



**From the editor:** What pulls you out of bed in the morning, thinking...I CAN DO THIS! What are you grateful for as you lay back down and reflect on your day? Our purpose is defined in the hours between, it's how we hold it all together. Optimists define their purpose based on the Creed. **Think only of the best, work only for the best and expect only the best!**

## Brent's Block Party - Happy Place to Volunteer

After a two-year hiatus, we enjoyed the return of Brent's Place Block Party - this time, in honor of 25 years of service, with a special Birthday Bash twist!

It was held at the Anschutz Medical Campus Parade Grounds on July 23 to celebrate the Legacy of Love and the community of families and supporters who have made this milestone possible. Previously known as Kid's Cure, Block Party has long served as an opportunity for past and current Brent's Place families to share their experiences with the community that has supported them through a medical crisis.

As in past years, Monaco South members cooked the sausage and flipped pancakes, and Tamarac members and friends served them along with plenty of fruit on the side.



Butterfly princess on stilts!



## July Programs

July 7



**Linda Williams**

**How to Have a Dialogue**

July 14



**Sheryl Schwartz**

**Colorado Cops Organization**

July 21



**Caitlin McPherson**

**Program Support Coordinator for Brent's Place**

July 28



**Joe DeRose**

**Willa Cather Symposium in Red Cloud Nebraska**

**Caitlin McPherson from Brent's place accepting a plaque from OI Foundation commemorating the donation from Mary Lou Hanson's Estate last year.**



Suzie Malik	Aug 1
Carolyn Bamford	Aug 2
Laura Hoch	Aug 5
Sandy Middleton	Aug 9
Joyce Thomson	Aug 19
Pat Dutton	Aug 24
Wilene Lampert	Aug 28

## Welcome New Members - Suzie Malik and Kathy Jenkins

Two new members were initiated by Shermalee Eikerman into Tamarac at the meeting on Aug 11, **Suzie Malik sponsored by Joy, and Kathy Jenkins sponsored by her sister-in-law Kathy Sullivan.**

**Suzie** moved to Denver in 2008 from Milwaukee, WI. I am a widow. She has 2 daughters ,Carolyn who lives in Brooklyn, NY with grandson Harrison who will be 16 next month. Her daughter Laura & husband Michael recently moved to Elbert County from Highlands Ranch. They bought a ranchette for their dog & 2 horses .

In 2008 she was working for the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel in Classified Advertising when the paper decided to give Buy-outs, the newspaper business was not doing well. She took the Buyout & here she is 14 years later. Welcome Suzie!

**Kathy Jenkins is a** Colorado native. She has known her sponsor, Kathy Sullivan since 1972, and they became sisters-in-law in 1974 when Kathy S married her brother. She graduated from Cherry Creek HS, and went to college at DU where she majored in speech pathology. She likes travel, and recently adopted her dog named Jack. She has been a widow for a year, and has many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Skills she brings to the club include her likes to do admin stuff, calling, and customer service! Welcome Kathy!

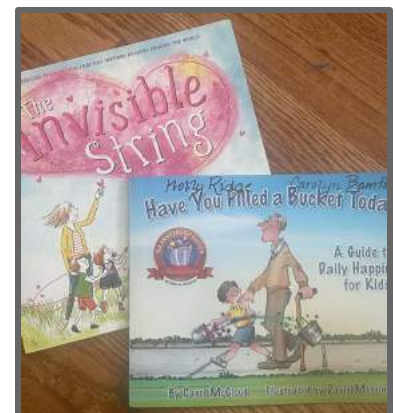


**Kathy J, Kathy S, Joy and Suzie**

## Tamarac Will Be Back In Schools This Year With Books!

It's almost time for our renamed, **Reading with Optimists**, literacy project with our favorite ***Have You Filled a Bucket Today*** and our new kindie book, ***The Invisible String***. We will be welcomed back to our **10 schools**.

**Please attend our Sept 8th meeting so Joy and Carolyn can provide more detailed info regarding details for our liaisons, co-liaisons, and volunteers!**



## GOG Old Elitches Theater Kathy Sullivan

Eighteen ladies enjoyed a fabulous tour of the this Historical Venue. **Greg (President of the Theater's Board)** was our tour guide and he covered 130 years of history in 1 hour.

He started with the history of **Mary Elitch** and how the park came to be. The theater started in 1891. It was the first of it's kind to introduce Summer Stock Productions. The theater was used until the late 1980's when they had to close. In that time it hosted over 2.800 performers. Greg had some great stories. In 1904, a lady named **Antoinette Perry** graced the stage. The name may not mean a lot to most people but Tony is short Antoinette and the Tony Awards were named for her! Another interesting person was our own **Helen Bonfils**. Besides performing, she had a lot to do with supporting the Arts in Denver.

One more interesting fact is whenever Elitches gets sold, there is a clause in the contract that it is always to have the Elitches name.

In 2002, restoration began on the theater, and in 2021 the third phase which added bathrooms was completed. They hope to start having some productions next summer, and we will keep that in mind for a future GOG.

After the tour we walked 1 block to Javier's Diner which was recommended by Greg. We all raved about the food, and the service was outstanding. It's at 3801 So. Tennyson, wo if you are in the neighborhood, stop in and give it a try.



## Future GOG

I am not scheduling anything for September because this coordinator is booked solid for the month. We will start up again in October. I am open for suggestions. As soon as CASA BONITA opens that will be a GOG. I am also looking at doing GOG outings on Wednesday (hump day). Would like some feedback on that. Our big trips will be on a weekend.



L -Early poster for Elitch Gardens

R- View of a private theater box

## Scholarships Awarded to UNC Students Carol West UNC Scholarship Chair

The two UNC Urban Center Scholarship winners were introduced at the TOC meeting of July 28 along with the UNC Urban Center Director Roseanne Fulton. This year's winners of the \$1,000 each scholarship were **Ashley Crowe** (on the right) and **Heather Roberts** (on the left).

**Ashley** is going into her senior year at UNC Urban Center and is completing her B.A. degree in Special Education with hopes to enter the master's program there also in Special Education. She has been a special education paraprofessional in Denver Public Schools for the past 5 years.

**Heather** is also going into her senior year at UNC Urban Center and is completing her B.A. in Early Childhood Education. She has previously completed a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Her current work has been in a pre-school in Englewood as a paraprofessional. She is headed towards being an Early Childhood Education Specialist at the same school upon graduation.



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## Tamarac Ladies Are Die-Hard Rockies Fans

Optimists gave away promo items 3 times this summer! The first was on Father's Day, June 19, Tamarac's day, Then Saturday July 16 on DTC's day we gave out Mandalorian koozies (Jeanette modeling one), and finally on Sunday July 31,

Monaco South's day, we pleased the fans with Ryan McMahon bobblehead dolls! These events are a lot of fun, and make the clubs some money in the process! Be sure and sign up next season!



## Feel Good Page

### Creating a day worth living

1. Get up early
2. Express gratitude for what you have
3. Do something productive
4. Do something fun
5. Do something for someone else
6. Get some sunlight
7. Exercise - it doesn't matter what - just do some exercise
8. Put a smile on someone's face
9. Express gratitude or compliment someone
10. Learn or do something new.

A woman in the elevator just complimented me on my hair, and then I complimented her on her shoes. When we got to our floor, my 5-year-old whispers, "Are you friends? Why are you saying nice things to each other?" And then straight out of a scene from a movie, the woman reopens the elevator door and says, "Because we're women and honestly, honey, it's our job to hold each other up."

Mommy Owl



**My grandson made the mistake of telling me I was being overdramatic so I just changed the WiFi password. We'll see who's overdramatic in about 5 minutes.**



*This is the editor's favorite* →