



From the Editor - Nancy DeNiro

The little yellow school bus is on the road, since several school districts have already started classes! Some TOC projects are scheduled! Remember to take pics and send them in for September! Thanks to everyone who sent in photos and articles for this newsletter. Enjoy the read! Always Stay Optimistic!

From the Prez..

Greetings, Optimist friends!

It's August, and I hope you've all been enjoying the summer. It's amazing to see our school-based projects getting ready to start and I'm looking forward to another great year of serving kids in our community!

Although we've had fewer projects while school is out, our members have stayed busy. We've had other projects such as **Brent's Place, Bike MS, and Grow Haus**; done fundraising (**Rockies game and garage sale**); enjoyed some great social activities such as the **birthday party and Girls on the Go trip to Leadville**; and learned from interesting speakers at our meetings.

If you agree that all these things we do as Optimists shouldn't be a "best-kept secret" --- **SPREAD THE WORD!!** Tell others about the fun and worthwhile things we do in Tamarac Optimist Club. Invite a friend or neighbor - or a total stranger in the elevator - to a meeting so she can see for herself what we're all about. Right now we have **91 members**, and just under two months left in the Optimist year. If we can add **just 2 more new members** by the end of September, I believe we can achieve Honor Club status with Optimist International.

More importantly, we can share the benefits of Optimism with more people!

In Optimism,

Cindy

Cindy's grandson, Orion, wouldn't sit still for a picture with grandma!



July Programs



July 11
Cindy Charleton
Personal Courage



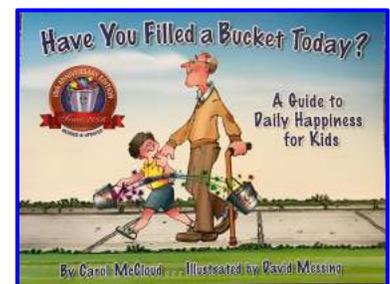
July 25
Barbara Walton
Hawkquest & Rescued
Birds

July 18
TOC Projects:
See pics and articles
in this newsletter



It Feels Good to Fill a Bucket! Joy Criminger

It's kick-off time for "Have you Filled a Bucket Today?" book project. Teams of 2-3 will visit 1st grade classrooms in 9 elementary schools in the next few months to read the book and give each student a copy for their very own. This heartwarming paperback encourages positive behavior by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by filling others' buckets.



Although dates haven't been established at all schools, approximately 300 students at **Holm, Samuels, Shoemaker, Goldrick, Village East, Mission Veijo, Place, Bishop and Holly Ridge** will start the year with a positive, caring attitude after reading and discussing the positive aspects of this book. This is our first project of the school year, so please join us. **We need YOU!** Contact **Joy Criminger** if you'd like to help but not able to attend meetings – joycrim@hotmail.com or if you've questions about the program.



Happy Bucks Committee Jenny Spampinato

Happy Bucks are going strong this summer. Thank you to all our members who donate because we were just able to give \$500 to **Chase Whisenhunt from Blue Bench**. Their mission is to eliminate sexual assault and diminish the impact it has on individuals, their loved ones and our community through comprehensive issue advocacy, prevention and care. Learn more about them at bluebench.org and read about their upcoming luncheon, "**Stepping off the Sidelines to End Sexual Assault.**"

Even more great news: the Happy Bucks committee is meeting on Friday to decide who gets our next \$500 because we are already there! Thank you Tamarac Optimist Club!



Annual Donation Presented to Brent's Place



At the July 18th meeting, a check for \$500 was presented by Beda Collins to Lauren Ellison from Brent's Place. This is our annual donation to Brent's Place to hopefully help with stocking their shelves with cleaning supplies. Now with a second wonderful facility to maintain, the need for donations is even greater.

Tamarac has supported Brent's Place for many years volunteering at the reception desks, making Friday morning breakfast once a month, and at the annual Pancake Breakfast in July.

Lauren shared links to videos about Brent's Place.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_ckeClxiOI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kw0zh74ii6E>

UNC Scholarship Recipients Visit TOC

This year's UNC Urban Center Scholarships, Emily George and Jesi Schoengarth, visited the July 18th meeting. Each young woman personally thanked the club for their scholarships, and shared their teaching plans for the future.

They were accompanied by their mentor, Melanie Haas (center), and program director, Roseanne Fulton (far right). Scholarship chair, **Carol West** is 2nd from the right.



Tamarac Supports Brent's Block Party (formerly the Family Fun Walk)..

Joyce Thomson

"Thank you for helping us make the Brent's Place Block Party unforgettable. Your support allowed us to raise more than \$75,000 for families at Brent's Place. That's enough to provide more than 625 nights of Safe-Clean housing! Thank you for helping provide a home away from home for families in need with children receiving treatments at Children's Hospital. This event has been Brent's Place signature event for 30 years." Brent's Place..



On July 27th, Tamarac and Monaco South OC provided a pancake breakfast for approximately 750 participants (this included alumni family members) and volunteers. That was 1500 pancakes flipped.

Some of you have asked who provides the food. Our

Clubs provided strawberries, blueberries, syrup, and sausage. These products cost around \$800 dollars. IHOP provided 25 gallons of Pancake batter, Colorado Catering and Shamrock provided a refrigerated truck and GenAir provided the BBQ grill.

We had a great crew of volunteers. It was great to see many families having fun together supporting Brent's Place.



Whose News.... bits and pieces picked up by Claire Young

It was a big family celebration when **Roxie Strong's** mother celebrated her 100th birthday in July. They also did the Donor Dash, thankful for Natasha's kidney donations. AND, their Texas granddaughters got to stay an extra week in Denver.

Courage Classic rider **Judy Reed** completed 113 miles of biking in 90 degree heat over a two day period to support Children's Hospital. WOW! Also this month, **Diane Zitek** entertained 3 old friends from her New Jersey days. **Mary Schieferecke** attended a Tai-Chi instructors symposium in Rochester, MN. **Dottie Jefferies** represented SO CA at the Friendship Force International conference at CU. There were 600 attendees. She recently received an award from the Kiwanis California, Nevada, Hawaii division for outstanding Community Service. She had over 90 volunteer hours making Healing Buddies, tutoring elementary children in reading.

Sheryl Overton & Sherry Pearn spent some time on I-90 with a blown tire on Sherry's RV. **Kathy Rife** departs soon for a domestic trip around Lake Michigan followed by another OAT trip - - Portugal and Spain.

For a fun outing closer to home - - go see Sister Act playing at the Grand Lake Theatre.

Past Presidents Gather to Offer Linda Sage Advice!



Lots of ideas, opinions, and suggestions were shared with each other, and Linda seemed very grateful when the group finished up and went on about their Saturdays!

A group of TOC past presidents gathered at Claire Young's home for brunch on August 3 to offer our incoming president, Linda Williams, their sage advice on presiding! Linda came well prepared with lots of questions to run by this group!

And will you succeed?
Yes you will indeed!
98 and 3/4 percent
guaranteed.
Dr. Seuss

