



From the Editor - Nancy DeNiro

Welcome to the new Optimist year of 2018-19! We look forward to another year of successful projects, and successful fundraising events that allow us to reach hundreds of kids! Everyone please think **Chili Supper & Silent Auction**, and spread the word to everyone you meet (along with that Optimist smile)! Thanks to everyone who sent in photos and articles for this newsletter.

Enjoy the read! Always Stay Optimistic!

Starting the Year with Installation of Tamarac Officers for 2018 - 2019

Festivities began when everyone came for cocktails, and enjoyed some time for visiting and getting more acquainted with some of our newer members. Lunch was an **Italian Buffet** from Olive Garden at The Three Fountains Clubhouse.

A **theme** was Puppy Dogs based on incoming president Sharon Young's love for dogs.

All twelve of the new Board and Officers were installed into their offices by **Governor Linda McDonald**.

Special thanks to **Abigail Nicholas**, for making all the arrangements for the installation, and members of the Friendship Committee for decorating and setting up the food and drinks.



Thank you Cindy for your leadership this year in bringing out the best in youth!

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Here are the highlights from the **Puppy Dog Themed Installation** at Three Fountains Clubhouse on September 28.



Passing the gavel



Good luck to **Sharon Young**, for a great Presidential year!



New BOD being installed by Gov Linda McDonald

More installation pics.....



September Programs



September 6

Game Show: "I Know You"

Tamarac members



September 13

Cindy Eley & Sharon Young

Transition



September 20

Vic Vela, CPRadio

Life as a Reporter of Human Interest Stories

Holiday Season Is Coming! Don't Forget Your Grocery Card

Reloading grocery cards is the clubs 2nd largest fundraiser - -

What does that mean? Next to the Chili Supper/Silent Auction, the sale, use and reuse of King Soopers or Safeway reloadable grocery cards bring the highest service income to our treasury! In 2018 Optimist year, the grocery cards contributed almost \$4700 toward our service projects!

The only requirements are to do what we enjoy the best.....eating, and also buying gas with points off. The cards can be loaded and reloaded right at the cash register as you check out. Many members load their card for a month of groceries and gas, then shop with it the rest of the month.

Cards are available at the meetings -

Your first card is \$25, which is the preloaded amount and is available for you to spend.



3 Weeks Until the Chili Supper & Silent Auction!!

Pre-sale of tickets has begun! It is preferred to have an idea of how many people will be coming for the Chili Supper. Members are asked to take tickets to sell to family, friends, neighbors, and others, as well as for their own use! Joy Criminger & Nancy Stevens will have tickets available at the meetings.

If you want some mailed to you, call 720-232-6048



We need LOTS of volunteers for this event!!!

Several sign up sheets have been at our morning meetings, and by email. If you are unable to attend meetings to add your names to the sign up sheets, or don't like email, please contact Nancy DeNiro or Bonnie West for the areas where volunteers are needed most!

REMEMBER BAKERY ITEMS to sell on the side! Cookies, breads, rolls, candy, jams, jellies or your speciality. We are known for our baked goods, and everyone expects to buy goodies from us. **INCLUDE a card** with your baked goods saying if certain allergen foods are in the product – like nuts, dairy, if are gluten free, etc.



Silent Auction Items

If every member of TO submits an item to the Silent Auction, there would be 90 items for folks to bid on. What a sale that would be! All the crafters and seamstresses in the club could make 1 or 2 nice items to contribute. Please let Nancy DeNiro know what your item(s) are as soon as possible. There are request letters available to present to new businesses or repeat businesses to donate.

You can start bringing your auction items to the church on meeting days!

Here are more reasons to volunteer:

- **Treat yourselves to an evening of pre holiday fun.** Come help set up for the supper, all auction and bakery items.
- **Enjoy the bustle and excitement of our Chili Supper and Auction Saturday, November 3rd** - Greet diners and help bidders. Assist post-auction wherever needed.
- **End of the day fun and share in our joyful success.** Help put Fellowship Hall back together!

This will be one of our biggest fundraisers, should be a lot of fun, and makes a lot of good will in our community.

More Schools Get the Bucket Book!



New School
for Tamarac-
Goldrick
Elementary
School



Mission Viejo Elementary School

Project Recognized by OI Foundation

Optimist International Foundation's Board of Directors grants funds to Optimist International each year for the development and improvement of International programs. The Tamarac Optimist Club was one of the twenty clubs selected and awarded a \$500 grant towards a new club project. Tamarac's project was the "Have You Filled a Bucket Book Project". Tamarac members visited first grade classrooms in 7 schools, read the story to the children, and then gave each 1st grader a copy of the book. **Jeanette Thompson, CFR (Club Foundation Rep.)**

Whose News.... bits and pieces collected by Claire Young

Grandmother news: **Jeannette Thompson** has grandbaby #2, and **JoAnn Gagnet** is a new Great Grandma. **Sheryl Overton** posted photos from Seattle visiting grandchildren.

Travels: Fulfilling a bucket list item, **Mac McKenzie** went to the Grand Canyon. **Jackie Howland** had two weeks in Ohio with her sister. A 15 hour Amtrack trip got **Marilyn Hodges**, her sister, her niece and grandniece to Galesburg, Ill where the grand-niece attends Knox College.

Shermalee Eikermann experienced fall football like no other by tailgating in the Grove at Oxford, MS before the Ole Miss/Alabama game. Did you know the alums set tables with crystal, flowers, silver and all the trimmings?

Yours truly (**Claire** and John Young) are off on a 12 day round trip cruise to Capitols of Europe - - Dover, UK all the way to Oslo, Norway and back to Dover . Meanwhile, **Lois Jean Gallaway** has been "down under" in Australia.

Greetings from **Char St John**. She misses the morning meetings, but does not have a helper to stay with Don until 9:00 AM. She is available to go to lunch Mon – Friday.