

Philo News

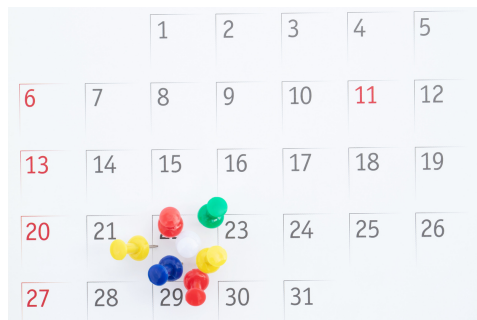
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Meeting
November 14 @ 7 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
3333 Duffield Ave.
Loveland, CO

Facility will open at 6 p.m. for
 committee meetings.

Nov. Hostesses: Terri Mulford, Linda Stangel, OPEN

Jan. Hostesses: Karen Vinal, Beth Soderquist, OPEN



SHARE YOUR NEWS!

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

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
December	None
January '24	December 16
February	January 20
March	February 17
April	March 23
May	April 20

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



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President's Message



November has always been the month for me to pause and reflect on gratitude. I have so much to be grateful for. I am so thankful for the new members who have joined Philo and for the renewed energy we have seen at meetings with committees creating new ways to generate friendships and support fundraising ideas. Philo is a wonderful organization, and I am so grateful to be part of it. I find it important for me to have a sense of belonging and to give back to others in a meaningful way. Philo has provided that for me, and I am grateful.

As a reminder, the Integrated Early Childhood committee is once again setting tables up for the book exchange/sale and social time before the meeting begins. Please bring books and be ready to buy books for reading. The doors will be opened at 6:00 pm. In addition to the book exchange/sale, Raise Right gift card order forms are due. This is a great opportunity to “stock up” on cards to use as gifts or for personal use. I hope to see you all November 14th.

Carol Rieser, Philo president

Holiday Giving

All the boxes have been delivered to the schools, and the canned food drive will begin the first of November. Thank you to Gay Ann, Karen Vinal, Debbie, Amy, Florence and Melissa for all of your coordination and support!

For the November meeting, **please bring a toy to share with the House of Neighborly Service Christmas Store.** This is for ages birth to 18, new, unwrapped presents for parents in need to select for their kids.

If you are interested in filling holiday baskets or stocking shelves at HNS this holiday season, please go online and register directly on the HNS website. Philo cannot provide them with volunteers based on their vetting process.

<https://www.volgistics.com/appform/922567801>

Thank you!
Brienne Smith, Chair



Alternatives to Violence

Hello Philo ladies!

I hope you are enjoying our extended good weather. The holidays will be upon us before you know it and the ATV committee recognizes all the many priorities you have this time of year. If you have a little time and some extra resources, would you please consider bringing items to our November meeting to fill the Fresh Start baskets for Alternative to Violence clients who are starting their own new lives? The list of items is below. Items in orange are those we need the most, but any item is appreciated. Thank you for all you do, and see you soon.

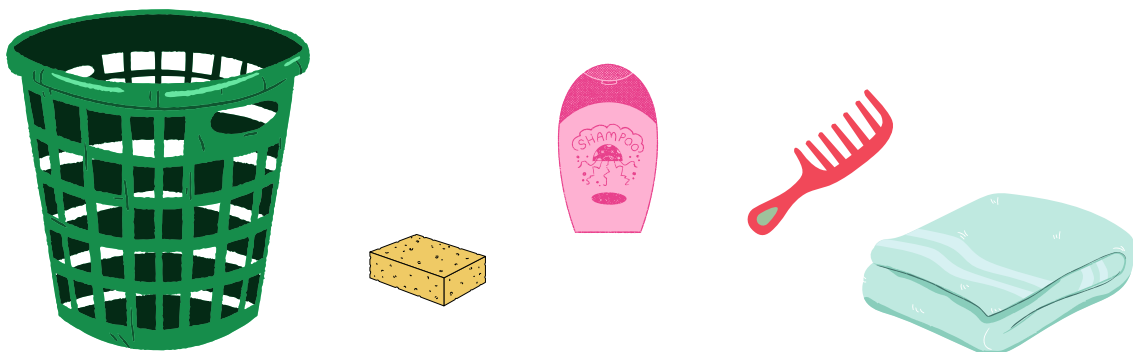
Lorie Smith, Chair

Wish List for Fresh Start Baskets

- Dish Soap for hand washing dishes (medium sized)
- Kitchen Towels and cloths
- Cleansers for kitchen, bath, or all purpose (medium sized)
- Small pack of sponges
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Soap - powder, detergent sheets, or liquid – medium sized
- Twin Sheet set
- Bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths – sets of 2 would be great!
- Toilet Paper in 4-6 packs
- Hand/Body Soap – can be bar or liquid
- Hairbrushes/Combs
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Sanitary Products – pads or tampons

Philo members:

There are some special needs for individuals starting over that are not on this list. Gift cards to Walmart or a grocery store (but not restaurants) would be very much appreciated and would help meet those needs. Please consider purchasing those gift card through the Philo Raise Right program. Philo receives a percentage return on those cards. ATV Fresh Start recipients will be able to use those cards for their special needs (diapers, formula, grocery basics, etc.)



Dues are Due... For Real!

Another friendly reminder that if you haven't paid your dues yet, please take a moment to do so. Dues are considered delinquent if not paid by the November meeting - November 14th. The bylaws actually say they must be paid by November 1st, so I'm giving you an extra two weeks! I think many Philo members would be surprised (and disappointed) to know that the board spends an inordinate amount of time each year chasing down unpaid dues! Active dues are \$50, honorary dues are \$35 and although our Emeritus members are not required to pay dues, we truly appreciate any donation that comes our way.

We've made it as convenient as possible. You can pay by check, cash or Square. I can take any of those payments at the November meeting. You can also log into our website at <https://www.philoloveland.org/members> and click on the appropriate link to pay by Square. We do charge a \$2 service fee for payments made via Square to cover the processing fees they charge us.

Checks can also be mailed to Philo, PO Box 484, Loveland, CO 80539

Thanks!
Peggy Pellizzari
Philo Treasurer



Blood Drive

The next Philo Blood Drive is November 21st from 9am - 2:30pm at Grace Community Church.

If you are unable to give yourself, we encourage you to find another donor.

Remember our catch line: "What can you do in less than an hour that saves up to 3 lives? Donate Blood!".

Donations at our drive stay locally to help our neighbors and friends.

Call or text Florence Doksansky, 401-524-0772 to sign up and give!

Raise Right!

It's time to put together your order for Raise Right cash cards!

The order form and retailer list can be printed from www.philoloveland.org in Members Only.

Orders must be turned in November 14th or before.

We each have our own way of using coupons, specials, discounts and rebates.

Triple-Wise Shopping looks like this:

1-Shop at discount stores that offer a rebate.

2-Shop only special-sale items.

3- Shop with a Raise Right cash card Philo gets the rebate.

You're a winner and so is Philo!

My story:

How many times do I go to Walgreens and how much do I spend there – on an average?

If I go once a week and buy items that are on special: OTC vitamins, cosmetics, paper products, batteries, I might spend an average of \$100 a month. If I use a Raise Right cash card, I'm saving money with the specials and helping Philo's budget at the same time!

Bring your order (with your check) to the November 14th Philo Meeting OR Mail it soon to Philo Box 464, Loveland, CO 80539 OR Drop it off to Marge McCoy, 4469 Shubert Drive, Loveland. You will be called by our committee to pick up your cash cards by December 1st.

Questions? - Marge McCoy, 970-775-2588

Peg Isakson, 970-227-7127



Integrated Early Childhood

The committee has been busy! The first month of the book sale raised over \$300.00 from sales and donations from our active and honorary members. We will continue to hold the book sale as long as there seems to be interest. We will open at 6:30 PM before the November meeting. We will have a “new arrivals” table to help with your browsing before and after the meeting. Last month’s funds will support the Literacy Fair in April. We will sponsor Mark Ludy, a local and well known illustrator/author who will read to the children. We hope to raise enough to sponsor the “balloon man” who has become a highly popular attraction at the event.

Six members of the committee participated in “Hugs Family Night” for Thompson School District’s preschoolers. This was a first for the committee and everyone enjoyed the interaction with the students and their families. Members guided the children as they assembled sensory bottles. These can be used for calming and instructions were made available with QR codes on the bottles.

Traditionally, we have collected books for preschoolers at our holiday party. The district reports their book inventory is good and would appreciate mittens this year. If you already have purchased a book we will put it to good use in a classroom or for distribution at the Literacy Fair.

Debbie Riley, Chair



Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is gearing up in an effort to better promote our unique scholarship more widely & to continue streamlining our process. We are looking for strongly motivated applicants with financial need who reside within the geographic TSD area of Loveland/Berthoud that have been accepted in an accredited program to be completed in 2 years or less offering technical, vocational or associate's degrees, or certificates for the 2024-2025 school year. Thanks to the Golf Committee's amazing fundraising skills & successful Golf Tournament along with additional donations, the individual awards vary from \$500-\$3000 per school year and we truly appreciate being able to share these generous monetary scholarships to help others.

In past years, we have reached students via TSD school counselors, Cheeks Int'l Academy of Beauty, FRCC, IBMC, Aims, & Thompson Valley EMS, just to name a few. Thanks to each of you for sharing new contacts, community resources & ideas to help us reach more graduating seniors & non-traditional students! For example, this upcoming year we'll also be working closely with a few new agencies & groups such as TEF, 4H High Country Handiworkers & CNAs looking to advance their careers with further training.

We continue to welcome your suggestions - we can never have too many contacts for organizations that would be a good fit for our scholarship. That's how we continue to help those who can really use it like this past year's 5 recipients. The Scholarship Committee was able to award \$13,000 after reviewing applications & conducting interviews with each applicant. Interesting stories were shared about their journeys so far & their hopes for the future where common themes were being self-sufficient & pursuing careers that they will enjoy while also being of service to others by pursuing training in cosmetology, agri-business, aeronautics, textile design & healthcare.

- Jamie Salgado, attending Transitions School of Cosmetology who supports foster kids with scholarships in conjunction with ATV, was awarded \$3,000.
- Elsa Whittaker, attending the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC, was awarded \$3,000.
- Sydney Hocker, attending Aims Community College, was awarded \$2,000.
- Kai W. Otteson, attending Aims Community College, was awarded \$2,500.
- Kolby Swanty-Lebsack, attending FRCC, was awarded \$2,500.

Being able to support these students as they pursue their educational & career dreams is an incredibly gratifying experience! The entire Scholarship Committee thanks our Philo sisters for their amazing efforts that make it possible for these students to reach those goals - THANK YOU!

Please send suggestions to philoloveland.scholarships@gmail.com

PHILO FRIENDS AND FAMILY ON-LINE AUCTION

In the true nature of Philo, we are always searching for ways to help our local community, thus we are presenting the new board approved fundraiser for the 2023-2024 year, Philo Friends and Family On-Line Auction, that will be held in April 2024.

Thanks to Peg Isakson's personal relationship with the Bean and Bean Company on 3816 W. Eisenhower Blvd, Loveland 80537, Brian Bean has graciously offered to hold our very own on-line auction and will waive the 25% business fee that he typically charges. After a small administrative fee to his staff, Philo will receive the full "hammer" price of each item. Some of you might remember Brian. He was the auctioneer at our 100 Year Anniversary celebration. During the Covid isolation, he changed his business to all on-line auctions and has continued to hold business that way since.

The committee has arranged with the board for all proceeds from the fundraiser to be placed in the general Philo fund for them to use to help our hard working committees that need extra financial help and to possibly think of new and improved ways for Philo to help our community. The goal is to collect 400+ items for the auction either from your own personal property or even from your friends and family. With that, we are hoping to raise a whopping total of \$10,000. Wouldn't that be exciting?!

Many details will be forthcoming at the general meetings and by email, but for now you can be thinking about what you would be willing to donate for the auction. You could even log in to the website beanandbean.hibid.com to see what sells well for an auction. Contact us anytime if you have questions.

With kind regards,
Peg Isakson
Diane McInturff
Dona Menzies



Dine Out with Heart

With the proceeds made from the DOWH Corn Hole Tournament, the committee was able to distribute the funds to the following three non-profits: TEF, ATV and KidsPak. TEF will be receiving \$2000 and both ATV and KidsPak will each be receiving \$1500. The committee would again like to thank all of our sponsors and Philo membership for supporting this cause.

Shannon Voggeser, Chair

Minutes

PHILO GENERAL MEETING – October 10, 2023, held at Trinity Lutheran Church Loveland, CO

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President, Carol Rieser. No board members were absent.

1. Welcome and thank you to hostesses: Amy Black, Jeanne Findley, Rita Harden, Peggy Pellizzari and Ruth Swanty
2. Welcomed new members who are in attendance: Vickie Boroughf, Sarah Percha, Kathy Roberts, Melissa Rutt. They were presented with Philo name tags.
3. Debbie Riley announced the early Book Sale this evening went well for Early Childhood.
4. **Committee Spotlight was Raise Right.** Jeanne Findley encouraged the membership to order gift cards from Raise Right to raise money for Philo. The order blanks were handed out and will need to be returned to Jeanne, Peg Isakson or Marge McCoy by November 14, 2023.

5. **General Business:** Approval of minutes of September 12, 2023, were moved by Kathy Loken and seconded by Jeanne Findley. Members voted unanimously to approve.

Treasurer's report - General Fund \$9,806.53 Savings - \$13,157.86

Golf/Scholarship - \$41,231.72 DOWH - \$5,894.88

Beth Soderquist moved a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Kathy Loken seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve.

Peggy Pellizzari presented the 2023/2024 budget comparing 2022/2023; Actual spending with 2023/2024 Proposed budget. Approval of the 2023/2024 Budget was moved by Amy Black and seconded by Peggy Pellizzari. Members voted unanimously to approve.

6. Vice president Ruth Swanty presented prospective new members: Melissa Town (Terri Dimond will sponsor), Tammy Kreger (Ruth Swanty, sponsor), Jane McKinstry (Peggy Pellizzari, sponsor).

Beth Soderquist moved a motion that we accept all the new members and seconded by Florence Doksansky. Members voted unanimously to approve.

7. Reminder that Philo membership "dues are due."

8. **Old business:** None

9. **New Business:**

Presentation of fundraising opportunity by Peg Isakson and Dona Menzies. Brian Bean of Bean and Bean Auction House loves Philo – (Brian was the auctioneer for Philo's 100th anniversary.) Brian will run an on-line auction just for Philo. He sends out an email to 7,000 people informing them his next auctions. The Philo Board approved the idea of a Philo Friends and Family auction. The auction would take place in April 2024. Items would be collected in February and March. The items can be taken directly to the Bean and Bean auction house, or Peg Isakson would accept them at her house. We need at least 400 items to sell. Brian is not taking a cut of the profit, but he will need to pay his helpers 10 or 15%. It is proposed that the money will go into the General Fund and the board will decide where the money goes. Go to www.hibid.com or use the QR code (handed out at the meeting) to check out the auctions currently on-line. No personal information will be given out. All donated items cannot be given a minimum bid. Each person can make up an inventory of the items and anything that doesn't sell can be returned. A paper ballot was handed out for members to vote on whether they want to go ahead with the idea.

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10. Committee announcements:

- ATV – Terri Dimond’s father makes “little libraries” and plants them in various locations. He built one for ATV and Terri filled it with children’s books.
- Blood Drive – Florence Doksansky reminded everyone of the next blood drive in November and encouraged men to give blood, they have more iron.
- DOWH – No report
- Golf Tournament – Next year’s golf tournament will be held on June 14, 2024. Let Beth Soderquist know if you want to be on the golf committee. The next meeting is Monday, Oct 16, 6:00pm at Beth’s house to talk about putting together a package for sponsorships. By November meeting the committee hopes to have packages for the members. Members were encouraged to request sponsorships for next year.
- Holiday Giving – Brianne Smith reported her committee is reaching out to all the schools and will start collection of canned goods in November. Reminded Philo members to bring a toy in November for House of Neighborly Service to give to children at Christmas.
- Integrated Early Childhood – Debbie Riley announced \$200 was raised tonight with the book sale. The books will again be brought to the November Philo meeting and sales will begin at 6:30pm. This month’s profit will pay for an author illustrator. IEC will make sensory bottles with early childhood at Hugs family night. \$1000 is needed for the back-to-school bags. The committee is working on other options for fundraising.
- Raise Right – was featured early in the meeting.
- Rotary Duck Race – Cute decorated ducks (fire fighter, wonder woman), were donated and will be on the table for the enjoyment of all during the Duck Race ticket sales.
- Scholarships – Stacey Kersley announced the number of applicants was way down with only 5 participants receiving scholarships. The plan is to move the process up at the beginning of year and is bringing an idea to the board to approve.
- Sunshine – A major change was made to Sunshine teams. The teams have been disbanded. Cindy Kurtz will send out an email to everyone when a death occurs, and food is needed. This gives everyone an opportunity to participate if they desire.

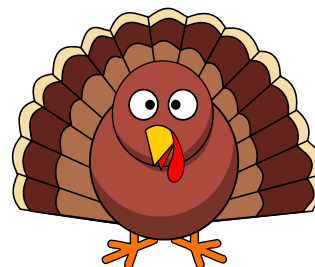
11. **Door Prize Drawing** – The Blue dot on Styrofoam cup disappeared. Instead, Cindy Noble introduced her guest, Crystal who received the door prize.

Other: Terri Dimond invited Philo members to her backyard on Friday, Oct 13 for fellowship and fun. Also, on the 1st Sat every November she has a party. This year it will be Nov 4 for an Inner Woman Party. Come and meet women. Not allowed to bring anything just come and enjoy your time. Terri provides everything.

Christmas Party – Peggy Pellizzari is graciously inviting everyone to the Christmas party at her home. Board provides wine, beer, seltzer, members bring a side dish.

Bunco – Dona Menzies gave a “Plug” for Bunco which is held the first Thursday of each month. She encouraged the new members to come as it is a great way to meet people.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm





Emeritus Member Spotlight

Rita Harden

As I begin my 54th year in Philo, I have many memories and reflections of these wonderful years. I have served as treasurer, president (twice) and worked on numerous committees.

I remember making home visits to the families on the list to be invited to the Santa Shop and to receive a food basket. What a joy to see the smiling faces of appreciation when the food baskets were delivered to the homes. I recall those long lines of people waiting for their turn to visit the Santa Shop, which was housed in the basement of the First National Bank downtown. It is now the Desk Chair. Every girl received a doll, that may have been "rebuilt" from leftover parts and in a handmade outfit.

Over the years there have been many changes. I am proud of how our club has been able to adapt to those changes and stay committed to the needs of our community. COVID was a challenge, but we persisted and committee work continued. After my 34 year teaching career, one of my goals was to become more active in Philo, because I strongly believe in what we do. I have lived in Loveland for 56 years and have two grown daughters. One in Denver and the other in Albuquerque. I am active in my church, like to read, travel and enjoy socializing with friends, especially my beloved Philo sisters.



Holiday Party

'Save the Date' for the holiday party on December 12 at Peggy Pellizzari's house. Details and sign ups to bring food will follow.



Sunshine



Happy Fall Y'All!

The Sunshine committee has been fairly quiet in the past 30 days. A card was sent to the family of Marilyn Heth. Marilyn passed away on September 26, 2023 following several health issues. We will miss our dear Philo sister. While many of you didn't have an opportunity to meet Marilyn, she had been a member of Philo since 1971 and obtained Emeritus status.

We'd like to wish the following members a Happy birthday throughout the month of November:



Let's have some fun in November!! A tour of the Ward WWII museum has been organized.

Hopefully you will be able to join us on **Tuesday, November 7th at 5:00 p.m.** at the Ward Bldg. 2114 N. Lincoln Ave, Loveland, just north of the cemetery, on 287 in Loveland.

This event is free and we would love for you to invite your friends, husbands, and others to join us. (Feel free to come late if you can't make it right at 5 p.m.)

It's a great way to learn more about this period of time and also recognize our service members just a few days before Veteran's Day.

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.