

Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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2011 Rose Parade Floats Decorated by Gamma Alpha Members & Friends

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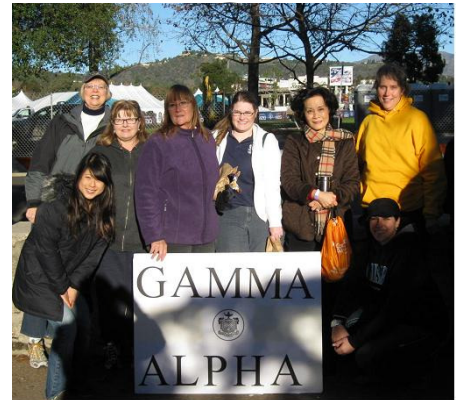
- 12 decorate Rose Parade Floats
- www.flower4thefloat.org
- Call for award nominations
- Nominate nurse leaders for member ship
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- Osaka Project
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"Unless we are making progress in our nursing every year, every month, every week, take my word for it we are going back."

Florence Nightingale

December 30, 2010 began with blustering winds and a chill in the air. Undeterred, the Gamma Alpha Rose Parade decorating team gathered in Pasadena, CA with hundreds of other volunteers, eager to start the 8AM-4PM shift. Under the auspices of Kiwanis International who is charged with coordinating volunteers for Phoenix Float builders, Gamma Alpha members (and some friends) worked hard preparing live organic materials for float entries like Trader Joe's markets. We cut and glued silver leaf leaves, and prepared hundreds of flowers for application to the Styrofoam bases of floats. The theme of the Trader Joe's float was called

"Exploring Planet Dinner." The float featured healthy eating and was dedicated to the eating of fruits vegetables, and other plant sources for optimal nutrition. It was a good fit for nurses! The float won the animation trophy for best animation and motion. We worked hard but had a fun time getting to know each other better. Working on other floats were Thi Tran and family, and Michelle Buckman and her mother. At the end of the day, Gamma Alpha donated 104 man hours of service to the cause. The Tournament of Roses is broad-



L to R, Ruby Sun, Ellen D'Errico, Megan's Mom, Patty Pothier, Megan Schatzschneider, Phoebe Kon, Jennifer Thakkar, Noel Thakkar, (Thi Tran, Michelle Buckman)

cast globally each New Year's Day.



Help Support "Flowers 4 the Float"

Imagine the pride you would feel if, on January 1, 2013 at the tournament of Roses Parade, you saw a beautiful float dedicated to nurses and the nursing profession travel down Colorado Blvd. This magnificent event will place nursing

in the international spotlight. However, such a dream will only come true if nurses across the nation step up and support this historic project. Designing, building and decorating a Rose Parade float is not cheap! The cost is estimated to be at

least \$300,000! So far, \$75,000 has been raised and there is only the year 2011 to raise the rest of the funds. If every one of the nation's 3 million nurses donated even \$1,

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Float decorating....



Phoebe Kohn, Heidi and Jennifer Thelmer gluing silver for the Nurses Week float



Patty Potter gluing silver leaf. It's a messy job, but somebody's got to do it!



Two women working on the float for the Nurses Week



Flowers 4 the float continued...

there would be enough money for the float and scholarship money as well. Start a competition at work! See which unit/department can raise the most money. Donating is easy and can be done securely on line at:

<http://www.flowers4thefloat.org>

If you prefer to mail, send your donation to: Bare Root Incorporated,

Box 250, Pauma Valley, CA 92061. Other ways to participate is to donate in order to honor/recognize a nurse colleague, buy tickets for a hand made queen size quilt to be raffled off in December 2011, or have your employer

donate on behalf of the nursing staff this Nurses Week. We cannot let this opportunity pass us by. Since

Gamma Alpha members have been volunteering for the last 2 years as float decorators—we really want to be in on decorating this one!

Sally Bixby RN, CNOR is the innovator of the "Nurses Float" project and will be president of the Tournament of Roses in 2013

Gamma Alpha to do fund raising workshop Oct. 2011

Gamma Alpha will host 40 nursing students from Osaka, Japan for three days of instruction next October on "Nursing in America." A task force consisting of Carolyn Davidson, Jackie Paik, and Ellen D'Errico will meet to develop the 3-day program. The Japanese school will pay our chapter to provide 24 classroom

hours of instruction on such topics as: the history of American nursing, nursing education in the US (with emphasis on advanced practice roles), patient safety/quality improvement, nursing roles in the community, (such as home health, school nurse and public health) and probably much more! Members in-

terested in presenting topics or helping during the three day visit are encouraged to contact Ellen D'Errico at (ederrico@llu.edu.) This is an opportunity for our chapter to earn significant revenue for our chapter so we can sponsor student/member scholarships to STTI conferences and other events.

**It is time to submit
applications/nominations for recognition
of excellence in the following categories**
**Research Writing Clinical Practice Education
Friend of Nursing Student Scholarships**
**Guidelines, instructions and forms are available at
www.llu.edu/nursing/gamma-alpha/grants_scholarship.page?**
Deadline for submission is May1, 2011
**Gamma Alpha Chapter presents Awards
at the Annual Spring Induction Ceremony June 9, 2011**
Basic Sciences Amphitheater, LLU

Nominate a colleague for membership!
Guidelines are posted at
www.llu.edu/nursing/gamma-alpha/nominations_new.page?

Status for membership is Nurse Leader
**This category of member does not need to wait until the Annual
Spring Induction to be inducted**

Leadership Succession Committee

Nursing Odyssey 2011 Call for Abstracts and Reviewers

Region 2 is already planning for this year's Odyssey regional conference taking place October 20 & 21, 2011 at the Sheraton in Cerritos, CA. The theme will be "Nursing in Transition: A Call to Action." A call for abstracts will commence 3/29/11 with submission deadline 6/04/11. Gamma Alpha is recruiting 2 ab-

stract reviewers for research submissions (must have doctorate) and 2 abstract reviewers for innovative/EBP submissions (must have master's degree). Abstracts are to be reviewed by 7/2/11. If you are interested in helping with abstract review, please contact Ellen

D'Errico at ederrico@llu.edu. The planning committee is working hard to bring you another exciting and inspiring annual conference. You won't want to miss this one! Those who wish to submit for podium or poster presentation, heed those submission dates! We will inform you when the application for submission is ready.

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Chapter Key Award Progress

Keep your leadership/outreach activities for the *Chapter Key Award* coming. Our application is looking good but need more data. Also need more members to complete the VIP profile at www.nursingsociety.org/VIP

Remember the time line for data for this award includes July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

Our application is to be submitted to International by July 15, 2011.

Refer to e-mail from President Ellen D'Errico dated October 2010 requesting information. Send name, date and activity to eva.miller@att.net

Gamma Alpha Events Calendar

February 4, 2011 "Film Night" 6-8PM, Redlands, CA. To RSVP and get directions contact Ellen at: ederrico@llu.edu

February 16, 2011 "How to Get the Job You Want: The Secrets of Carepix" West Hall Rm. 1201 12-1PM

March 10, 2011 Gamma Alpha Invitational Tea 1-3PM West Hall Room 1201 (set-up crew needed from 9-1, clean-up crew needed from 3-4PM. Contact Ellen at ederrico@llu.edu

April 21, 2011 5-7PM Gamma Alpha Annual Business Meeting Dinner, West Hall Room 1378

May 12, 2011 Research Day Nurses Week Seminar 8AM-4:30 PM Wong Kerlee Conference Center, Loma Linda

June 9, 2011 Gamma Alpha Induction Ceremony, Basic Sciences First Floor Amphitheater 5-6:30PM

