

2021 Philo Board of Officers

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Next Meeting: January 12th on Zoom

Philo President



RITA'S WRITINGS

2020 has been quite a year. The COVID pandemic has created a different lifestyle for all of us.

As much as possible, we have all tried to keep things going for Philo. Creative ideas allowed generous donations for the canned food drive and food baskets. Also, thanks to Cindy Kurtz, we had a collection site for Early Childhood to gather items for pre-school children. Read the chairmans' reports for more details about these Christmas projects.

The "Christmas Party" was so much fun for the 30 or so participants. A huge thank you to Shannon Voggesser, Peggy Pellizzari and Denise Rhoades for being the "tech extaordinaires." They managed to get people organized into teams and in the correct break rooms. Creative team members for the mystery game added to our enjoyment, by getting into character. One thing I learned about myself is, if I am ever a contestant on Family Feud, I will not win any money. The game, "Two Truths and a Lie," brought out some interesting personal stories.

It was hard to end the evening with just a toast and not be able to give Christmas hugs.

We have not had a face to face meeting since March. Hopefully, we will be able to have the Spring Dinner.

As we look forward to 2021, let's keep in mind the purposes and goals of Philo-----moving upward and onward enriching lives in our community.

Happy New Year!

Rita Harden

Honoring our Philo Presidents

Looking closely at this photo of past presidents in 1983, you will discover a familiar face front and center. Yes, our current president, Rita Harden, was among the past presidents, having served as Philo president in 1980-81. Forty years later, she is serving again as president in this challenging COVID year!

You might recognize other current Emeritus members in this photo: Myrna McIntosh (1971-72), Sally Moniger (1972-73), Anne Anderson (1974-75), Judy Quadhammer (1975-76), Marilyn Pyle (1976-77), Barbara Worden (1978-79), and Joyce Caulman (1979-80).

We honor all of our Philo presidents, past and present, who have given of their time, experience, and vision to continue Philo's proud tradition and move forward into the challenges of the future.



Blood Drive Committee

It is with great excitement that we are able to schedule our next blood drive! Covid has prevented the use of the First Methodist Church but we have found another location and therefore we can move ahead with the February 16th blood drive. Such good news as there is so much need. All the usual precautions will be taken so donating should be a safe experience for all our donors.

The new location will be: Grace Community Church

240 Barberry Place, Loveland 80537

Date: Feb 16, 2021

Appointment only

To make appointment: MJ Bergstrand

916-871-8760 or 970-292-8804

westieterrorist@yahoo.com

Treasurer



Thank You to Philo members who are helping to maintain the fiscal health of our organization in the time of this pandemic. Committee efforts for fund-raising through community activities are a challenge in this Philo year, yet progress has been made.

Thanks to the Early Childhood committee and their work with Barnes & Noble. We'll soon learn how much profit the committee will have from November online purchases of books and from individual donations.

Thanks to the Food Drive and Baskets committees for their Virtual Food Drive on our website, for the significant donation from DineOutWithHeart, and the Committee's willingness to purchase food gift cards from Safeway this year. The total amount spent on food gift cards was \$6,000, with Philo receiving a 4% rebate from Safeway.

Thanks to the Shopping Extravaganza committee and Marge McCoy for implementing a trial run of Shop With Scrip (SWS), where Gift Cards (cash cards) can be purchased, with Philo receiving a rebate from each of the purchases made. Within three weeks, the Philo General Fund received rebates totaling \$428. The Board and the Shopping committee will review this option for future use. If you want to know more about this fundraiser, go to ShopWithScrip.com to learn of online options beyond the purchase of cash cards.

Thank You to those who use individual King Soopers cards, connected to KS Community Rewards. We receive an average of \$200 per quarter for our General Fund from this program.

The Amazon Smile Foundation program was started by Philo in September. Currently we have only eleven (11) members who have signed up for AmazonSmile. Won't you join as well? We'll receive our rebate in February from Amazon purchases made September through December.

Participation in any of these programs does not cost any extra money given from your pocket. It is a way for retailers to donate back to our community. Please consider participating in a program that is comfortable for you. More information about how to join can be found on our Members Only page of www.philoloveland.org.

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- * Shop With Scrip cash card rebates
- * Amazon Smile rebates of online purchases

And finally, a HUGE Thank You to Jamie Powell, for building our new public-facing website, which helped immensely with the Virtual Food Drive, and to Denise Rhoades and Peggy Pellizzari for assisting with valuable communication for our members through the members-only section of the website.

Peg Isakson



Sunshine Committee

Newsletters were either hand delivered or mailed to 5 emeritus members.

Get Well cards were sent to Shannon Voggesser (Covid), Mary Stark (heart surgery), Eunice Holthusen (Covid), and Cindy Kurtz (ill).

With the help of the Philo Board, thank you cards and gifts were sent to our Christmas party planner: Shannon Voggesser and her elfs: Peggy Pellizzari and Denise Rhoades. What a fun party it was!!! Thank you again.

Sympathy cards were sent to Jeanne Westermann at the death of her husband and to Dick Anderson at the death of his wife, Vicki Anderson, former Philo President (1997-1998).

Linda Juergensen has submitted her resignation.

January Birthdays:

Diane McInturff (LOA) 2

Kay Robinson 4

Phyllis Reimer 6

Nita Starr 8

Amy Black 9

Julie Mahaffy 11

Lin Stokes 13

Diane Reynolds 17

Diane Meuret 18

Christina Greene 21

Bonnie Hanson 22

Megan Lundly 29



As always if you have any needs or know of any members who are in need please contact us:

Florence Doksansky, Sunshine chair, 970-663-1264 or 401-524-0772

and Cindy Kurtz, Co chair, 970-962-6832

Newsletter



Deadline for the February newsletter will be January 23rd. Please send your submissions as an attachment, in a word format, to Danita@Slacolo.com

Canned Food Drive



The Virtual Food Drive has had a wonderful response from the Philo membership and even from the community. People donating through Paypal and checks resulted in \$3,847.66 and \$200 in actual KS gift cards. We took \$3000 worth of Safeway gift cards to House of Neighborly Service the week of Thanksgiving and will be purchasing more Safeway cards in the amount of \$1050 to give HNS in December. (Our Canned Food Committee is donating \$200 from our account to make up \$1050).

It is heart warming to see such a wonderful out pouring of support to help provide food for our community in need.

An enormous thank you to everyone for generously donating to the Food Drive.

Eileen Huddle, chairman

Integrated Early Childhood



November and December have been busy for early childhood.

In November, we hosted a Book fair with Barnes and Noble to earn dollars towards purchasing books for integrated early childhood in Loveland. As of this newsletter Barnes and Noble did not yet know our earnings-covid year, and things are different for Barnes and Noble. Thanks to all that participated.



In December, we hosted 2020 COVID, Pre-kindergarten sized sock, mask, underwear and book drive to donate to Integrated Early childhood program. With donation boxes at the 2 Group Realty locations instead of at the Holiday party. Thank you for your donations we were able to donate over 100 of each of the following: masks, underwear, socks and books, also we had cash donations. Enough to share amongst 27 teachers. Since school is not in person we will save the cash donations for needs that the classrooms have after returning to in person learning. We also included 27 teachers, and one Director, "goodie Bags" with special appreciation chocolates, teas, and emergen-C packets.

Integrated Early Childhood committee, and Early Childhood Program is very grateful for the generous support of Philo Members. Looking forward to what 2021 brings for all.

Rotary Duck Race Ticket Sales

Carol Rieser, Chair
Barbara Giese, Co-Chair



Honorary and Active Members Purchase your
Rotary Duck Race tickets NOW! *7 tickets for only \$20.00

- Due to uncertainty of being able to meet in person
- Offering the opportunity to purchase tickets NOW
- Sale of Tickets begin January 2021
- Make check payable to: Philo
(Please put Rotary Duck Race in memo section)

Mail Check To:

Iann Carithers - 120 Alpine Laurel Avenue
Loveland, CO 80537
970-800-3090

Please enclose a stamped and self addressed envelope

Philo retains 80% of the total Rotary Duck Race ticket sales. That means \$16.00 is retained by Philo for each purchase of \$20.00 and \$4.00 is retained by Rotary. These funds are used to support Philo's operational expenses. Rotary uses it's 20% of ticket proceeds to fund College Scholarships and Literacy Programs in the Thompson Valley School District.

Please consider this as an opportunity to support Philo and students in the Thompson School District with the added benefit of a chance to win a prize.

"Let our New Year's resolution be this:

we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

Goran Persson