

# September 2021 Newsletter

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## Share your News

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

Month	Content Deadline
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October	September 18
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November	October 23
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December	None
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January '22	December 11
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February	January 22
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March	February 19
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April	March 19
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May	April 23
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Call Amy Black @ 970-412-0250 with any ?'s

## Mark your Calendar

General Meeting

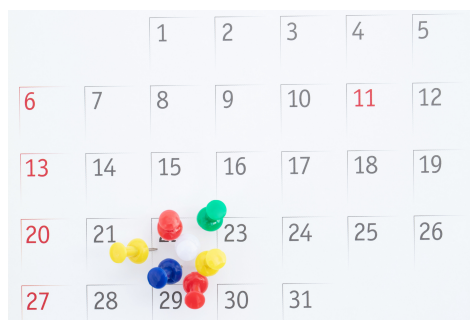
September 14 @ 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

3333 Duffield Ave.

Loveland, CO

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



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# Mary's Message

WOW, how exciting, my first newsletter message as your president!

Hope you are all doing well and enjoying the summer weather.

I want to give a huge THANK YOU to the Philo Spring Appreciation Dinner Committee for their hard work & flexibility in putting together the dinner. Bravo! Also, I would like to reflect on the wonderful job Rita did with the induction of the new officers. Her clever comparison of the board members' positions to Colorado wildlife was spot on. The President's comparison was to a Black Bear. With ears up and watchful eyes aware of what is going on. Always alert to the business items needing attention, the financial situation and needs of the members. Thank you Rita!

I am excited and looking forward to working with the new board and the entire membership in upholding the club's purpose. I will continually strive to be a good listener, problem solver and supporter to all.

I am sad that I will be missing my first meeting as President, but I will be in Pendleton, Oregon. This is a trip that was re-scheduled from last year due to COVID. Our Vice President, Judy Gangle, will take the reins and do a great job.

**Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. My cell # is 970-214-4332.**

## NEWS:

1. We can meet in person at the church in September. Masks are to be worn inside of church for those not completely vaccinated.
2. The History Team, Linda Stangel, Jamie Powell, Danita Nixon, and Dana Weiss deserve a huge THANK YOU for their great work in putting together our History Yearbook.
3. The Philo Membership Directory, formerly known as the Philo Yearbook, won't be printed this year. It will be available on our website for anyone to print for themselves.
4. The 2021-2022 Philo proposed budget will be available to approve at the September 14th general meeting.

This last year was a difficult time, but it couldn't keep the Philo gals down. You just made lemonade out of lemons!! I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work. The 2021-2022 year will be even better than ever.

As we all know, communication is of utmost importance in obtaining success. I want to ask that all committee chairs please continue sending a monthly report via the newsletter. Send your articles to Amy Black, our newsletter editor at, [philopublicity@gmail.com](mailto:philopublicity@gmail.com) for publication.

## Something to ponder:

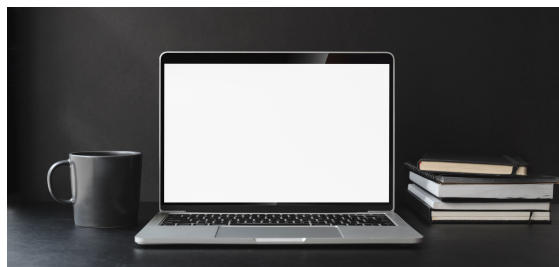
*Nothing is impossible; the word itself says "I'm possible"! -- Audrey Hepburn*

# Rotary Duck Race



The Rotary Duck Race committee would like to thank those who purchased tickets. We are very grateful to have met last year's sales of 45 sets of tickets. Philo retains \$720 and Rotary receives \$180. We hope that you have a winning ticket! Please let us know if you do.

Carol Rieser, Chair



## Web Admin Team

The updated 2021-2022 member directory, calendar, officers page, past presidents, birthday list, committee list, committee descriptions, and sunshine team assignments are all available for you to view and/or print from the members only website.

A decision was made with board approval to not have a printed membership directory available this year. It takes the web admin team a lot of extra work to put it together in a printable format, and we no longer have the time to spend on it. All of the information that is normally included in the membership directory is available on-line on our members only page.

Please contact Peggy Pellizzari or Denise Rhoades if you have any questions or need any help accessing the information. Thanks!

## GETTING READY FOR PHILO YEARBOOK 2021-22

We hope that you enjoyed your first digital Philo Yearbook. In addition to the copy that you received via email, you may view it on the Philo web page at [www.philoloveland.org](http://www.philoloveland.org). It will be preserved in our archives for future reference.

Since we were not getting together in person during this year, finding photos for each committee and event was a challenge. Dana was very creative in finding ways to fill in the gaps. As you think about how your committee will be represented in the next yearbook, please take lots of photos that show Philo members at work and at play.

Throughout the year, you may submit photos to [philopublicity@gmail.com](mailto:philopublicity@gmail.com). They will be shared among the newsletter, publicity, and yearbook committees.

Linda Stangel, Chair

Dana Weiss, Co-Chair

# Dine out With Heart

Despite the uncertain times we continue to find ourselves in, the Dine Out With Heart committee remains dedicated, and we're beginning to plan for our upcoming fundraiser scheduled to take place March 1-14, 2022. Typically we take the summer off after our busy spring and fall is when we begin some of the smaller tasks that need to be taken care of that make a big difference.

We understand that there may still be some hesitation in making financial commitments at this time for many businesses and households. We also know that more than ever, many families in our community are especially in need of assistance and may find themselves without the means to put food on their tables. This being said, we are committed to continuing our efforts to raise funds in support of local nonprofits that assist with food insecurity, especially for local children and seniors.

A critical part of this effort, as was witnessed last spring in light of evolving regulations surrounding indoor dining, is funding offered by our generous sponsors. We are currently seeking and welcoming any amount of sponsor donations as these were what truly made our 2021 event successful.

Currently, we're reaching out to businesses and personal contacts to request either a tentative verbal agreement to partner with us or a financial donation that will contribute towards our next event.

We'd also like to ask all Philo members to help out with this effort as possible - your assistance is requested in getting the word out in the upcoming months. Do you have individuals or businesses you think we should contact about sponsorship and/or small donations to enhance our fundraising? Let us know if you'd like to share this information whether it's your neighbors, friends, coworkers, family, or if you would personally like to join us with your own financial contribution. We are working hard to keep the community more informed about Philo and DOWH and your help is very much appreciated.

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

Thank you,  
Stacey Kersley and Jamie Powell, DOWH Co-Chairs

For more information about any of this, please contact Stacey at [skersley@gmail.com](mailto:skersley@gmail.com).



# BUDGET news from the Philo Board & your treasurer, Peg Isakson

Hello from your Philo Board members, who have been working this summer on “Rethinking our Philo Budget”. (Your treasurer, the Finance Committee, our CPA, and the Board). This fiscal year will be a trial year of using a budget layout typical of a 501c3 non-profit group.

## WHAT DOES A NEW GENERAL FUND BUDGET PLAN MEAN FOR OUR MEMBERS?

As in previous years, our yearly Income and Operating Expense plan is based on Dues, Donations, and Rebates.

- DUES are to be paid in September or October, using Check mailed to Philo. P.O. Box 484, Loveland, CO. 80539
  - o **Please write separate checks for separate committee donations.**
- Cash or check brought to Sept 14th general membership meeting
- Zelle bank transfer app set up between your bank and our First Bank accounts.
- Square device at our meetings for credit card use (\$1.00 processing fee added.)

## DONATIONS

Donations to Alternatives to Violence, Integrated Early Childhood, or the Scholarship committee can be made with a check, the Zelle app (PhiloGeneralZ@gmail.com) or the Square credit card reader.

In the past, many Philo members have written a check for their dues with an add-on amount donated for general operating expenses. That is still appreciated.

Donations to the fundraising committees for Dine Out With Heart or the Golf/Scholarship account will be made with a check, the Zelle app (PhiloDOWHZ@gmail.com) or the PayPal credit card reader.

For more detail ask for the *Chart for Checks, Zelle, Square and PayPal to be sent to you* (see below).

## REBATES

The Philo budget includes rebates from your “as-usual-shopping” through King Soopers Rewards, Amazon Smile, Shop With Scrip Cash Cards and also Duck Race Tickets. Check our [philoloveland.org/members](http://philoloveland.org/members) for more information about joining and using these rebate programs.

## WHAT DOES A NEW GENERAL FUND BUDGET PLAN MEAN FOR OUR COMMITTEES?

Our proposed Operating Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is based on \$7,330, an amount estimated from our Dues, Donations and Rebates. Each year we strive to keep our Internal Expenses within that amount proposed. As a reminder, dues were raised last year to ensure that all of our operating expenses would be covered by Dues, Donations to General Operating Expenses and Rebates.

Here’s where we have something new for committees. This will be a trial year, with a comprehensive review in July and August, 2022. Your reflections and input will be valuable.

According to the Purpose statement in our By-laws, committees will be divided into External Service “to serve the Loveland/Berthoud community” and Internal Service “for the mutual improvement and fellowship of the members.”

Our budget plan will relate to three areas:

### 1 - Business management -*Overhead*

State Licenses, Insurance, Taxes, CPA support, Site Rental, Mailings, Office Supplies, Printing, Website and Zoom licenses, Chamber of Commerce dues

### 2 - Internal Committees – *Fellowship and Communication of Members*: Digital History, Honorary Meetings, Newsletter, New Member Welcome, Publicity, Spring Appreciation Event, Sunshine, Website Maintenance, Winter Holiday Event

### 3 - External Committees – *Service to the Loveland/Berthoud Community*: Alternatives to Violence, Blood Drive, Food Basket Cash Cards, Canned Food Drive, Integrated Early Childhood, Scholarship Communications Committee, Golf Tournament/Scholarship Fundraising Committee and Dine Out With Heart Fundraising Committee

## Budget continued...

Following nonprofit budget recommendations we are proposing a plan for setting aside some of the funds we currently have in the General Fund Bank account. An amount of \$14,660 (two years' worth of our income for operations plus end-of-year unused money) will be placed in a Philo Reserve Fund at First Bank. This money will be available to any Philo Committee that has formulated a plan to use additional funds at any time during the fiscal year.

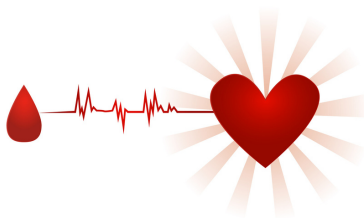
When a committee asks for additional funds from the Reserve Fund, they will use the Request Form, submit it to the Board for approval, and will have access to that money within the month, without waiting for a new budget vote from the membership.

If you have questions or issues to share, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Board. Questions will be gathered and shared at optional **Q&A Zoom sessions at 7 pm on September 10th and on September 13th.**

The Proposed Budget will be voted upon by the general membership on September 14th.

You can learn more about the rationale and procedures for changes in our financial arrangements by requesting any of the documents listed below. Send an email to [philolovelandtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:philolovelandtreasurer@gmail.com) or call 970-227-7127 (Peg Isakson) and ask for documents. They will also be placed on [philoloveland.org/Members](http://philoloveland.org/Members) tab.

- 1 - Rethinking the Philo Budget
- 2 - Philo Reserve Fund Rationale
- 3 - Chart for Use of Checks, Zelle, Square and Paypal
- 4 - Best Practices for Philo Members and our Budget
- 5 - What Does the New Budget Mean for Members and for Committees?
- 6 - Committee Chairperson Guide for 2021-2022



## Blood Drive

We had our first Blood Drive of the new Philo year on Tuesday, August 17 and it was a great success! A huge thank you to Grace Community Church. The church has been housing our blood drives since February and have been providing a table for their members to sign up to donate on a Sunday prior to the Blood Mobile's scheduled date. Currently, due to COVID, donations are by appointment only. Our next drive will be in November, and we will have the schedule available at our October meeting for Philo members to sign up.

Judy Gangle, Chair

# Alternatives to Violence

Volunteers are still needed for the **Pastels on 5th** event on **September 11th** in downtown Loveland. This year we need volunteers for two locations: The Loveland Museum and The Beet Education Center (behind the museum, formerly The Reporter Herald Building). Volunteers will stand out front of these locations and direct artists to wash their hands prior to entering the facilities. The event runs from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, with each volunteer signing up for a two-hour shift.

Please see your email to sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) or contact Stephanie Butts at [chrisnsteph97@msn.com](mailto:chrisnsteph97@msn.com) and she will get you signed up.

Stephanie Butts, Chair



## Integrated Early Childhood

We delivered tissues and changes of clothes to Integrated Early Childhood program on Thursday the 12th, in time for the start of school. In the past we have done school readiness bags and they did not request these this year, reporting they have leftovers from 2020-Covid year. Summer 2021 - We donated to setting up Pre-K library for the new Riverview PK-8 school with a large Scholastic book order. The Barnes and Noble fundraiser for November is tentative due to lack of success last year. Holiday Pre-K book, underwear, sock, and teacher appreciation drive is planned around holiday party 2021. Thanks to all for the support during the last year as we navigated the COVID changing times.

Cheryl Hitchens, Chair

**A note from the Early Childhood director:** Please put the word out, we are looking for "Lunch Ladies" for ThompsonPreK program. These are paid positions, M-Th about 11am-1pm. The "Lunch Ladies" or gentlemen wash tables, may assist with hand washing, set the table, transfer food from the food cart to the table and sit with the PreK children while eating, then clean up. (Must be able to get up from PreK sized chair.) If you are interested or know someone who is interested, apply through Thompson School District or contact Amy, the director, at [amy.gerhard@thompsonschoools.org](mailto:amy.gerhard@thompsonschoools.org).







# Sunshine Committee



Happy September dear Philo sisters! Cheers for a new year when we can get together in person! Hope all your loved ones who are of school ages are happily in schools where they will be excited to learn new things!

Sunshine has sent the following cards to members:

Lynn McDonough on the death of her mother-in-law;

Kathy Loken on the death of her mother;

Karla Baier – get well on her accident;

MaryAnn Lane – get well for her back and neck pain;

Jeanne Findley – thinking of you while her son is in critical condition after a bike accident;

Barbara Moore – get well card as she is seriously ill;

We provided cookies at the “Cherished Voices” concert hosted by the Loveland Opera Theatre in memory of Sharon Sheets and in honor of Myrna McIntosh’s husband, Terry.

A thank you card was received last year from Sharon King of the Thompson School District.

It is nice to hear her own words:

“Thank you so so very much for all of your support. We, as the Federal Programs Team, could not support our families in the way we do without your support.

I am new to this position and have just been blown away by all you do for our unhoused and most at risk families.

It starts with the students and we all know that this year has been a hard one.

Thank you dearly! Hoping to continue a partnership.

Stay safe out there!”

## **Birthdays over the summer and for September:**

### **JULY**

Marsha Reed	1
Dana Weiss	7
Tina Wagner	9
Glenna Bliss-Cook	12
Kelli Olsheski	12
Heather Brown	13
Shirley Hogan	15
Myrna McIntosh	16
Elaine Persichitte	19
Denise Rhoades	20
Trudy Eckhardt	25

### **AUGUST**

Natalie Parker	1
Phyllis McMormack	3
Nancy Roe	5
Kathy Leonard	6
Carol Watt	8
Gerry Henderson	10
Debbie Riley	10
Jeanne Westermann	11
Stevie Benkendorf	14
MaryAnn Lane	14
Jeanne Findley	15
Mary K Spangler	17
Sue Taigman	18
Kandi Smith	21
Becky Aldrich	22
Carol Rieser	25

### **SEPTEMBER**

Gretchen Bennett	1
Eileen Huddle	1
Linda Anderson	9
Danita Nixon	11
Jamie Powell	17
Patti Gabelman	19
Barbara Giesey	21
Lorie Smith	24
Marne Engelking	26
Karen Pielin	26



Remember Philo Sisters, if you have any needs your Sunshine Committee is ready to help! 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. We also appreciate getting your news!