twenty members and guests attended our annual Bosses Day Luncheon held at Santa Clara Recreation Center located on beautiful San Diego Bay. Our guest speaker was Barbara Khozam, Turning Bad Customer Service into Great Customer Service.



February Lunch & Learn

In recognition of Women's Heart Health Month, twenty-one members and guests attended WomenHeart presentation on Thursday, February 6th. WomenHeart is the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women and is more deadly than all forms of cancer. Our Lunch and Learn included salad and dark chocolate for dessert! This presentation was held at a local hospital and because of the flu epidemic we had to wear masks. Everyone was encouraged to wear red.



NEW GAMMA WEBSITE!

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National Delegate

Tina Cherry

Committee Coordinator

Marina Rabinovich

Membership:

Active: 88

Life: 52

Associate: 1

Bosses Day

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The annual Bosses Day Celebration was held on Tuesday, October 15, at Citrus City Grille in Old Town Orange. More than 70 members and bosses gathered for a morning filled with good company and a delicious breakfast. The 2013-2014 Professional Scholarships were presented to Lydie Gutfeld, City of Irvine, Adiranna Hyta, City of Cypress and Kristen Reid, City of Irvine. Everyone was sent home with a group photo and a special gift!

Trivia Night

The Trivia Night Fall FUNdraiser was held on November 14 in the city of Cypress. Fifty gamma gals and supporters came out to raise money for the Gamma Scholarship fund. We raised over \$1,200 for scholarships! Big Prizes included the Angels #1 Fan basket won by Gamma Gal Ashley Wysocki, the personal Chef for 4 in your home won by Danielle and Susan Jones through pre-sale ticket purchase and finally the 50/50 raffle won by new life member, Michelle Khzouz. The food was great, the Trivia Dj was entertaining and the participation was OUTSTANDING! Congrats to team "Rec-ing Crew" for winning the night!

Holiday Breakfast

The Holiday Breakfast was held on Thursday, December 12 at TAPS Fish House and Brewery in Corona. Approximately 40 members were in attendance, many of whom were Life Members and Past Presidents. Attendees enjoyed a festive morning which included a delicious breakfast, as well as a presentation by Steve Liapis, Children's Trust Fund Advisor for Orangewood's Children's Foundation. The generosity of Gamma members was illustrated through donations of \$370 from members, plus gift cards and gifts donated for the teenaged residents of Orangewood. Cal South Soccer Foundation provided a generous donation of \$500 to help offset costs of the event. Executive Director of Operations, Shirley Ramirez, also attended and shared information about Cal South's work in the community. The highlight of the event was the recognition of Karon De Leon, this year's recipient of the Helen I. Pontius Award of Merit. Dorothy Meyer, HIP Chair and Alpha Member, spoke about Karon's accomplishments in the profession and WILS, and shared the Power Point which was used for Karon's recognition at the Fall National Meeting.

