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Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Thank you **Mark Spearman & LNRC** Team for hosting our 3rd Annual Gala & Tournament.

Your generosity and support means so much to all our members and to all those we serve.



Mission Statement

Our mission is to unite tennis ladies to promote and organize charitable activities benefitting needy individuals, groups or organizations in our community and throughout the world.

Our Motto

LOVE ALL

We open all Board and General Membership meetings with "Love All" as a way to center us and unite us in our common passions of tennis and in serving others in our world.

Happy New Year, TSO Members! Thank you for making 2018 a successful year. Each year we do even more! We served twenty different groups in 2018 and we donated more than \$35,000 in grants and goods to worthy charities including:

ACEing Autism - \$10,000

Acres of Love

American Red Cross

Elora Academies – Full of Hope

Empower the Children

Extraordinary Lives Foundation

Families Forward

Friendship Shelter

Illumination Foundation

Loara High School Tennis Program

Mary's Kitchen - \$10,000

Mission Hospital Foundation

Orangewood Foundation

Orange County Rescue Mission

Pete Brown Jr Tennis Program

Shatto Park Tennis Program

Share Our Selves

Steve Schenkenberger

Tennis for All Uganda

The Boys and Girls Club of San Juan Capistrano

Our success comes from our willingness to come together and work as a TEAM! We now have three separate Boards overseeing three separate TSO entities TSO Corporate, Orange County - LNRC, and Newport Beach. Each of these Board Members work many hours behind the scenes preparing for events, attending and running these events, and keeping us all organized. Thank you! Your leadership and hard work is instrumental to our success. And, THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS! Your membership makes all of this possible! We are also super appreciative to those who can give even more through donations, or for volunteering your time to serve on a committee or even just play in our tournaments or attend our meetings. We appreciate it all and we thank you for using your passion, your sport, and your time to serve those less fortunate. Together, our tennis can serve a greater purpose.

So for 2019, let's play more charity tennis to serve others and Love All!

Carol Walsh

TSO GRAND GALA & TOURNAMENT

Get your dancing shoes and Wimbledon whites ready for the 2019 TSO. This year, you will have two days to mingle, bid on auction items, and support our fundraising efforts. The evening gala will be held on **Friday, April 12**, with the tournament the next day on **Saturday, April 13**.

Thanks to your votes, we will be giving a grant to the **Good Shepherd Shelter**, providing intervention for abused children, assisting their mothers to provide a safe, and secure home and stability for their future. And a smaller grant will go to Caterina's Club, providing access to nutritional food, stable housing, and job training for youth. A small portion will also support our TSO GiveBack program, supporting youth tennis and orphans around the world.

We need your help in getting the word out. If you own, frequent, or know any businesses or individuals that would be interested in sponsoring the event, look out for the sponsorship packet, which we will be emailing to you soon.

The Grand TSO Gala & Tournament keeps on growing, and we can affect more and more lives for the better. You are instrumental to the effort. We will be sending out information on committee participation to make this year an even bigger success than last year, where we issued almost \$23,000 in grants.

If you have any questions about sponsorships or committee involvement, please contact **Stacy Ison** at fundraising@tennisservesothers.org.

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Newport Beach Happenings:

Peta Carley (President)
Debra Biagiatti (Events)
Julie Reynolds (Membership)
Deborah Winegarner (Secretary)
Anna Ziebarth (Tennis Soles Coordinator)

On November 19th at Newport Beach Tennis Club, Tennis Serves Others' Charity Round Robin benefited the **Orangewood Foundation**. Thank you to all who played contributing many bags of toiletry items. In December, ladies stuffed 50 LOVE ALL Tennis SUPPLIES Other bags for the homeless that were delivered to the **OC Rescue Mission** on Christmas Eve.

Save the Date
Monday, February 11th for a LOVE ALL Valentine's Round Round!
Wear your favorite pink or red and bring bags of groceries to play!!!



TSO GiveBack

Several months ago, we launched our new **TSO GiveBack** program. **TSO GiveBack** encompasses two aspects of our on-going service; supporting youth tennis and providing basic needs to orphans. In supporting youth tennis, TSO will help local parks or schools by providing equipment and supplies to those that have a financial need. Since our launch, we have provided equipment to **Loara High School, Pete Brown Jr Tennis Program** and to **Shatto Park/John Thomas**. Do you know of a park or school in need? GiveBack applications are on-line at www.tennisservesothers.org/tso-give-back/ cwYou can help by spreading the word!



TSO GiveBack also supports our efforts to help orphans around the world. Over the last two years, we have received numerous requests to provide the basic necessities of food, clothing and shelter. TSO GiveBack allows us to use our passion for tennis to help those most vulnerable. We have helped Elora Academies in Kenya, Tennis For All Uganda, Acres of Love in South Africa, Empower the Children India.

Thank you to **Bonnie Abate, Janet Zahl** and **Tanisha Byrd-Mason** who have helped us in facilitating our grants or goods to help these groups.

Doheny Feed

Thank you **Rikki Daniels** for leading and coordinating TSO members to help feed those in need at Doheny Beach. TSO donated the food and members donated their time to serve food. Later in the month, **Kelley McBride**, took our Tennis Supplies Others' bags to hand out to the same group. Thanks TSO Team! Do you have a service project idea? Please contact tennisservesothers@gmail.com. Let's make it a reality!



OC Chapter Happenings

Barb Lanni (President)
Amy Berk (Events)
Kelly Kehlet & Jenene Schafenacker (Membership)
Janet Zahl (Secretary)
Dee Hall (Beneficiary)
Kelley McBride & Cathy Brown (Soles)

We had a fun and successful membership meeting at Kelly Kehlet's home in October with over 30 in attendance. **Lynn Watkins**, a Physical Therapist at **Mission Hospital Outpatient**, was our guest speaker and gave informative tips and handouts on specific stretches and strengthening techniques specific to the tennis player. Thank you Kelly & Jenene! **Amy Berk** organized a round robin raising over a thousand dollars and presented the check along with Barb to **Mission Hospital Foundation**, supporting the valiant women breast cancer awareness. We also had a pop up "live ball" to go with the collections that Kelley & Cathy spearheaded raising money for the **American Red Cross**. We ended the year with a festive holiday supply gathering party at Laguna Niguel Racquet Club where we made 100 Love All necessity bags for the homeless.



Tennis SOLES for Others & More from Kelley McBride

Thank you TSO members for your generosity and for being so quick to respond to our request to help the fire victims. We filled three truckloads with all our donations. The response was overwhelming and very much appreciated.

In this New Year, we need help with a few “SOLE searchers” to assist us at various clubs to collect shoes. If you can donate an hour per month or if you have a “Sole Searching” idea, please contact me at mckids@cox.net. Thank you for donating your shoes and for making this an impactful program in serving those less fortunate.

Thank you **Kelley McBride** and **Cathy Brown**, our two busy working tennis bees in the OC who are running around town collecting shoes and, in October, they coordinated a successful Halloween Costume drive for **Illumination Foundation**

Thank you to **Morgan Amirani** for arranging for **Tijuana Christian Orphanage** to receive 100 pair of new shoes from a manufacturer that contacted her.

TSO Serve-A-Family

You did it! You gave LOVE by fulfilling every single wish list item for the four families that we adopted from Share Our Selves. Thank you to **Maria Girard**, **Felice McGrath**, **Renu Sondhu** and **Betty Youndt** for leading this very important annual service project.



GET INVOLVED

Please Get Involved – We need you!

- Play in a TSO event!
- Help get a donation item for our April Gala
- Volunteer an hour to help at the April 12 & 13 Event
- Donate your gently used shoes! Can you ever collect shoes from a bin?
- Serve on or even lead a Committee for our GALA!
- Stay Connected – Read our Newsletters,
- Follow us on Facebook or Instagram
- Shop at smile.amazon.com and choose Tennis Serves Others

