

2021 Philo Board of Officers

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Next Meeting: February 9th on Zoom

Philo President



RITA'S WRITINGS

Just seems like we got through the Christmas Holiday season and here it is almost Valentine's Day, When you live in LOVEland, Valentines is a big day. I still send Valentines to family members, although my brother thinks it is weird.

Our virtual January meeting had 20+ members join in. We had great reports from the Christmas committees and the Golf Tournament is underway with "Diamonds in the Rough" as a theme.

We do have some things on hold until the end of February. This includes, in person Spring Dinner, Shopping Extravaganza, and another run at "Shop with Script."

Linda Stangel has us moving along on tracking our history. Scrapbooks are outdated, so plans are to explore digital options with the web masters, publicity committee and board liaison Peg Isakson. Linda is planning on a year end report, "Philo during COVID." Sure do not want people in 50 years not knowing about this.

We still have 11 people who have not paid dues. Some of those did not realize there was a dues increase this year, so only owe partial payment. Active members, \$50, Honorary members, \$35. Please give your attention to this.

New member nominations are due March 1. Applications and a new member introductory letter can be found on the web site. If you cannot access by the web site, contact Vice-president Mary Starck.

Happy Valentine's Day, my dear Philo sisters. Take care and stay well.

Rita Harden

PHILO General Meeting by Zoom – January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

President Rita Harden welcomed everyone, introduced Danita Nixon as monitor of Zoom Meeting and Stacey Kersley as monitor of chat box.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Peg Isakson: Balances General Fund - \$24,728.13

Dine Out With Heart - \$10,973.99 Golf/Scholarship - \$11,730.42

Shop With Scrip (December trial project) profit to Philo General Fund - \$428.23

King Soopers Community Awards profit (July-December) - \$401.79

Amazon Smile profit: October-December will be available in February

Committee Income & Expenditures through donations by check or PayPal, purchases through Shop With Scrip, and other Holiday gifting will be available from the committee chairs.

Alternative to Violence – Jamie Powell: You can now go online to donate and PHILO will benefit.

Instructions will be in the Newsletter.

Blood Drive - M.J. Bergstrand: We have a good new site for donations, but are limited to 12 donors, by appointment only. It will be on February 16 at SW 14th Street where the Bloodmobile will be. Please let M.J. know if you can attend.

Canned Food Drive – Eileen Huddle: Collected \$3,847, plus 13 \$50 cards.

Christmas Food Baskets – Susan Trumbo: No report

Dine Out With Heart – Stacey Kersley: There are \$12,000 in committed funds to be awarded in May. We are looking for online donors, and donations can be made through our website. Let Stacey know if anyone can help or suggest new donors.

Golf Tournament – Denise Rhoades: The Committee is having a Zoom meeting January 14, when there will be more to report. Theme for this year is “Diamonds in the Rough”.

Early Childhood – Cheryl Hitchens: Thanked us for over 100 donations, using donation centers. However, we did not do as well as expected in the Barnes & Noble Book Fair.

Newsletter – Danita Nixon: January 23rd is deadline for next newsletter.

Duck Race – Carol Rieser: They are in the process of collecting money for this year’s drive.

Scholarship – Mary Starck: All information is up on the website, so if you know anyone who is interested, direct them to the website. They will be interviewing schools this month.

Sunshine – Florence Doksansky: A list of all January birthdays was read. Mary Starck will be needing heart surgery soon, and Florence will keep us updated. Anne Anderson commented that it was nice to be able to keep up to date with the minutes being posted on the website.

Honoraries – Rita Harden: No report.

Publicity/History – Linda Stangel: We are making progress with the theme “where we’ve been and where we’re going”, but need to find a systematic way of documenting our history. Now we have a lack of continuity and technology. Need individuals to pull everything together at of each year, and a system to rely on, not just individuals. Must go digital!

Recording Secretary (continued)

Web Master and Web Administrator: Nothing new to report.

Old Business: March 1 is the deadline for new member nominations. Mary Starck has information and forms, but they are also on website. Will need a group zoom photo.

New Business: Jeanne Findley advises that we are rolling over Spring Dinner plans from last year, but things are still on hold until we find out if and when we can move forward.

Peg Isakson floated the idea of a bridge group. Anyone interested in playing bridge, let her know.

Advice from Mr. Rogers offered by Rita Harden: It's YOU I like – the things inside you, whether old or new, you, yourself!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Watt, Secretary

Philo Golf Tournament



IMPORTANT- A correction to the date of the tournament needs to be made. The tournament has been scheduled for June 18, 2021 at The Olde Course.

This year's theme, Diamonds in the Rough, seems appropriate on so many levels.

Our committee has met a few times and is now kicking it in full gear for the upcoming event. Due to continued restrictions, you will see some differences in the format.

We will still need participation by all of you, whether it be playing, sponsoring, volunteering, donating gift baskets or all of the above. This is Philo's largest fundraiser to benefit scholarships. We appreciate all of your help and support.

Blood Drive Committee



The Blood Drive Committee is happy to announce that we will be once again able to host a blood drive in coordination with the Garth Englund Blood Mobile and Grace Community Church.

There is a huge need for blood and because of Covid restrictions, many regular drives, such as ours have been cancelled or very much reduced in size.

We will be following the Covid guidelines that Garth Englund requires. Masks, appointments only, one donor every 20 minutes.

So....If you are wanting to donate, call MJ Bergstrand to get yourself scheduled at 916-871-8760.

She will assign you a time, give you directions and answer any questions. This is such good news and we are excited to be back working on this project!!!

Sunshine Committee



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY – May love fill the air for all our Philo sisters!

Newsletters hand delivered or mailed to 5 emeritus members.

Megan Mahaffey has been granted a Leave of Absence by the Board.

Get well card to Kathy and Lynn Loken (Covid) and Beth Soderquist (knee replacement).

Sympathy card to Eunice Holthusen on death of her sister.

Congratulations card to Cindy Kurtz on her retirement.

February Birthdays:

Dona Menzies - 16th

Florence Doksansky - 21st



We hope that you are all doing well. We trust that if you have any news (good or not so good) or needs that you will let your Sunshine Committee know.

Florence Doksansky, chair, 970-663-1264 or 401-524-0072

Cindy Kurtz, co-chair, 970-962-6832

Integrated Early Childhood



Thanks again to all for the support for the Holiday mask, book, socks and undergarment drive.

Tentative Spring Literacy Fair- Early April. Children are back in school however I doubt we will have that large of a gathering in spring of 2021.

Good news COVID is looking better. Please keep washing hands, wearing masks and limiting social interaction so that we may meet again soon.

Stay safe.

Scholarship Committee



The 2021 Philo Scholarship application information is now on the Philo website, philoloveland.org/scholarship. Please let anyone interested who meets the criteria know, have them download and fill out an application. The deadline is March 22, 2021.

Thanks,

Scholarship Committee

Dine Out With Heart



THANK YOU! The Dine Out With Heart committee would like to thank the Canned Food Drive & Christmas Food Basket committees for all their time & effort despite this challenging winter. The DOWH committee voted to grant \$1760 to the 2020 Christmas Food Basket committee to use for the receiving Catholic Charities elderly & early childhood families.

Although there were significant challenges last spring during the last week of the fundraiser due to COVID-19, the committee was able to provide funding thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors, participating businesses, & selfless community members who donated during the event. We appreciate the support the Philo members have given us during this past year of transition - thank you!

Additionally, due to COVID-19, \$500 that was reserved for the Associate Veterans of Loveland Thanksgiving Dinner was reallocated to TEF to disperse to the Ferguson social worker through the McKinney-Vento, Homeless Liaison. They were pleased to receive the donation of \$25 Scripps cards to benefit Ferguson students in need.

This month, the DOWH committee is gearing up for our upcoming fundraiser March 1-14. However, we have decided to conduct it in a very different format due to ongoing COVID-19 regulations. We're asking participating businesses to simply include event rack cards in customer take-out orders or with in-house dining customer's checks as it applies. We will also be sending out mailers to over 1300 supporters & each of these efforts will allow for online donations. As we're reaching out to community members for their support & to remind them that DOWH is just around the corner, we're also asking all Philo members for your help. Do you have individuals or businesses you think we should contact about small donations to enhance our fundraising? Please contact Stacey Kersley to share this information whether it's neighbors, friends, coworkers, family, or if you would personally like to join us with a financial contribution. We are working hard to keep the community more informed about Philo & DOWH - your help is very much appreciated.

Lastly, we expect a bit of a financial disruption in our fundraising this year due to ongoing COVID-19 regulations. So we'd especially like to thank all of our 2021 sponsors that have generously contributed despite these uncertain times. We welcome you in joining us by saying THANK YOU!

It is an honor to be associated with such a thoughtful organization that works so hard to help our own community with their basic needs to be successful.

Thank you, Stacey Kersley, DOWH Co-Chair
skersley@gmail.com

Jamie Powell, DOWH Co-Chair

**Check out our updated website for the latest on
DOWH 2021 - March 1st -14th:**

<https://www.philoloveland.org/dine-out-with-heart>



ATV Supply Drive

Philo's ATV committee will be conducting a supply drive for the Safehouse at Alternatives to Violence during the month of February. To make it easier for Philo sisters to participate, ATV has created an online wish list on Amazon Smile*.

This allows us all to shop safely from our homes and have the items shipped directly to ATV. (Plus, Philo gets a percentage of your purchase if you designate Philo as your charity of choice!)

If you find it in your heart to purchase something from their wish list, please ship to ATV at the address below and add a gift message that it's from a Philo sister.

Alternatives to Violence

541 East 8th Street

Loveland, Colorado 80537

ph: 970-669-5150

Use this link to locate ATVs wish list on Amazon Smile:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/7OJXH7QGE62I/ref=smi_cl_lol_lls0_ls0

Questions? Contact Jamie Powell or Ruth Swanty - ATV Co-Chairs

If you need a reminder about Amazon Smile, here it is.....

You shop. Amazon gives. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.



Simple Steps to Sign Up for Amazon Smile:

1. Login to your Amazon account at: smile.amazon.com
2. Choose Philomatheon Club of Loveland Colorado as your charity of choice.
3. Every time you want to shop at Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com so that Philo gets the donation!

Newsletter



Deadline for the March newsletter will be February 20th. Please send your submissions as an attachment, in a word format, to Danita@Slacolo.com

Rotary Duck Race Ticket Sales

Carol Rieser, Chair
Barbara Giesey, 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.

Another Mr. Rogers quote...

"All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors--in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver."



January 2021 Philo Zoom Meeting

