



From the editor:

Starting today I need to forget what's gone, appreciate what still remains, and look forward to what's coming next. Anthony Douglas Williams quoted via the Optimist Institute.

Inspiration for January

“To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June.”

— Jean Paul

“Feeling a little blue in January is normal.”

— Marilu Henner

“January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow.”

— Sara Coleridge

“January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening.”

— Rosalie Muller Wright

“I love beginnings. If I were in charge of calendars, every day would be January 1.”

— Jerry Spinelli

“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.”

— [Mother Teresa](#)

“I'm telling you there is hope. I have seen it, but it does not come from the governments or corporations. It comes from the people.”

— [Greta Thunberg](#),

“When you realize the value of all life, you dwell less on what is past and concentrate more on the preservation of the future.”

— Dian Fossey

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”

— Muhammad Ali

Programs

Jan 2

Puzzle
Camaraderie
Led by Cindy
Eley



Jan 9

David Forsythe
Author (The Lost
History of
Denver's
Manhattan Beach

Snow Day,
Speaker
rescheduled,
March 6

Jan 16

Diane Petrozzo



Author | Founder,
Four Worn Paws

Jan 23

Tom Kramis,



Pilgrimage Spain
and Portugal

Welcome New Members!

Tamarac welcomed 2 new members in January, both sponsored by Claire Young. To the right is **Vincenne Buonpane**, a long time friend of Claire. She is involved of a non-profit, Tomatoes for Humanity, LLC, and has background in graphic design, publishing and retail management. Welcome Vincenne!



To the left is **Lesley Geil** who's not stranger to Optimism or working with youth. A retired teacher, with lawyer background, is married to Carl who belongs to MSOC. They once belonged to the DTC club. She taught school at Hamilton MS before retiring, and participated in the Brain Bowl for many years. She loves to swing dance and is learning guitar.

Both new members will be writing an 'about me' article for a future Tamarac Talk newsletter.

Goldrick ES Received Bucket Books

On December 18, 2024 five ladies took Bucket Books to Goldrick ES in Englewood. From the smiles, the ladies enjoy reading to the kids as they do listening! They are always thrilled to learn they get to take one home. Pictured in the group are L-R: **Judy Barrow, Bonnie West, Deb Fry, Lisa Sylvest, and Beda Collins.**



Bucket Books Were Given at Rocky Mountain Prep Creekside

On January 17, these happy members read and distributed the Bucket Book at Rocky Mountain Prep Creekside. It is an elementary charter school that serves about 575 students in grades PK-5.

Reader-members L-R: **Carolyn Bamford, Kathy Sullivan, Linda Williams, Judy Barrow, and Loretta Blessinger** in front.



**Come to the meeting on February 13th
For a Valentine's Social
With Tea and Cookies!**



Girls On the GO (GOG) Plans for June

WANDERING AROUND THE WESTERN SLOPE

Friday June 5-Sunday June 8

Put these dates on you calendar and join us for a fun filled weekend.

Day 1 - Travel On the first day you can take a leisurely drive to Gunnison where we will spend the night. Dinner will be at one of my old college hangouts, Mario's.



Day 2 - The next day after breakfast we will head for the spectacular Black Canyon of the Gunnison.. Which is sometimes called Colorado's Grand Canyon.

We will leave the Canyon and drive to Montrose. There we will catch a fast lunch and head off to the Ute Museum. This museum connects the past and contemporary Ute life and culture. We will have time to check in to the hotel and take a breather before heading to dinner. I hope to go to Jimmy's BBQ.



Day 3 - Saturday, after breakfast we will visit the Montrose Botanic Gardens. This garden is an inspirational and education tool to enhance the landscape that was once a desert.

I am working on touring a winery in Olathe.

On the way back you can visit the Enstrom's candy shop

Dinner will be at Mi Mexico. Great food and dynamite drinks.



Sunday is safe travels home. You can choose to go back Highway 50 and 285. You can choose to go to Grand Junction I-70. A really beautiful cut off is to drive to Delta and go Highway 92 and then 133 over McClure Pass to Glenwood. This route follows the Crystal River.

Information for hotels - Deadline for reservations is May 22, 2025

June 5 Gunnison Rodeway Inn 1-970- 641-0500

Montrose Surestay Best Western 1-970-964-4071

Flyer for Panera Fundraiser on February 27

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We're raising dough!

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DENVER , COLORADO**

**February 27, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
2466 S Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO**

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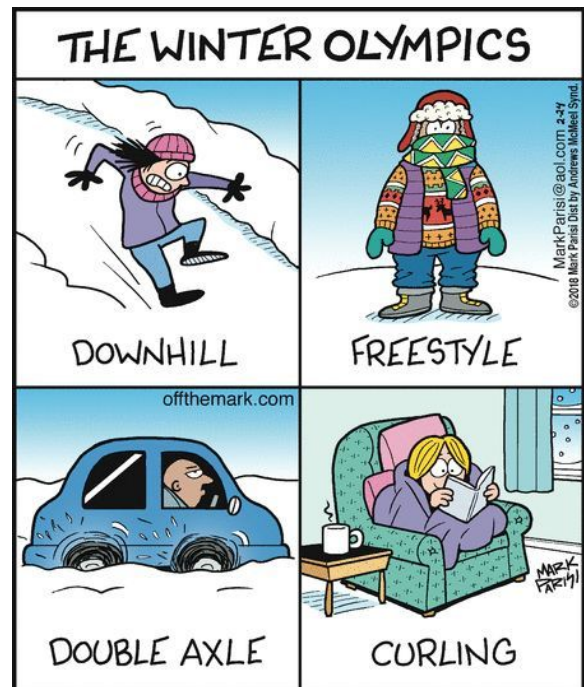
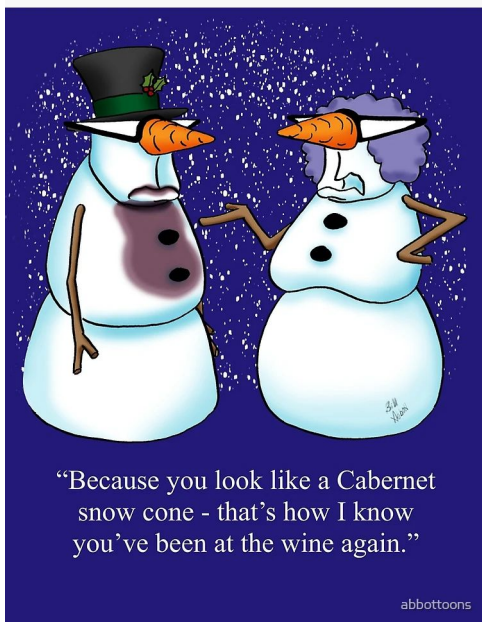
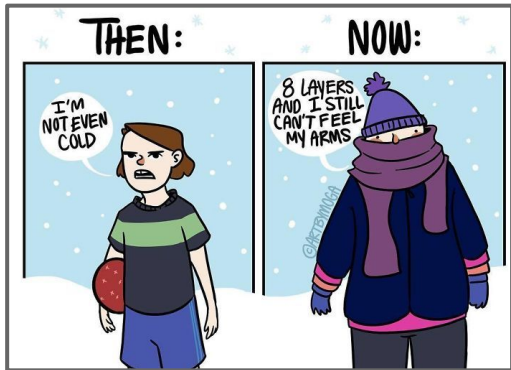
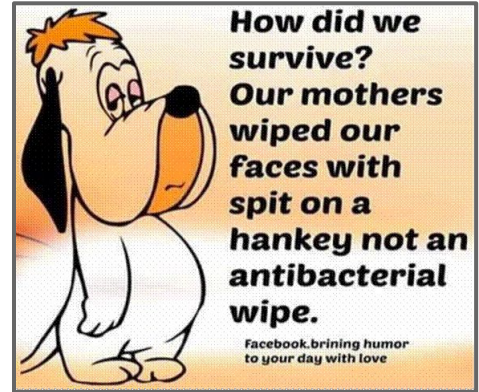
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