



From the editor: Wow! The holiday season is upon us once again! This year has flown by, and we all can identify changes in our everyday routines, friends, and maybe health. Live by the creed with anything that comes your way! It's all good! Nancy DeNiro

Linda Williams & Kathy Sullivan Win Optimist of the Quarter Award

Mary Grace Wake, Lt Governor Zone 6 nominated Linda Williams and Kathy Sullivan, past co-presidents of Tamarac Optimist Club for Optimists of the last Quarter at the conference.

In the last quarter of the year, they completed the requirements to be an Honor Club and were awarded the Certified Optimist Certificate at the OI Convention. Tamarac never really stopped with their projects but in order to end the year with a bang, they did the following:

- Ø Sponsored an International Club, Hand in Hand Optimists in Jordan.
- Ø Had a very successful fundraiser, sold peaches.
- Ø Collected clothes for Dress for Success and shoes for Soles for Souls.
- Ø Continued their ongoing project at Denver Health, Newborns in Need.
- Ø Also continued playing games virtually.
- Ø Had Girls on the Go functions.
- Ø Had a NOW function at the South by Southeast Festival.
- Ø Collected books at the festival.
- Ø Earned money working at the Rockies.
- Ø Had meetings in person with speakers.
- Ø Produced weekly newsletters.
- Ø Attended the District Conference (Linda was registered but was sick.)
- Ø Had an Olympic themed Installation and Celebration



Under the leadership of Linda and Kathy, Tamarac Optimist Club finished the year in an outstanding (Olympic) style. Each were awarded a \$50 Amazon Gift Card by District Awards chair, Charlie Neumann. (this meeting theme was Halloween costumes, in case you wondered)! Contratulation!

Welcome New Member - Linda Ward

At the October 28th evening meeting, Tamarac's newest member, Linda Ward was inducted by co-pres Shermalee. She is a good friend of Carolyn Bamford who is her sponsor.

Linda grew up in north Denver. Studied French and international business in France. She lived in Boston and traveled throughout New England & Canada as a bi-lingual federal benefit inspector. She also started & operated a ballroom dance school.

Linda worked for the State of Colorado before she retired. Linda husband have 2 beautiful children and 4 amazing grandkids.

Now she tutors reading at a Denver grade school, hangs out with her daughter & grand-kiddos as much as possible and travels. She says she is excited about all the opportunities for helping and fun with Tamarac optimists. Welcome Linda!



Successful Collection for Soles7Souls Joy Criminger

Tamarac held a month-long shoe collection event for **Soles4Souls**. They were delighted to receive Tamarac's **136 pairs of shoes**.

Soles4Souls help people in developing countries launch and sustain their own small businesses selling donated shoes and clothing. By repurposing unwanted items and putting them to good use, they keep them out of landfills and extend their lifespan. Since 2006, donors have kept more than 40 million pairs of shoes from going to waste, and they have been distributed in 127 countries and all 50 states.

Joy is pictured with the purple bin of Tamarac's contribution!



Marilyn Hodges	11/1
Carol West	11/19
Nancy DeNiro	11/22
Jackie Howland	11/23

Diane Young	11/24
Sally Evans	11/27
Nancy O'Brian	11/28

October Programs

October 7



Co-Presidents Shermalee Eikermann & Sandy Middleton

Business & Fun!

Sandy and I are very excited to lead the way this year. We've had help from so many of you and we couldn't have gotten off the ground without all your help.

We're approaching the holiday season and we're looking forward to making it fun and festive for all of you. Covid put a damper on so many things last year, we're looking to make up for lost time. Shermalee

October 14



Mary Gelb & Carol West

Travels & Experiences in Jordan

October 21



**Christine Stimson
Aurora Interfaith
Community Services**

October 28



**Neyla Pekarek
Previewed her upcoming
musical with DCPA,
"Rattlesnake Kate"**



Follow-up For Samuels Bucket Books Sally Evans

The first grade classes at Samuels brought their thank you notes to my home. They were so cute. Some drew pics of the ladies reading to them! The rest of the students were in a line on the sidewalk. They had a fun time as Griffin, my dog, escaped out the front and ran to see the students.



Tamarac Takes the Bucket Books to Mission Viejo Marilyn Bower

On October 12, eighty two first grade students at Mission Viejo Elementary were given their own copy of the book, "Have you Filled a Bucket Today", compliments of the Tamarac Optimist Club. A big thank you goes out to **Diane Zitek, Wilene Lampert, Judith Barrow, Joy Criminger, Barb Althouse and Nancy DeNiro** for being at the school at 8:00 am., reading to the children and passing out books. Afterwards, we all enjoyed breakfast at The French Press in Aurora.



Bucket Books Project Returns to Holms ES! Barb Althouse



70 excited students at Holm School received a copy of "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?"

It was great being in the school and able to share our optimism with the children.

Thanks to **Nancy O, Mary G, Karen S, Joy C and Barb A**

Holiday Party Planning Underway - RSVP Now & Bring a Friend!



Glitz and Glam Holiday Party

Come in Your Most Glamorous Outfit to Celebrate the Holidays

Ladies Only

December 17

6:00 pm

Jeanette's Clubhouse

11700 E. Yale Way, Aurora, co. 80014,

Wine, Dinner and Dessert

\$20.00 per person

RSVP to Nancy DeNiro

Make checks payable to Tamarac Optimist Club

By

December 9



Feel Good Page.....

Did you know that **Christian D. Larson, author of the Optimist Creed**, had other quotes. The following could easily be an addition to the Creed...

- ❑ We are always imagining something. It is practically impossible to be awake without imagining something. Then why not imagine something at all times that will inspire the powers within us to do greater and greater things?
- ❑ It is better to have faith in everybody and be deceived occasionally than to mistrust everybody and be deceived almost constantly.
- ❑ Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.
- ❑ What we love in others we not only awaken in others, but we develop those very things more or less in ourselves.

These quotes are by another famous personality. Can you guess who?

- ★ Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.
- ★ A hug is always the right size.
- ★ If it's not here, that means it's out there.
- ★ I think we dream so we don't have to be apart for so long. If we're in each other's dreams, we can be together all the time.
- ★ I'm not lost for I know where I am. But however, where I am may be lost.
- ★ Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day.
- ★ You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.
- ★ If the person you are talking to doesn't appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear.
- ★ People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day.
- ★ It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long difficult words but rather short, easy words, like, "What about lunch?" Author: Winnie the Pooh

