



## Yolanda Kelly VP of Human Resources

Ms. Yolanda Kelly is the VP of Human Resources of Pan Canal Alumni Association, Inc. Yolanda has a passion for helping people, and co-founded the organization, to foster its charitable goals and objectives. Yolanda believes each individual can make a difference and that the world can be changed for the better, one person at a time. That is a major reason she has decided to fervently work for the Pan Canal Alumni Association. She believes that its members are compassionate, exceptional, empathetic and gifted, and definitely intend to make a difference to Panamanians here in the U.S as well as internationally.

Yolanda is an alumna of the Paraiso/Balboa High School Class of 1978. She has many fond memories of her formative years in Panama. While still in high school, she served as a Red Cross volunteer at Gorgas Hospital. Later, she attended Canal Zone College. She worked in several positions with the Panama Canal Commission, including Clerk Typist, Marine Traffic Clerk and Computer Assistant for the Maritime Division. In the latter role she used computer programs to maintain the employee roster and chart the oil consumption of the locomotives used on the Panama Canal locks. Yolanda was born and raised in the former Canal Zone. She is the daughter of Michael B. Kelly and May Colliard de Kelly. Michael B. Kelly was a Supervisor at the Panama Canal Oil Handling Plant and Mrs. Kelly was a professional seamstress and clothes designer.

Yolanda concurrently works as a Social Worker in the County of Orange Children and Family Services Division. In addition to her principal responsibilities Yolanda has supported a number of initiatives at the Department of Social Services. She has served on the Staff Advisory Committee, the Community Partners Program, the African American Round Table, Operation Santa Claus, the Bring Your Child to Work Committee, and the Orangewood Children's Home, which is an emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children. Yolanda has also represented Orange County's Department of Social Services at the County Fair. Prior to working for the Department of Social Services, Yolanda worked in Information Technology for over 10 years. She served in various roles, including Unix Administrator, Programmer, Help Desk Technician, and Computer Operator. Yolanda holds a Certificate in Computer Programming from Instituto de Tecnicas Especializadas in Panama. She also holds a Certificate in Human Services from Cypress City College. She is completing a Bachelors degree at California State University, Fullerton and will be going on to obtain a Masters degree in Social Work.

Yolanda is the proud mother of two children, her daughter Sharday and son Richard. She also has a grandson, Shawn. Her hobbies are: cooking, baking, seeing ballet performances and reading.