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President's Message—Pearl Raya

Time is going by so fast. Since taking the realm of the National Board President, it has been interesting and rewarding to gain an even greater understanding of how our organization benefits the membership. WILS provides women in the recreation and community services profession the opportunity to; exchange ideas, develop leadership skills, create and renew a support system, foster friendships, promote projects and invite new members to make our chapters stronger. Networking is the key.

There are two things that has helped me on this journey; first my family for all their support and understanding the importance of WILS to me and second having an outstanding National Board and Chapter members, who provide great support. Having the ability to call or email someone and ask silly or uncomfortable questions and know you are going to receive an honest and sincere answer is wonderful. If I had to stop being President at this moment, my time on the board will have been the greatest time ever with WILS. However, I am here until September, and there is so much more that can happen.

In September I was excited to become familiar with our newest chapter, CHI and meet all those wonderful women in Chicago. After the meeting, the thought of knowing they exist and the real possibility of establishing new chapters, enabling our organization to grow was very motivating. To make this happen, I had to understand the process that Chicago went through. I had the chance to speak with Allison Brammer, Purple Ribbon chair, at the Holiday breakfast and met with her at her home to discuss the Purple Ribbon committee and all the work that was done to get Chicago going. I was reminded that it took time and coordination to establish a new chapter. It made me realize it was okay to seek to establish new Chapters and expand but it needs to be well planned and takes time. First it is just getting the word out there to new areas of the country about WILS and what we do. But this is not just the work of the Purple Ribbon Committee; they cannot do it by themselves. Branching out and spreading the word about WILS needs the support of all our members. Things are possible. If you have an idea on where or how we can do this, share it. I realize everyone is busy with their new job, promotion, family or other commitments. However if we each can focus a small part of our time on this, it will happen. Please give me a call or email to discuss any ideas you may have and I can discuss them with Committee. I have begun seeking contacts in a few new areas and hope to set up meetings for these potential Chapter sites soon. Spreading the word about WILS and seeking new chapters stems from my belief in this organization and the possibility to grow and build upon our strengths.

Let's put our resources together and seek the opportunities to grow, expand or be a friend to other women in the profession.

Take care,

Pearl Raya, President



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Membership:

Active Members: 20

Life Members: 48



So XKP had several events these past couple of months. In November we had a professional development day where we had a speaker by the name of Brian F. Barry from the Dale Carnegie Institute discuss with us, “How to Communicate with Diplomacy and Tact.” Over 30 people attended the event and everyone really learned a lot for Mr. Barry. He was extremely engaging and informative.

On January 18 we had a small mixer at Simmzy’s Pub in Glendale. We were able to network and enjoy the company of some of the sisters that attended.

Finally on Sunday, January 29th XKP will have a team running in the Griffith Park 5k. There is still room to sign up and be a part of the team.

Our upcoming event will be our Paint and Pinot night on February 25th. We will enjoy drawing and wine with fellow sisters.

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Membership:

17 Active Members

6 Life members

DELTA CHAPTER

We are happy to report that we now have 23 members and of course we are always looking for new recruits!

We started the new year with a bank balance of \$1,872.72.

Our first event of this year will take place May 2 as we get out and about on a walking tour of the Walker Preserve Trail. We will finish the event with an outdoor box lunch.



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Membership:

Active: 86

Life: 52

Total: 138

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Mentoring Program

The Gamma Gal program was designed to pair up each member of Gamma with someone outside of their agency to promote inter-agency communication. The idea is to have ladies encourage their Gamma Gal to attend events with each other, which pulls them out of their "city circle" and gets them sitting and communicating even more with one person outside of their agency. All the active Gamma members are participating.

Gamma is looking forward to hosting the **WILS Winter Workshop** in partnership with MILS (Men in Leisure Services) to bring professional hot topic discussions lead by local experts including: Inclusive programming, marketing, Nontraditional sports, part time communication, revenue generation, school district partnerships, senior services, special events, staff development trainings, teen programming and a directors forum! Event takes place on Tuesday, March 21 in the City of Corona. \$8 for members/ \$10 for nonmembers.

The Gamma spring fundraiser is back! The first ever **WILS HUSTLE** event is coming to cypress on April 19th. It's time for you to get some much deserved YOU time! Join us for an evening with the best women hustlers selling products to make you even better! The best in clothes, cosmetics, fitness, wellness, nutrition and education all in one. Show up and shop till you drop! Funds collected will be raised towards student scholarships. \$10 gets you in with a ticket to win!



2017 Gamma Awards Program

Since 1975 Gamma Chapter has recognized its members for their outstanding service. When you reflect on the programs and activities Gamma Chapter has presented, please keep in mind the members who made them happen. The Awards Committee is currently seeking awards nominations to recognize those who deserve to be recognized and honored for their contributions. The awards categories include the Service Award, Helen Green Memorial Citation, and the Mary K. Petersen Memorial Merit Award.

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Membership

Active 20

Life 3

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Professional Development Workshop

February 23, 2017

SPARK - Igniting our Passion for Service with Georgine Madden

Excellence in quality and customer service is never an accident. Rather, it is a goal and process resulting from deliberate attention and focus. High-performing, service-driven organizations continually nurture the values of quality and service in their culture.

Mapping out Mentorship To whom are YOU leading, mentoring or being a genuine hero? with Annie Meehan

As human beings, we all have inherent needs to believe in someone and have someone to believe in us. Who was or is that person(s) who encouraged, pushed, challenged and held you as the great, wonderful Exception that you are (besides your mom or dad)? Your hero or heroine.

What IF? with Gaye Linfords

Imagine finding yourself in “the flow” with those you live and work with – energized, focused, accomplishing great things, and everybody’s happy. Some days it happens. And other days – good grief! What choices could shift how we live and work together?



CHI CHAPTER

Amy Charlesworth, National Delegate

PRESENTING OUR NEWEST CHAPTER, CHI CHAPTER.....

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Membership

Active 32

Friends 3



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At the IPRA/IAPD annual Soaring to New Heights state conference we had our third annual WILS social. Thank you to IPRA out-going president Mary Jeanne Hutchinson for allowing us to use her suite. The committee members did a great job getting the word out. It is estimated that 80+ guests attended, if we measure the success by how loud the room was it was a huge success! WILS wear was sold and WILS member Nanette Sowa donated half of her split the pot winnings back to the chapter. This was such a fun social and networking event, the committee did a great job pulling together all the details, thank you to all of them. Special thanks to Friends of WILS Caroline Brogan, Louise Kowalczyk, and Raegan Porter from FGM Architects for sponsoring the event. Check out our website <https://wils.wildapricot.org/> for pictures. Other news from State Conference is that our Vice President, Lisa Sheppard received the Professional of the Year Award, kudos to Lisa for the wonderful job she does in her community and for our profession.

The first board meeting of 2017 was on March 23, it was hosted at the Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) PURSIT program site, by Secretary, Andrea Griffin. It was reported by Treasurer Margaret Resnick, that we have 30 paid members and a \$2,113.58 balance in the bank. We will be calling all inactive members to remind them to renew their membership. Nominations and elections was discussed, due to still being in the development stage Bobbi Nance will stay on as President. All other positions will be open. Nominations will be solicited in April with voting later in the year. We will install the new leadership at the annual meeting in September.

Beckie Korzyniewski shared plans that the programs committee made for the year. One of our goals as a Chapter is to complete at least one service project per year. The Feed My Starving Children food-packing event was moved to Wednesday, April 12 from 12-2pm in Libertyville. This activity will be followed by lunch. Thanks to Tiffany Greene for putting the activities on the website.

After the meeting, the group toured the NWSRA, Snoozelen Room, a state of the art sensory room. A sensory room is an environment that helps individuals of all ages who may have various sensory disabilities. There are also therapeutic benefits, such as relaxation, depending on the specific sensory products used in the room. The equipment has many themes and activities that are used at different times to cater specifically to those in it and their individual needs.

The Annual Meeting, along with a Lunch and Learn has been planned for Friday, September 8 at 11:30am in Woodridge. The topic for the presentation is Women in the Workplace and Striving for the Next Level present by GovHR. This event is being sponsored by GreenbergFarrow.

Amy Charlesworth