



From the editor:

Well, we made it through a challenging summer, and now plans are underway for next the Optimist Year with new co-Presidents Linda and Kathy! Thanks to everyone who sent in photos and articles for this newsletter. Remember to live the Creed, and in the meantime, enjoy this read! Always Stay Optimistic!

From the Prez...

It's the end of one Optimist year and the beginning of the next on October 1. We will not be wearing party hats and staying up until midnight to see the second hand move one more notch. However, we should celebrate a new outlook on how many presidents our club can have. **Starting October 1, Kathy Sullivan and I will share the president duties.**

What does that mean for you as a club member? It means the following:

- Include both Kathy and me in any email about the business of the club.
- Enjoy the variety of having a different person conducting the meetings every other month. (I'm responsible for October.)
- Continue sending all Tidbits announcements to me – I am still responsible for the Tidbits.
- Send any project changes to Kathy – she is responsible for the project information.
- Be patient with Kathy and me when we each send you the same message.

Our 2020-2021 Optimist year will be one where we can practice thinking outside the proverbial boxes. (What color are those boxes anyway?) We will explore some new projects because we have had to put some of our old ones on the shelf. And we will explore dealing with two presidents. What fun! Come along for the adventure.



Ruth Larson 9/8
Nubia Madrid 9/8
Lois Jean Gallaway 9/13
Donna Lynch 9/16
Patti Sherrod 9/17
Mary Gelb 9/17
Nora Kantwerk 9/19

Sept 27 Evening meeting is Installation of 2020-21 Tamarac Officers and BOD. 7:00pm Sign on with the zoom link and watch your new leadership take office

Welcome New Member - Nubia Madrid

Tamarac's newest member, **Nubia Madrid**, was inducted at our Zoom meeting at the evening meeting on August 27. Nubia wrote a nice bio we could get to know her better! She has already stepped up to Linda with technical processes for our meetings! In Nubia's words:

"I am a first generation born in the US, my parents were immigrants from Mexico. **I was born and raised in Denver, CO.**



My first language is Spanish and I learned how to speak English once I started school. My father works construction and has helped to build much of the Denver landscape such as the Eisenhower Tunnel, DIA, Pavilions, the Aquarium, water treatment plants, light rail stations, hospitals, highways etc. My mother was a stay at home mother, but she always found ways to work and make money through part time jobs or "side hustles" such as making and selling burritos at construction sites. I have many fond memories of joining my mother during the summers - handing out orders and taking change.

I attended Denver Public Schools and graduated from **West High School through the CIS (center for international studies) magnet program**. I studied at the **University of Miami in Florida** where I received my bachelors in **Mechanical Engineering and my Masters in Industrial Engineering**.

I worked down in Florida for a small company on gas turbines for UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) doing research and development for the DoD (Department of Defense) and DARPA and US Army.

I relocated back to Colorado in 2010 when I took my job at GE in Longmont where I worked on control systems for the power generation industry.

While at GE I worked in New Product Introduction (engineering and designing new products) and then in Supply Chain as the Lean Manufacturing Leader for the facility of 200 employees. I met my husband **Jim and we got married in 2014, we now have 2 daughters (4.5 and 1.5 yr olds - Mila & Vanessa)**. I made a career switch after having my youngest daughter, Vanessa. I went to **Edward Jones to become a Financial Advisor** - where I now get to apply the continuous improvement, management, engineering, goal setting and mentoring I have acquired over the years to my clients to achieve a secure, happy and worry free life through their finances.

All of my life I enjoyed giving back to my community. I am grateful for the many wonderful people in my life that I have met over the years. Many of whom, had I not met, I would not be where I am today. For this reason **I find it important to give back and help others out, you never know what kind of an impact you will have in their lives."** **WELCOME NUBIA!!**

August/Sept Meetings

Aug 27



Cindy Eley

Moth Talks

Cindy told us the story of being lost in Miami

Sept 3



Carolyn Bamford

Carolyn told us how the YMCA has found ways to involve members during COVID isolation.

Sept 10



Mary Kate Moor

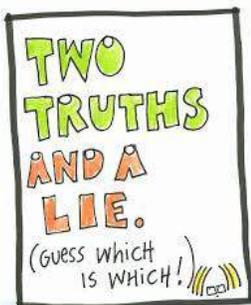
Community Engagement Manager, Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute



Diane Zitek

Diane had a story about hustling in Kathmandu. Her story was published in Escape Mag

Sept 17



We played 'Two Truths and a Lie' in breakout rooms and had time to chat

MIDDLE AGE TEXTING CODES:

ATD -at the doctor.
BFF -best friend fell.
BTW -bring the wheelchair.
BYOT -bring your own teeth.
FWIW -forgot where I was.
GGPBL -gotta go, pacemaker battery low.
GHA -got heartburn again.
IMHAO -is my hearing aid on?
LMDO -laughing my dentures out.
OMMR -on my massage recliner.
ROFLACGU -rolling on floor laughing and can't get up.
TTYL -talk to you louder!

Here is a little tool to help you communicate in text. Of course, anyone under 60 won't get it, or will have other meanings for the acronyms!

Thanks to Sandi Chamberlin!

Get to know your members...

President Linda sent a questionnaire with the Tidbits last week titled ABOUT ME. We would like to highlight a members each month, so get one filled out and send it to Linda so you will have your turn!

This month we get to know **Shermalee Eikermann**, She was born and grew up in Perryton, TX. That is where she attended school & college - Perryton High School and West Texas State University. In addition to Perryton, she lived in Dallas TX and Flagler, CO.

While in Dallas, Shermalee worked for H. L. Hunt Oil, and Univis Inc. (optical manufacturer). She was the librarian in a Flagler Public School as well as the Douglas Co. School District.

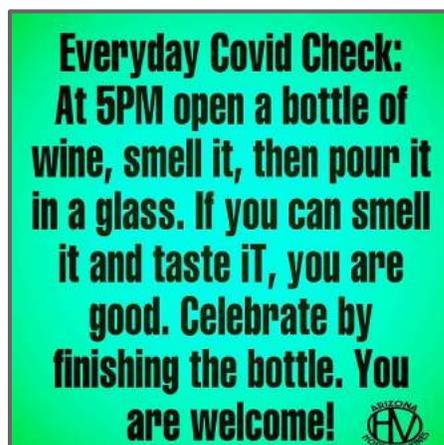


In Flagler, Shermalee owned a gift shop, and with her creative eye gave residents a wide variety of beautiful things for their homes and others.

She joined Tamarac in 2011. *"Sandy Middleton invited me to the birthday party at Marilyn Brown's home, and I remember thinking this is the most amazing group of women I have ever known. I couldn't wait to be a member."* Shermalee served on the Board of Directors starting in 2013, and moved on to be President in 2015-2016. Her hobbies today include reading, making jewelry, cooking, and knitting, playing bridge. She and husband Bob getaway to their home in Cabo San Lucas during the year.

She said the significant events that influenced or happened to her were when she was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ, her wedding, birth of two daughters, and birth of her 3 grandchildren.

Lighter side of
pandemic life:



Tamarac Optimist Club's Living Estate



Downsizing a Houseful of "Stuff"

Here's the Scoop: A lifetime of accumulation produces a lot of "STUFF": Before we go, some of our good stuff can go elsewhere. Pay with cash, check, credit card

Items for sale: Antiques Dishes Collectibles
Linens Holiday Decorations & much miscellaneous!

October 8 – 9 – 10 (Thurs-Sat)

9:00am-2:00pm each day



Location: The Young's house: 3621 S Peach Way, Denver

Directions: Hampden to Oneida, south 2 blocks, right at stop sign, 1st house on right

All proceeds from this event support
Tamarac's programs for youth
in our communities