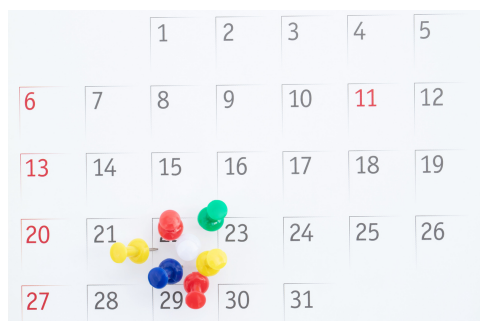


Philo News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Meeting
February 14 @ 7 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
3333 Duffield Ave.
Loveland, CO
 Facility will open at 6 p.m. for
 committee meetings.

Hostesses for the **February meeting**:
 Florence Doksansky, Linda Stangel, Carol Rieser



SHARE YOUR NEWS!

For future reference, here are the deadlines for submitting content to the monthly newsletters.

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
March	February 18
April	March 18
May	April 22

Send to philopublicity@gmail.com;
 Call Amy Black at 970-412-0250 with
 any questions.



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President's Message



Happy Ground Hog, Valentine, and President's Day. I never remember if it is six more weeks of winter if the ground hog sees his shadow or if he doesn't see his shadow. I don't think it matters much here. I hope we aren't taking you away from an intimate evening with a loved one on Valentine's Day. We can always think like my daughter-in-law, there is nothing wrong with making it a Valentine week.

Just a reminder: We need people to step forward for officers. We at least need a new recording secretary. As a board we meet the first Tuesday of the month August through June. August is spent finalizing the budget for the next year so timing is more flexible. Currently we meet in the mornings, but that is flexible to accommodate board members' schedules. Probably the most stressful time is right now, trying to get new board members. I have to admit, I was hesitant to take on the position but it has been very enjoyable working with the other board members. Join us, it may be more fun than you think.

Judy

Member Spotlight, Emeritus

Shirley Hogan

Shirley became a member of Philo in 1969. Shirley and her husband moved here from Los Angeles a few years earlier. The population of Loveland was around 10,000 at that time. They built their home in a new neighborhood that her husband, a civil engineer, had platted. It was by the Olde Course at Loveland that was just being built. She still lives there. When her three daughters were school age she began working as a registered nurse in the school system.

When Shirley joined Philo, the group met in the basement of the bank building downtown. The committee that she recalls the best was the Christmas Gift committee. They collected gifts for the less fortunate and parents could choose gifts for their children.

Currently, Shirley stays busy with her 3 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Thank you for sharing your story, Shirley.

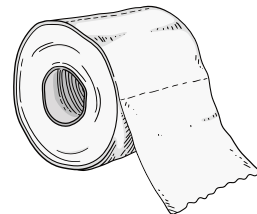
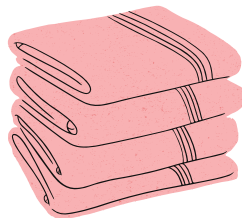
Alternatives to Violence

Our collection of items for the 12 Fresh Start Baskets is coming along great! Thank you to those who have already donated. As you know, these Fresh Start Baskets go to clients of Alternatives to Violence who are moving into their own apartment. They contain some of the necessities they need to get settled in. The following items are still needed to complete the baskets:

- 8 containers of dish soap
- 10 containers of kitchen cleaning solutions or Clorox type wipes
- 8 containers of laundry soap
- 7 sets of shampoo and conditioner
- 4 sets of twin sheets
- 6 containers of bathroom cleaning product and/or toilet cleaner
- 9 hand and/or body soap
- 9 sets of a hairbrush and comb
- 6 sets of bath towels (ideally a bath towel, hand towel and washcloth)
- 6 containers of sanitary products
- 7 paper towels
- 14 rolls of toilet paper

Also, Allison Hade, of the City of Loveland, expresses her gratitude for our collection of travel size toiletries which are distributed to people struggling with homelessness. She welcomes Philo to continue collecting those items.

If you would like to donate, please bring donations to our meetings or call Stephanie Butts to schedule a pick up time. Stephanie's number is 970-231-7844 or by email at stephanie.butts@outlook.com.



History/Yearbook



At our January general meeting, the Board introduced a discussion about the needs of the History/Yearbook committee, primarily finding someone to create the yearbook (PDF file) using the text and photos I provide. It was gratifying to receive such support and creative suggestions. Thanks go out to Ruth Swanty who contacted the yearbook advisor at Thompson Valley High School to inquire about finding a student volunteer.

I am happy to report that Jamie Powell, Publicity Committee chair, has offered to do the formatting and publication of the 2022-2023 Philo Yearbook. Jamie has the program and experience to produce a yearbook similar to the previous two years. In the meantime, our small committee will be collecting data and photos. Please take an opportunity to take photos at committee meetings and events to illustrate all that we do. You can send photos to PhiloPublicity@gmail.com.

As March approaches, many committees have openings for 2023-2024. I would ask that you consider becoming a yearbook “apprentice” with the intent of becoming chair the following year. The responsibilities include monitoring Philo activities throughout the year, collecting reports and photos for each committee and event, editing the text to make it cohesive, and arranging for publication (a PDF file that can be posted on the website, preserved in the archives, and printed as a hard copy).

Linda Stangel, Chair



Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be February 21st from 9am – 2:30pm. There are some slots open and we are open to some walk-ins but appointments are always best.

Location – Grace Community Church just off 14th St.
Please contact Florence Doksansky at 401-524-0772 or fdoksansky44@gmail.com with any questions.

There is a great need for blood of all types; one pint saves up to 3 lives!

Integrated Early Childhood

The committee received a generous donation from Brianne Smith's employer RB+B Architects. This is not the first year the preschool committee has been remembered during the holidays by this generous company. These funds will be used to purchase a hardcover book for each classroom based on the Literacy Fair theme. The committee also hopes to purchase books from a list of suggestions to be shared by the classrooms at each center.

Debbie Riley, Chair



Save the Date!



Spring Appreciation Dinner.

Thursday, May 11 at High Country Beverage.
4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd. Johnstown (east of Scheels at Hwy.34 and I-25).

Jeanne Findley, Chair

Raise Right Gift Cards

Raise Right is a fundraiser for Philo members and community friends that easily gives a rebate from the retailer to the Philo general budget, which results in our donations to Alternatives to Violence or to an Early Childhood program. Purchasing and using the cash cards is an easy way for you to help with those donations, without causing any drain on your budget.

During the fall of 2022, when fifteen Philo members purchased cards, the retailers gave \$417 in rebates to Philo. Fifteen Philo members traded some of their cash for cards to do their own shopping, or used cards for gifts. THINK how our donations to Alternatives to Violence and Early Childhood could increase if thirty Philo members purchased cards!

The Philo *Raise Right* committee will have new cash/gift card

- o ordering info posted online in early February,
- o forms distributed at the February Membership meeting,
- o orders and checks collected at the March meeting, and
- o cards you have ordered distributed at the April meeting.



Order forms can always be printed from the online info and mailed with a check **BEFORE March 10th** to Peg Isakson, 3654 Parlin Ct., Loveland CO 80538. Purchased cards will be distributed to those online orders by March 24th.

Is there another retailer that you would like to use for your order?

Search 586 different brands in www.raiseright.com. Click on Brands in the header row to see the options.

From Corresponding Secretary



We received a thank you card from the Sunrise Clinic:

Dear Philo:

Thank you for the \$500 donation towards continued funding for our food pantry at the Sunrise Loveland Community Health. Your compassion and kindness goes a long way in helping hungry patients and their families.

Sincerely,

Sunrise Clinic



Sunshine Committee



January was a relatively quiet month for our members. The celebration of Kay Robinson's life was on January 4th. This also happened to be Kay's birthday. It was a lovely gathering and there were many Philo members in attendance. It was nice to hear the stories of Kay from close friends and family. She was truly a gem and we will miss her dearly.



Several people were able to use the Eagles hockey tickets that were donated to us from corporate sponsors through the Eagles. Hopefully you all had a great time. With luck, there will be future opportunities for more games.

Here's wishing the following members a very happy February birthday.

02/16 Dona Menzies

02/21 Florence Doksansky

Remember that your Sunshine teams are ready to celebrate your joys and help with your woes. Feel free to contact either Cindy Kurtz at 970-962-6832 or ckurtz1962@gmail.com or Amy Black at 970-412-0250 or blackamyb@hotmail.com.

Please let us know of any information worthy of a card or help for our members.



Minutes from January Meeting

PHILO GENERAL MEETING – January 10, 2023 – TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LVND, CO

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Judy Gangle.

Hostesses Peggy Isakson, Stevie Benkendorf, and Linda Stangel were thanked.

Committee spotlight this month was Dine Out With Heart by Shannon Voggesser, the committee chair. Shannon gave some background on the committee. The committee was started as a fundraiser to provide funds for the Christmas Basket project. The fundraiser was modeled after “Great Plates” fundraiser in Fort Collins. Patrons eating at participating restaurants would make donations by placing money in an envelope on the table. The money was given to other nonprofits in the form of grants. When restaurants quit promoting this fundraiser, the funds decreased. Then COVID! The committee came up with another idea of having food trucks, entertainment and sponsors for summer of 2022. This event was successful due to the sponsorships. This year will have something in line with a similar event with sponsors, but better location and other possible changes.

The minutes of November 8, 2022 were accepted by Lori Smith and seconded by Marge McCoy.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund	\$10,725.78
DOWH	\$ 1,394.91
Golf/Scholarship	\$21,597.16 (\$17,500 earmarked for scholarship & \$4097.16 earmarked for golf tourney startup)

OLD BUSINESS

The website is launched and still a work in progress. Comments or questions should be directed to Peg Isakson at info@philomembers.org

Yearbook committee needs help. The program they use is called Canvas. It was suggested that the high schools be called to see if students could help in exchange for volunteer hours. Ruth Swanty is currently looking into this idea.

Dues were called to be submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced by Terri Dimond that Terri Mulford has applied for membership. Beth Sonderquist moved to approve her membership. The members took a vote and it was approved unanimously.

Committee Announcements:

Jeanne Findley announced that the Spring Dinner will take place at High Country Beverage on Thursday May 11th. Will be announced in February newsletter.

Carol Rieser announced that Duck Race Tickets will be available for sale during the February meeting. \$20 for 7 tickets. 80% of sales go to Philo.

Ruth Swanty of the ATV committee announced the continuation of “Fresh Start” baskets and donations needed.

Florence Doksansky announced the blood drive coming up in February.

Juanita Cisneros spoke of her friendship with recently passed member, Kay Robinson.

They met at the golf tournament as volunteers and became friends due to the many things they had in common. This is representative of Philo and how through volunteerism and community service we get closer to one another.

Judy announced that there is a need for members to volunteer for the board positions.

Meeting was called to close by Judy Gangle at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Swanty