

PHILO GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2008

The meeting was opened by Kathi Wright at 7:10p.m. There were 67 members present.

Social Committee member, Cathy Carroll introduced our speaker Susan Briggs with Habitat for Humanity. She gave a very informative presentation including criteria to be selected to become a homeowner with Habitat, and the effects on families when they become homeowners. They have provided housing for 242 residents. Habitat is always looking for qualified people for their program.

Anne Anderson shared with our members a wonderful vignette of Philo's past. She described one of Philo's past projects---The Santa Shop begun in 1969 by Janet Knox. The purpose of the program was to collect toys for needy families at Xmas. Philo members would all work together to refurbish the donated toys. Ellen Javernick was "Queen of Doll Restoration". Families were referred by the School RN's. Philo members visited families to assess their needs. Families were then able to select the clothes and toys they wanted. It was a rewarding program for our Philo members and a great way to make friends. Philo has such a rich history giving so much to the Loveland community over the years. Thank you Anne for letting us have a glimpse into Philo' past.

Connie Ephland recognized the birthdays for the month of November. Cards were sent to Gerry Henderson, Carol Helzer and Lola Johnson. Bonnie Hanson reported Sunshine Teams were delivering meals to Lola and her family. Kathy Loken has put up a banner for Lola for everyone to sign. Kay Robinson asked members to do a "card shower" for Lola. She encouraged all members to send her cards so she will have a constant reminder that her Philo sisters are thinking of her.

Kathi Wright thanked Lori Knedlik and the Social Committee for arranging such a delightful evening at The Candlelight Dinner Theatre. Both the play and food were excellent.

Flyers for the Philo Holiday Party were given out to members. It will be Dec. 9th at Mary Voggesser's house. Kathi will follow up with members not at the meeting.

Kathi asked Philo members for a moment of silence in honor of our Veterans.

Membership was asked to follow up with Kathi if they know of any storage facilities that might be available for Philo to use.

Kathi asked for volunteers to help with sanitizing the newsletter to place on the website and committee members to work on the Scholarship and Spring Fundraiser Committees.

OFFICER REPORTS

TREASURER Shannon Voggesser read the report and reminded members to pay their dues by end of the month and send checks for Food Basket donations to her by Thanksgiving.

RECORDING SECRETARY Dorothy Childers asked that the October minutes be approved. Motion made by Mary Ann Lane to approve minutes, seconded by Kay Robison. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Joan Swan reported the resignations of Gerri Steinbaugh, Mindy Spencer and Karen Scheck. Letters were on back table for members to read.

HISTORIAN Trudy Eckhardt reported Photo updates were compiled by Gerry Henderson and are available to pick up tonight

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING

GOLF TOURNAMENT Chair for Sponsors Kathy Loken, reported on a plan to recognize our sponsors:

- ~The underlying support for the Tournament is our sponsors
- ~This year Philo received \$10,000.00 from our sponsors
- ~The Committee has looked at ways to make Philo different from other organizations seeking donations by emphasizing our goal to raise money for scholarships
- ~Committee had criteria to recognize different levels of sponsorship. Philo appreciates every sponsor whatever the amount of their donation.
- ~Net proceeds this year are \$13,000.00 --the largest amount we have made since the Holiday Mart.
- ~Kathy encouraged Philo members to recognize and thank our sponsors when they have an opportunity.
- ~One of the events to recognize our sponsors will be a Philo shopping day at Cozy Cottage Antiques and Collectables on 12/11. If Philo members purchase any items, Cozy Cottage will donate 10% of proceeds to the Golf Committee. Philo members having lunch or dinner at Bent Fork Restaurant will also have 10% of proceeds donated to the Golf Committee
- ~The Golf Committee will host an Open House in Feb. for Philo members and sponsors to interact.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT Chair Karen Sanders reminded members to sign up for the restaurant and dinner seating time of your choice for our night out on 11/20.

- ~Johna Cabrera and Denise Olson will be donating Gift Certificates for members with the most guests. 1st prize is for a \$50.00 Gift Certificate (jewelry of your choice) and 2nd prize will be a gift of jewelry
- ~Encouraged members to try to go to as many store as possible
- ~Thanked everyone in advance for participating in GIRLS NIGHT OUT

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

- ~Kathi reported on a wonderful article in the Reporter-Herald (10/12) about our tenant in our ATV apartment. She is doing very well.
- ~Joyce Krantz reported the Committee will be giving our ATV family an XMAS basket in Dec.
- ~Nancy Patterson offering opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a quilt with the proceeds going to ATV

BLOOD DRIVE Chair Eunice Holthusen reported

~The next Blood Drive is on 11/18 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

~Nov. is full but clipboard going around for future Blood Drives

CANNED FOOD DRIVE Chair Sherry King reminded members the Drive will be on 12/12 and 12/13

~Need more volunteers and trucks or vans. Committee will be calling you if not signed up for a shift

~Please wear Philo shirt

~Committee recommends that members working their shift not fill their own basket during their shift

~Remember families only need canned foods to go with their Holiday meal. Recipients are not able to store extra canned goods

~This year Philo will be giving leftover canned foods to the House of Neighborly Service and Larimer County Food Bank

~CFD Committee will send information to drivers re: school assignment, time, contact person and a reminder to the schools to have students assist Philo members

FOOD BASKET MATCHING Chair Mary Ann Lane reported:

~Having increased support from the community

~Hope to include 250 families this year

~If making a cash donation, please send to Shannon Voggesser by Thanksgiving

FOOD BASKET DELIVERY Chair Becky Aldrich reported the committee will deliver 40 baskets for the elderly

Kathi thanked Hostesses for their delicious "goodies".

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Childers