

2021 Philo Board of Officers

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Philo President



Rita's Writings

Remembering Sharon.....Sharon Sheets, an emeritus Philo member, joined Philo in 1976.

She was a vivacious person, friendly, talented and creative. Her musical and acting ability was known throughout Northern Colorado. At one time, she had a specialty license plate that read "MAME." Many times, Sharon's melodic voice entertained Philo members.

The last few years, Sharon has suffered many health issues. At Sharon's bedside, as she was losing the battle, a close friend was holding her hand and singing to her. Rest in Peace, dear Philo sister, with our love and appreciation.

This will be my last newsletter article as your president. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our organization. Many thanks to board members Mary, Shannon, Peg, Carol and Florence. They have been good listeners, supportive, problem solvers, and hard workers. I have full trust in Mary that she will carry on the important goals of Philo.

This has been a challenging year with COVID. However, in spite of it all, committees and their chairman have carried forward with creativity, technology and a tremendous effort. BUT, that is Philo women!

It only seems right to close with advice from Mr. Rogers. "Some days, doing the best we can, may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect---on any front---and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else."

Thank you dear Philo sisters,

Rita Harden



PHILO GENERAL MEETING BY ZOOM APRIL 13, 2021

President Harden opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, asked for approval of the minutes of the March General Meeting, and they were approved by general consensus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer– Looking ahead to prepare us for the responsibility of our upcoming budget approval, Peg Isakson gave an overall but detailed educational explanation of non-profit budgets and requirements for handling reserved funds, as well as restricted and non-restricted funds and how these requirements relate to and affect our committees, such as Golf, Dine Out With Heart, and the General Fund. She discussed a non-profit support website called Tech Soup that provides resources to help small non-profits save money. She also asked members to share any questions, insights, or suggestions with her.

General Fund- \$25,888.56 - \$15,000 of this will be set aside in a Money Market account, which would leave us \$10,000 + to finish out our fiscal year ending July 31.

Dine Out With Heart- \$17,430.00 - This includes a carry-over for “seed money” to help cover expenses to start fundraising in a new year.

Golf/Scholarships- \$11,730.42 - Approximately \$9,004.42 of that is restricted for donations designated for Scholarships as well as any returned scholarship money. And there is a carry-over of \$2,491, which can be used for “seed money” or go into Scholarships. Discussions need to be held regarding the amount of “seed money” necessary to start a Golf Tournament that will not be included in the net proceeds.

Spring Dinner– We are covering the cost of renting the site for our Spring Dinner at a cost of \$500, which will come from our Site Rental (church) line item – half of which will be returned if we leave the site clean.

Questions as to whether committees should be allowed to have carryover in their expenses. And whether or not to have our General Budget cover certain items from our Fund-raising outreach committees.

Treasurer’s Report was accepted.

Alternatives to Violence– no report

Blood Drive– MJ Bergstrand reports next Blood Drive is May 18th. Twelve donors can be scheduled. Please consider signing up to donate.

Canned Food and Christmas Baskets– Nothing new to report.

Dine Out With Heart– Committee is completing its budget reconciliation this month. They are reviewing applications from community groups for DOWH funds. Charitable groups can receive a grant for funds that would be used for community hunger. For more information go to www.philoloveland.org. and pull down Committees and Events tab to Dine Out With Heart.

GOLF– Denise Rhodes reports a committee meeting is this week. Registration is on the website, and money is coming in. Things are moving along as planned.

EARLY CHILDHOOD– Cheryl Hitchens and Marge McCoy are engaged in another Shop With Scrip event to obtain school supplies and books for classrooms for the 2021-22 school year. Information is in the latest Newsletter. Print out an order form and get others involved. Order by 4/20. Questions? Contact Cheryl or Marge regarding pick-up of orders.

NEWSLETTER– Deadline this month is April 24.

DUCK RACE– Carol Rieser reports Tickets still on sale. This is a good way to support PHILO.

SCHOLARSHIP– Mary Starck advises scholarship applicants are still being interviewed.

SUNSHINE– Florence asked that all cookie or food donations for Mikki Roth’s memorial service be delivered to Cindy Kurtz by Friday, the 16th.

Recording Secretary (continued)

Birthdays this month are Shannon Voggesser, Stephanie Butts, Georgia Christopher, Diane Bakel, Cheryl Hitchins, Kathy Loken, and Jennifer Wilson.

Be sure to get your RSVP for our Spring Dinner into Donna Menzies (dmenzies123@gmail.com).

We have no information at the moment on Sharon Sheets, but there was a very nice obituary.

NEW BUSINESS- New officer voting will be online again this year. Email will go out shortly.

We still have hostess slots open, so please volunteer if possible. Let Rita know.

Reminder that Tick Season is upon us, so be watchful.

Advice from Mr. Rogers: In times of stress, it is best to listen with our ears and hearts. Questions are just as important as answers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Watt, Recording Secretary

Spring Dinner - 2020 and 2021!

The Spring Dinner Committee is ready to provide a safe gathering to celebrate our membership in May. We've checked all of the boxes to ensure that we are in compliance with COVID protocols—masks required.

We currently have over 60 members indicating that they will be attending this event. We are so excited!

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Rain or shine! Please remember to bring your own non-alcoholic beverage (no glass). Be sure to join in the fun of the mask decorating contest! Prizes will be awarded in two categories: most humorous and most representative of Philo!

See ya'll on May 11!

Jeanne Findley, chair

Blood Drive



Here is your chance to give a little...no money or shopping involved! Our next blood drive will be on May 18th. Location will be at Grace Community Church on

240 Barberry Place in Loveland. 9am- 1pm.

Appointment only, so please call MJ Bergstrand for an appointment or any questions ASAP!!!

916-871-8760

Philo Golf Tournament



The committee has been meeting on a regular basis and the details are coming together nicely.

As a reminder, the tournament is on June 18 and will be at the Olde Course in Loveland. Shotgun starts are not allowed at this time so the format will definitely look different. We are still needing volunteers for the day. The commitment times will probably be shorter but we will need people throughout the day. Please contact Beth Soderquist if you are available to help.

Many of you have volunteered to prepare gift baskets as prizes. We so appreciate your willingness to help and dedication to this major fundraiser. It's not too late to donate to this as well. Please contact Marge McCoy or Carol Watts and let them know if you will be providing a gift basket.

HISTORY COMMITTEE/YEARBOOK

Happy Mother's Day

As we honor our mothers on May 9, 2021, it is appropriate to pay special tribute to Philo's "mother," Mrs. Emma Van Sant. In 1919 her daughter and friends formed a club called the R.B.D. Club. Not wanting the club to be for purely social purposes, Mrs. Van Sant helped them to draw up a constitution and become a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, adopting the name of "Philomatheon." The aims of this group were self-improvement and civic service. Through her guidance, Philo was born. Mrs. Van Sant continued to support Philo through the years and was honored at the annual spring banquet in 1951. In 1952, her children presented a silver tea service with the inscription, "Presented to the Philo Club in Memory of Mrs. Emma Van Sant by Her Children, February 5, 1952."

Alternatives to Violence



The Purple Ribbon Event fundraiser was a big success for Alternatives to Violence. I called a lot of Philo members and sent out emails as an Ambassador for ATV. The goal assigned was to register 10 people for the event. We had 17 members confirm with me their registration. Thank you, Philo Sisters, for your support!

Ruth Swanty Vice Chair/ATV, 970-290-0957

Scholarship



The Philo Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the results of the 2021-22 Scholarship Awards. These scholarships are given for two year vocational/technical schooling only. The scholarship awards vary in dollar amounts and educational pursuits. We were very happy to offer a total of \$9,000 to six students. This years schooling varied from getting a two year degree in Wind Energy and Turbine Technology, a Cosmetology Certificate, an Electrical Line Worker Technician, Business AAS, Veterinarian Tech Program, and ADN Nursing Program. We take great pride in offering these scholarships to such deserving individuals from the Berthoud and Loveland community. There will be scholarship application and information on our website at philoloveland.org/scholarships starting in January 2022. Please make sure that anyone interested applies.



Thank you to all your wonderful Philo sisters who stepped up to provide cookies and desserts for Miki Roth's life celebration April 17th. It was a blessing to the family and much appreciated. Enjoy the attached photos from the service. There is a photo of Judy Grommon with the beautiful new wreath she created; this was the first time we have been able to use it. The other is of the lovely Philo women who attended the event.

A sympathy card was sent to Sharon Sheets's family.

Newsletter deliveries were made to 5 Emeritus members.

Mary Denning has resigned.

May birthdays:

Tammy Brannen-Smith May 1

Kathy Matsunaka May 5

Patricia Baker May 10

Anne Anderson May 13

MJ Bergstrand May 14

Judy Gangle May 17

Mary Voggesser May 25

Coleen Ligotke May 27

Marthann Dahlen May 2

Gay Ann May May 7

Karen Bruner May 10

Marcia Hale May 13

Doreen MacDonald May 15

Eunice Holthusen May 24

Marilyn Pyle May 26

Ginger Shearer May 29



As always your Sunshine Committee is ready to help with any of your needs.

Feel free to get in touch with Florence Doksansky, 970-663-1264 or 401-524-0772

or Cindy Kurtz, 970-962-6832 or 970-667-9092 if we can support you in any way.

Note from Newsletter Editor - the below submission was received for the April issue, but was not included.



Happy April everyone! Due to this past month's record-breaking snowstorm as Dine Out With Heart was wrapping up, our committee is still working to collect and count donations. Please stay tuned for more information - updates on fundraiser totals and information about grant applications will be posted on our website, www.philoloveland.org/dine-out-with-heart, or visit our Facebook page [@dineoutwithheartloveland](https://www.facebook.com/dineoutwithheartloveland). "LIKE" us and continue to share our posts with your friends and family.

In the meantime, while we get ready to move onto the next step of accepting, reviewing, and granting raised funds to local nonprofits that specifically focus on reducing hunger in our community, we'd like to specifically thank everyone for supporting Dine Out With Heart. It is all of our generous sponsors, donors, and anyone like you who spread the word about Dine Out With Heart that make this fundraiser a success - THANKS SO MUCH!

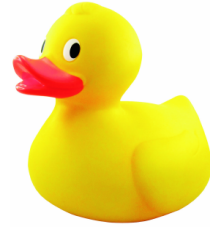
Lastly, if you're still waiting to sign up for this coming year's committees, I'd like to quickly ask you to consider joining us for the 2021-2022 year. We continue to be extremely short of help and your ideas and passion for helping others in our community would be very much appreciated.

I'm happy to answer any questions about the DOWH committee. Please reach out to skersley@gmail.com.

THANK YOU,
Stacey Kersley and the entire DOWH committee

Rotary Duck Race Tickets For Sale

Carol Rieser, Chair
Barbara Gieseey, Co-Chair



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

- **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**

January was off to a great start! A special thank you to all of you that have supported the Duck Race Ticket Sales.

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.

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.