



From the editor: Starting a new Optimist year is always an exciting time that heralds new leadership, revival of projects (finally), and acceptance of our 'new normal'. Start the new year by Promising Yourself.....
Nancy DeNiro

Installation of New TOC Leadership

At the evening meeting on September 30, after an impressive Olympics Themed procession and lighting of the torch, Lt Gov. Mary Grace Wake installed the new officers for next year.



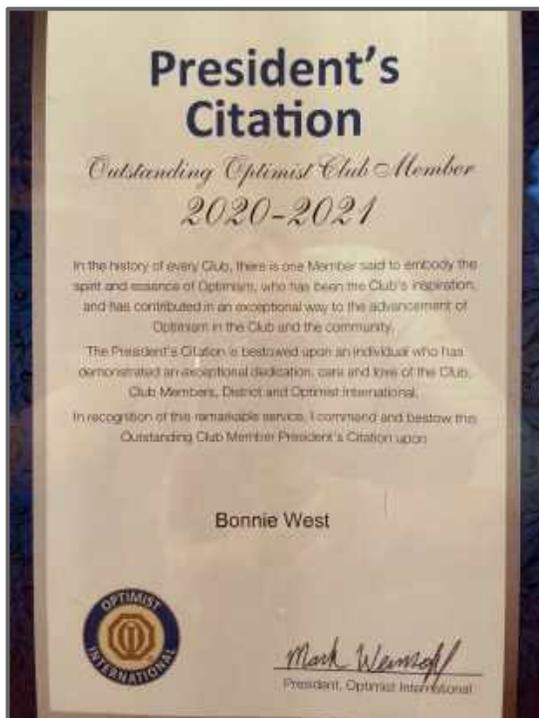
Newly installed Co-President, **Shermalee Eikermann** said: *"I am so grateful to be a part of this outstanding organization. You have wonderful, servant hearts, compassion, wisdom, insight, and creativity in your leadership. I hope that I can model these as you are so impactful in what you do. I'm looking forward to a great year, and I rest assured that it will be due to the support of you wonderful ladies."*



Newly installed Co-President, **Sandy Middleton** spoke to the members. *"Thank you, Kathy and Linda, for your outstanding leadership. As a Club, we survived a pandemic and accomplished all our goals because of you two. We are ready to carry the torch with your guidance and help. You might want to take a long vacation so we can't bug you every step of the way. Thank you for electing us Co-Presidents even though we had no competition. We have goals to reach but we can only reach them with your help. Our biggest goal is to establish camaraderie, which is the mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together, and have fun. We can do this!!!"*

Joint BOD Meeting Brings Together Outgoing & Incoming Leaders

On September 11, the outgoing and incoming TOC board of directors met in the annual 'joint board meeting' held in Loretta Blessinger's beautiful, lush backyard. Weather was great, food was great as usual, and accolades were shared, as well as an award given.



Bonnie West was presented a President's Citation acknowledging all of her participation and leadership throughout the year in projects like the Gratitude Bags for teachers and staff, the peach sales, masks for Children's Hospital and Brent's Place, fundraising committee leadership and support, and volunteering at Colorado Feeding Kids, to name a few.

Some Tidbits.....



Sally Evans sold the most boxes of peaches this year, and was presented with a special trophy!

New District Gov Nicole Powell came from Colorado Springs to visit the Installation of TOC officers at the meeting on 9/30. Welcome, Nicole!



August/September Programs

August 26



Sean Meyerhoffer from Brent's Place received the last installment of monies from **Mary Lou Hansen's** estate. He shared all that is happening at Brent's Place

September 2



Melis Ibivesie, our recipient for the **Respect for Law** honor. He will tell us about his escape from Bosnia and his road to becoming a Deputy Sheriff for Denver. Please join us to honor his journey.

September 9



Jim Schumacher, President of The **Turelli Foundation**, also received a check for the foundation from our Happy Bucks

September 16

Anne Marie Desmond (who happens to be the daughter of **Beda Collins!**)



Her message: "We are living in unprecedented times filled with an abundance of stress, worry and fear. So much that in March of this year, the state of Colorado declared a state of emergency for youth mental health. Learn how 3 simple mindfulness tools can help breathe new life into your health and well-being

September 30th

The installation of Tamarac Leadership took place at the evening meeting.

Lt Gov Mary Grace Wake installed incoming Co-presidents, **Sandy Middleton** and **Shermalee Eikermann**, Past pres **Kathy Sullivan**, Secretary, **Joy Criminger**, Treasurer, **Nancy DeNiro**, and Directors-**Loretta Blessinger**, **Claire Merrill**, **Nancy O'Brien**, **Nancy Kennedy**, **Bonnie West**, **Pearl Meulemans**, and **Judith Barrow**.
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Getting to Know the New Hand to Hand OC in Amman

The following message was sent by **Hand to Hand President, Henzad Al-Tal**, along with pictures of the occasion.

“The activity that took place today 3/10/2021 in the covernmental girls school , which included students of different nationalities Jordan. Palestine Iraq ,Syria,Sudan,and Somalia.on the occasion of their return to school after the Corona pandemic. In drawings, distributing juices and sweets, dancing, music ,and pictures. The students were very happy today. I have sent you pictures.”

Henzad



Henzad and student





By Kathy Sullivan

GOG

A Day at the Horse Track

We had a small group of ladies that enjoyed watching the horses run.

The price was right to get in. FREE!!!. We placed our bets and most of us came out a head or broke even. For me, I only lost 80 cents.

We watched the horse during post time to see which ones caught our fancy. None of us knew much about the sport so we used different methods in the picking winners. Many times we went with the name, the jockey, trainer, colors the jockey was wearing, number or how it pranced out on the track. We did get an inside scope from a couple of kids. One of the kids dad was a trainer. Sure enough those horses would come in 1st or Place every time.

We had a great afternoon. This will be a GOG that we will repeat next year.

October will be an off month for GOG unless something great comes along. Do plan to attend the 1st Quarter Conference. Saturday October 23.

Watch for you Constant Contact for information

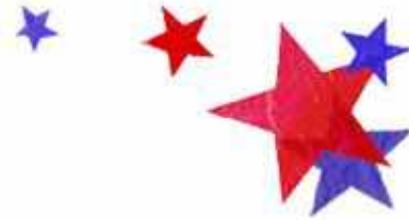


Sandi Chamberlin	10/5
Lori Grohskopf	10/7
Judy Hein	10/10
Linda Williams	10/10

Diane Zitek	10/25
Dee Carsten	10/28
Mary Dealy	10/30
Loretta Blessinger	10-31

Wreaths Across America

December 18, 2021



The Aurora Gateway OC non-profit organization coordinates with Wreaths Across America Day. The ceremonies culminate it's mission to Remember, Honor and Teach during wreath laying at Arlington and veterans graves site in locations in all 50 states. Here in Denver the Gateway club does Fairmount. Wreaths are \$15 and if you are interested in supporting this special day go to

www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/co141p



Bucket Books Project Returns to Samuels ES!



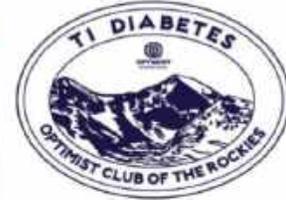
Even Covid can't keep a good project down! Following strict school requirements, the first Bucket Book presentation was made to students at Samuels Elementary!

This was an exciting day for TOC, students, and teachers. More schools have been scheduled, so please refer to the club calendar for dates!

L-R - Sally Evans, Diane Young, Joy Criminger, Jeanette Thompson, Bonnie West, Wilene Lampert, Mary Gelb



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