

# Gamma Alpha Chapter News

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## Chapter Raises Funds for Cancer Care at 7th Annual Believe/Walk



Sunday, October 5, 2014, several chapter members participated in the 5K/10K run, “Believe and Walk for a Cure”, raising funds for cancer care support in the Inland Empire. Several other members donated funds to the cause. In total, the chapter raised \$700. This year the community raised \$475,000! Team T-shirts were made and worn proudly. Pictured left to right: Fayette Traux, and her husband, Carolyn Davidson, Ellen D’Errico, Briana Maynor, Kimberly Buck.

## Scenes from Believe/Walk 2014





# 19th Annual SOCAL Joint Chapters Research & Innovation Conference

**"LEAD GLOBALLY, SERVE LOCALLY, TRANSFORM REGIONALLY"**  
**NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2014 8:30 AM—4:30 PM**  
**ONTARIO DOUBLETREE HOTEL**  
**222 NORTH VINEYARD AVENUE, ONTARIO, CA**



Faculty and students attending this year's conference are pictured with keynote speaker Tara Hulsey, STTI board member. Ten students were supported by the chapter to attend the conference.

L to R: Carolyn Davidson, Michelle Ballou, Allison Geslani, Chrystanya Morgan, Tara Hulsey, Natalie Wray, Patty Radovich, Manny Rustia, Unknown person joined picture, Ellen D'Errico

**NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE WILL BE AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL AGAIN ON  
OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2015. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Gamma Alpha Presenters at 2014 Odyssey Conference



**Podium Presentation:**

**Lynette Sandiford, DNP**

**“African American Men, Shared Decision-making & Prostate Cancer”**



**Podium Presentation:**

**Linda Halstead, MA**

**“Is It Research or QI: What is the difference and when do I need IRB Approval?”**



**Podium Presentation:**

**Asma Taha PhD, PNP**

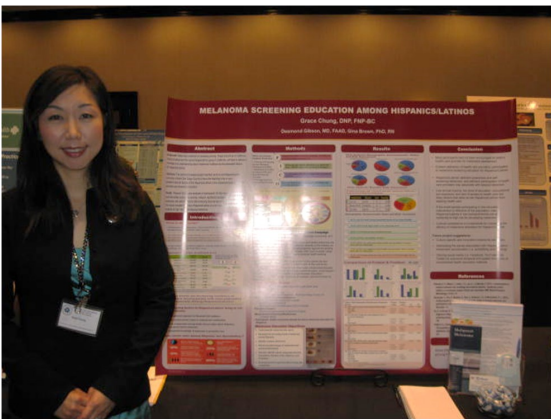
**“Nurses in Conflict Zones: The Lived Experience of Palestinian Nurses”**

# Poster Presentations



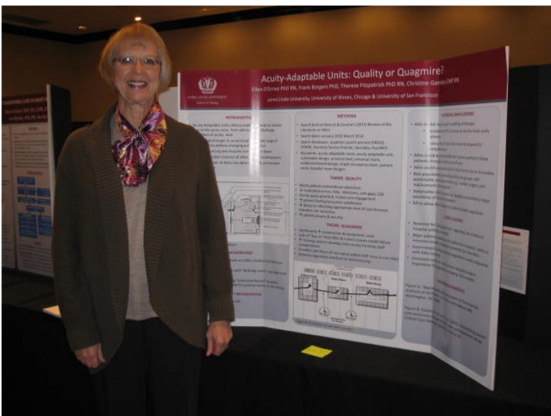
**ALISON GESLANI**

**“APRN-LED TRANSITIONAL CARE IN HEART FAILURE: AN EB REVIEW”**



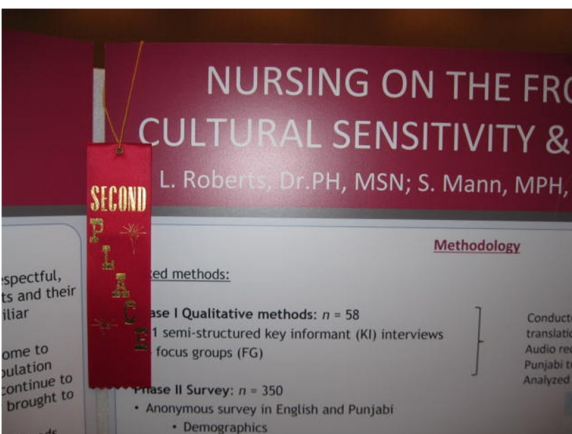
**GRACE CHUNG**

**“MELANOMA SCREENING EDUCATION AMONG HISPANICS/LATINOS”**



**ELLEN D'ERRICO**

**“ACUITY ADAPABLE UNITS: QUALITY OR QUAGMIRE?”**



**LISA ROBERTS**

**“NURSING ON THE FRONT LINES: CULTURAL SENSITIVITY & PATIENT CARE”**

**\*Second place winner: Research Category**



# INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISER STARTED

## Purchase of an International Council of Nurses Traveling Library of Nursing Books

Gamma Alpha Chapter has started raising funds to purchase one traveling library for a country in need of up-to-date nursing texts for nurses to use as a resource in providing care. The International Council of Nurses, in partnership with major nursing textbook publishers has created the nursing mobile library, an innovative resource to bring current health information to nurses working in remote areas of developing countries. The library contains 90 nursing and health publications including books, manuals and fact sheets. The books are housed in a durable, movable trunk protecting the materials from dust, water, insects and hard knocks. This means that the library can be easily transported to remote areas over difficult terrain. Each traveling library cost \$3,000, which includes the materials, trunk, and shipping to the country.

So far, the chapter has raised \$1220. We 're 1/3 of the way there! If you would like to contribute to this project, make a check payable to "Gamma Alpha Chapter " indicating on the check " ICN Bookmobile. " You will be sent a tax deductible receipt.

Send checks to:

Jan Nick

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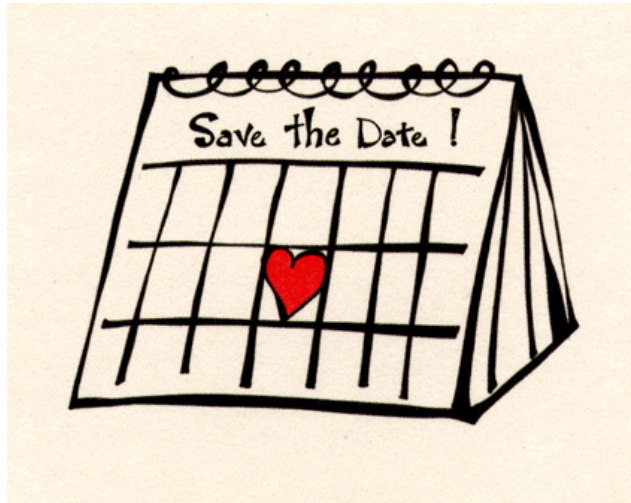
11262 Campus ST.

Loma Linda, CA 92354

We will be choosing the country  
destination for the bookmobile soon.

<http://www.icn.ch/projects/mobile-library/>





Board Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month 12-1PM West Hall

January, 2015 Date TBA: Odyssey Planning Meeting

February, 2015 Date TBA: How to Get the Job you Want (Lunch n' Learn) featuring Lauren Spillsbury, CNO Redlands Community Hospital and ACNL Inland Region President

March, 2015 Date TBA: Gamma Alpha Invitational Tea, West Hall

April 13, 2015: Annual Business Meeting 5-6:30 West Hall, light supper served

May 7, 2015: Nurse's Week Nursing Research and EBP Conference LLUMC, Wong Kerlee International Conference Center

June 10, 2015: Induction Ceremony 4-5:15 PM Centennial Complex LLU

## **2014-2015 Gamma Alpha Chapter Board Members**

**President:** Carolyn Davidson

**Vice President:** Eileen Fry-Bowers

**Treasurer:** Jan Nick

**Secretary:** Megan Volkov

**1st year faculty counselor:** Vanessa Jones-Oyeteso

**2nd year faculty counselor:** Fayette Truax

**Governance & Eligibility:** Asma Taha, Diana Van der Linden, Kimberly Buck, Lisa Roberts, Noel Thakkar

**Leadership Succession Committee:** Dorothy Forde, Alycia Bristol, Michelle Ballou, Cora Caballero