



**Philo**   
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2021-2022

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Better Together

Philo Presents

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## THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTINUES

When the clock struck midnight on December 31, 2020, we had high hopes that 2021 would mark the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccinations became available, first to the most vulnerable and then to the general public. The end was in sight!

As cases and hospitalizations decreased and vaccinations increased, mask mandates were eased. Everyone was still encouraged to wear a mask if they were not vaccinated or could not maintain social distancing. People began to get together in small groups and celebrate special occasions in person. Children returned to school in person. It began to feel more normal to see people's faces and perhaps give them a hug.



And then came the Delta variant... In the spring of 2021, the Delta variant was identified as a more contagious mutation. The unvaccinated and those not wearing masks were particularly vulnerable—including the younger population. While complete lockdown was not mandated, many people were quarantined due to their illness or exposure. Masks were again required in indoor public places and on public transportation. Individuals chose to limit their participation in group activities again. Many received a vaccination booster shot six months after their last shot. “Vaxed and boosted” became part of our vocabulary.

And then came the Omicron variant... In the fall of 2021, the Omicron variant was designated as the most contagious so far. The “good news” was that this variant was less severe. Symptoms developed more quickly and passed more quickly as well. Scientists speculated that the pandemic might become endemic, similar to the seasonal flu, as more people were infected and/or vaccinated.

In March 2022, the mask mandate in Larimer County was lifted. The Dashboard, indicator of risk to community and hospitals, was revised to low. A second booster was authorized in April 2022. And then came BA.2 and more variants with uncertainty about surges and immunity.

While we all need to take precautions to protect ourselves and others, it is a relief to move about more freely. COVID is here to stay, and we are learning to adjust to changing conditions.

# We Are Better Together

This year has shown that Philo women have the dedication and ingenuity to work together in the face of the COVID challenges. Committees have worked together with community partners to bridge the gap created by COVID protocols. Philo women have found ways to meet, to support one another, and celebrate our accomplishments.





# The Executive Board

## In Their Own Words

### PRESIDENT: MARY STARCK

It has been quite the year with the COVID restrictions. I am very proud of the Philo membership. They worked hard, held it together and were able to have successful events in spite of all the restrictions.

My Executive Board made my role easier with their support and friendship. They are the BEST!! We were able to accomplish a lot, such as the decision to go ahead and re-vamp the online Philo information, to re-assign the mass emailing responsibilities, to put together the "Committee Chairpersons Guide" packets. This is just a small sample of our hard work and commitment to the organization.

On a more personal note, I can't thank the Philo membership enough for their help and understanding during and after my bout with COVID. It is not easy to function with brain fog and those reoccurring after-effects.

The club has wonderful members, but I sincerely hope that in the near future we can recruit more new members. This is a great organization to belong to and help work towards its goals.



### VICE PRESIDENT : JUDY GANGLE

This has been an interesting year learning the ins and outs of the board in preparing to assume the President's role next year. Every day I have more questions.

I am looking forward to it, whatever it brings. I am especially looking forward to having in-person meetings again. Hopefully we can revive some of the social gatherings like BUNCO and book club again. I think it will make us feel like a more cohesive group again.

The last two years have been tough for a lot of members. Let's all be part of the Sunshine that Florence spreads through the Sunshine Committee.





## TREASURER: PEG ISAKSON

Reflecting on my past three years on the Philo Board (one as secretary and two as treasurer), I would say, "With good friends at your side, you can rise to the occasion and learn new things while you make new friends." It's been a time of challenge, with decisions to keep our organization strong during the pandemic and with few opportunities for the close relationships we desire.

Perhaps the most helpful learning curve for all was the use of online Zoom meetings. I've learned to appreciate Zoom to save driving and entertaining, but I doubly appreciate seeing friends in person again. A fun memory is from the Zoom Christmas party! The Holiday committee went above and beyond! A five-star memory!

Reflecting on my past three years on the Philo Board (one as secretary and two as treasurer),

My last two years as Treasurer involved learning QuickBooks, PayPal, Square, and Zelle, with advantages and limitations for each. I chuckle when I think back to the adding machine tabulations and long ribbons of adding machine tape when I managed budgets for federal grants to schools. How times have changed!

Many Philo member-friends are taking a hard look at their lives, their projects, and their free time after big social and economic changes due to the pandemic. My hope for Philo is that we graciously accept changes in expectations, but never lose sight of the joy of spending time with like-minded friends who believe in helping others.



## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: FLORENCE DOKSANSKY

During the past two years as Corresponding Secretary, I learned more about the organization and had the opportunity to work with such amazing women on the Board!

COVID impacted Philo in many ways. Pandemic protocols affected our ability to work together and socialize. Major events such as the golf tournament and spring dinner were canceled. Other committees, like DOWH suffered from lack of participation.

It was hard to keep our spirits up, but the amazing women of Philo kept going! We found a new venue for the blood drives and collected a record amount for canned food drive. Although the golf tournament was canceled, we raised funds to support the scholarships. New retail rebates were introduced to raise money for our general fund.

My role as the Corresponding Secretary changed mid-stream this year. The position is now responsible for sending out e-mailings to the membership. While at first I thought this would be overwhelming, once I was fully trained by my patient and understanding son-in-law, it became a simple task. And it brought me closer to the workings of the organization! Sending out news about meetings, the monthly newsletters and announcements of Philo events was a rewarding blessing to me. I hope that future members who hold this job will think the same way.

If I have a concern about Philo, it is that we have an aging population. Many emeritus and honorary members may not be either able or willing to be as involved as they were in the past. My hope is that the current active members can grow and continue its strong commitment to the Loveland/Berthoud community! And that the many emeritus members and honoraries who are active will continue to be!

## RECORDING SECRETARY: CAROL WATT

Serving on the PHILO Board has been a very inspiring, educational, and emotional experience, especially with the challenges COVID presented. I discovered that our organization truly lives up to the high standards it set for itself 100 years ago. It “takes a village” to accomplish in just 10 months the goals of our numerous and disparate committees. The willingness, cooperation, creativity, and determination of our members was a joy to observe.

The PHILO women are very astute, ambitious, and focused. They work as a team. And the Loveland community benefits from all their energy and dedication. Real friendships are forged here.

The heart is a perfect symbol of who we are, what we do, and how we relate to each other. I thought I was joining an organization, but I acquired a family and inspirational role models.



## PAST PRESIDENT: RITA HARDEN

It has been my honor and privilege to be a Philo member for 51 years. During that time, I have served on numerous committees, been a treasurer and twice was the president. Currently, I am past president on the board and chair the Honorary Committee.

During my time as a member, I have some reflections and have experienced lots of changes. Philo, like many things, has had to adjust for change and stay up-to-date on technology. In the early days, Philo met twice a month, with one meeting an educational program.

One of the early meeting places was the First National Bank, located at the corner of 4th and Cleveland. Our rent-free rooms were in the basement. Descending the steep stairway, your attention was immediately drawn to the piano painted orange. It was in this basement the annual Christmas Santa Shop was held. Screened families stood in long lines for hours to wait their turn to “shop.” Stores and community people donated items for the shop. Committee members worked year-round so each little girl could receive a doll. Used dolls were cleaned up and dressed in a new, homemade outfit. Sedley Lingo, a dedicated community member, used a part of his garage to refurbish bikes and tricycles for the shop. Food baskets were delivered, after families had personal visits from Philo members. The main fundraiser for projects was the popular Style Show. Attendees often filled the Pullium Building, located on Cleveland Avenue. Tickets were \$3 at first, then moved to \$5.

When the bank sold, we had to start renting space. Churches welcomed us. In 2019 the world-wide COVID19 pandemic hit. State and national health regulations required us to cancel group meetings. We met through “Zoom” on our computers. Everyone could be seen and heard. It allowed creative committee chairs to continue the philanthropic work of Philo. In mid-2020, we were allowed to start meeting in person with masks and social distancing.

Even with challenges and changes, Philo has held a steadfast, forward movement. I have the utmost appreciation and gratitude for our organization. I have never worked with such lovely, committed ladies.



# Club Communications





# GENERAL MEETINGS

Although we had to change the day and location for our general meetings, we held our first general meeting for the new fiscal year on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at the First Baptist Church. It was our first in-person general meeting since March 2020.

While many members exercised caution by wearing masks, it was a delight to see smiling faces and receive welcoming hugs.

Attendance suffered as many of us did not feel comfortable in large gatherings. However, the ability to exchange ideas in a conversation felt so much better than unmuting yourself on Zoom.

Then came the Delta and Omicron variants with renewed protocols and fear of contagion. For the month of January 2021, we met on Zoom again. Having learned from last year, we were able to adapt quickly and continue working together in spite of the spread of COVID. We wore masks at the February meeting and took them off in March. Then in April we were able to return to our regular meeting place at Trinity Lutheran Church. It felt good to be "home" again.

Our Spring Appreciation Dinner in May was held without masks (more below) but the Omicron virus was rampant again in June, so the June meeting of committees was not held at the church. Committees were encouraged to meet with their small groups in an open place where they felt comfortable or by Zoom.





# CHAIR: AMY BLACK

The newsletter is a committee of one. When an opening came up, Philo friends recommended that Amy volunteer. After learning about the responsibilities of the newsletter, she realized it was a way she could contribute her time and talents to Philo.

At each month's meeting, members are reminded to send their news and photos by the second to last Saturday of the month. A reminder email is sent to committee chairs at the start of the second to last week of the month asking them to submit anything they want in the newsletter OR indicate that they do NOT have anything to add.

In this first year of doing the newsletter, Amy has been using the resources of [www.canva.com](http://www.canva.com), finding the website to be quite intuitive and pretty easy to use.

Especially during COVID restrictions, the newsletter became a primary vehicle for informing the membership of Philo activities. Committee chairs reported progress and requested help. Minutes of the general meeting became a regular feature instead of a separate mailing. In addition to this yearbook, the newsletter is a record of all the year's events.

## NEWSLETTER



## PUBLICITY & SOCIAL MEDIA

### CHAIR: JAMIE POWELL

Last year the new public facing web page [www.philoloveland.org](http://www.philoloveland.org) was redesigned and introduced. Over the past year, time was spent updating the website given that some events and committee work changed due to COVID. The new website allowed for more automation, including online golf registration, electronic applications for scholarships, and online payment options for donation, fees and dues.

The members only site is being archived and all relevant information was transferred onto the public site. We continued to post pictures, events and historical information on Philo's Facebook page to show the community we are "Better Together"!

# WEB ADMINISTRATOR/ COMPUTER TECH

CHAIR: DENISE  
RHOADES



# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

CHAIR: PEGGY  
PELLIZZARI



For many years, Peggy and Denise have jointly created the Membership Directory, posted it to the Members Only page, and updated members' information, committee membership, and Sunshine teams. They also posted documents, such as newsletters, application forms, and archival material, to the Members Only page. Until this year, they have managed mass emails and online committee signups.

The Membership Directory is available online with the most recent and accurate data. All the information that members used to see in the printed version is now only available on the Members Only page of the Philo website. All changes in member information, names of committee members, and lists of Sunshine teams are updated and shared with the Board and newsletter editor.

A new membership website is being developed by Long's Peak Web Design. The first piece was introduced in the spring with the use of SignUpGenius, an online software tool for committee signups. The roles of the Web Administrator and Membership Directory committees will change as the new design evolves.





# HISTORY & YEARBOOK

**CHAIR: LINDA STANGEL**  
**CO-CHAIR: DANA WEISS**

In August 2021, the first Philo digital yearbook became available on the Philo website. Similar to a high school class yearbook, this yearbook describes the important activities and events of the year with photos and illustrations.

Building on the first year's experience, creating the 2021-2022 yearbook was less challenging. The table of contents was already in place. The Google drive proved a successful means of collecting photos. Best of all, with more opportunities to work together in person, many more photos were available to document our activities.

The digital file will be stored in Philo's archives and replace the scrapbooks that we have collected and stored since 1928. These oversized scrapbooks are currently stored in Peg Isakson's garage. Digital storage will be much more accessible to Philo historians of the future.

Creation of the yearbook is a collaborative effort, working together with the Publicity and Newsletter committees. PhiloPublicity@gmail.com is a repository for photos and articles submitted to those committees and shared among them.

Particular recognition goes to Dana Weiss for donating her time and resources to produce the yearbook in its professional format through her yearbook company.







# Service to Community





# ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

**CHAIR: STEPHANIE BUTTS**  
**CO-CHAIR: RUTH SWANTY**

In September, the committee provided volunteers for the Alternatives to Violence Pastels on 5th fundraiser. Volunteers were stationed at entrances to direct participants and verify hands were washed before entering the Museum facilities. It was another successful event, with beautiful drawings enlivening the streets of Loveland!

This year was also an opportunity to reconnect with the ATV organization and better understand how Philo can support their mission. After a lovely breakfast with Kari Clark, Executive Director, it was determined the committee would lead two new efforts: improving the safe house grounds and supporting individuals leaving the safehouse with a basket of goods.

In October, the committee organized the donation and planting of new juniper trees, pea gravel around the existing slide for the kids, and plastic pools with sand to create new sand boxes. In May, 100 square feet of perennials and mulch were donated and planted by the committee. Hopefully, this will improve the comfort of residents and enhance the curbside appeal of the property.

In order to support women leaving the safehouse, ten "Fresh Start" baskets of household items were assembled by the committee from Philo member donations. Laundry baskets were filled with shampoo, laundry detergent, towels, cleaning supplies and other essentials that help individuals setting up a new household start on the right foot. The committee plans to fill baskets each fall for distribution at ATV.

In April, the committee supported ATV with a table at their Purple Ribbon Breakfast. Presentations made by Loveland Mayor Jackie Marsh and 2022 Mrs. Colorado Petite Allie Reilly were inspiring and underlined the importance of ATV's work in the community.





# BLOOD DRIVES

## CHAIR: JUDY GANGLE

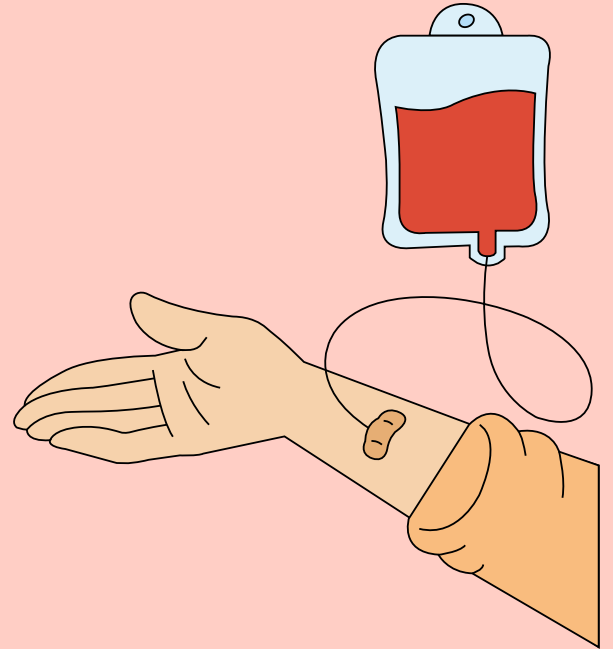
Since the First United Methodist Church was no longer available due to COVID restrictions, Philo found a partner with Grace Community Church.

UHealth Garth Englund Blood Center supports Philo for the drive. The blood obtained stays local, supporting patients at multiple hospitals in northern Colorado. Blood drives were conducted at the church on August 17, November 16, February 15, and May 17.

The Grace Community Church coordinator made regular announcements at church and created an online signup system. Committee members had previously gone to the church on Sundays to sign up donors. This drive has been so successful that in February people had to be turned away, so in August there were extended hours to accommodate the donors.

Snacks are provided to donors after giving blood. The committee provides the snack, ensuring each item is prepackaged or presented in a safe COVID-free manner. Often home baked items are provided, safely contained in zipper storage baggies.

Judy's commitment to the blood drives has been reinforced by a need within her own family. Many of the donors have similar stories to tell.





# INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD

CHAIR: CHERYL HITCHENS  
CO-CHAIR: DEBBIE RILEY

The Integrated Early Childhood Committee's activities were modified this year due to the continuation of COVID-19 restrictions in the preschool.

The committee was responsive to the requests of the school district and provided support through the purchase of masks, changes of clothes, books and teacher appreciation items. In addition, members provided clothing items and books during the holiday drive.

The district was not able to hold their annual Literacy Fair but the books purchased and collected were distributed during a drive-through event sponsored by the district.





# CANNED FOOD DRIVE

CHAIR: RUTH SPRAIN  
CO-CHAIR: EILEEN HUDDLE

The year 2021 was a different experience for the Philo/Thompson Schools Canned Food Drive. It was definitely a year when working together was better. This year 17 schools participated in the drive with over 600 boxes distributed. In October, House of Neighborly Service announced that Christmas baskets would not be put together and delivered by individuals and groups like Philo. Instead, families would be given gift cards and food directly through HNS. That meant that the cans collected through Philo's food drive did not have to be sorted.

.At the end of October, committee members distributed flattened boxes to the schools participating in the Canned Food Drive. During November, schools conducted their food drives. In some cases, they even needed extra boxes for the high number of donations.

On Thursday, December 2, Philo members and Exodus Moving collected filled boxes of cans. Those boxes were taken to House of Neighborly Service. Once unloaded from cars and the Exodus truck, the boxes were loaded onto pallets and stored in the HNS warehouse. Every available pallet was filled and extra boxes were stored in the entry hallways of HNS. A total of 20,396 pounds of food was delivered to HNS by Philo. That was the largest single day donation of food that HNS has ever received. The following Monday, 45 more boxes of food were delivered by B.F. Kitchen, the final school that collected cans for the Philo/Thompson Schools

Canned Food Drive. The final total was 21,826 pounds of food!

The canned food drive was a community project where we needed the help of many hands working together. Our Philo Canned Food Drive Committee members coordinated the drives at elementary and middle schools in the Thompson District. Thompson students, staff members, and parents assisted with the canned food drive at each of the 17 participating schools. Erin Becerra of HNS worked with us to facilitate the delivery of empty boxes and direct the storing of the filled boxes of donations. Exodus Moving provided a truck and two workers to pick up boxes from 11 schools for no charge. It took five hours to collect the boxes from schools and over an hour to unload the boxes at HNS. About ten Mormon missionaries helped unload boxes delivered to HNS on the Exodus truck.

Through the efforts and generosity of many people, hundreds of families enjoyed a holiday dinner and filled pantry.

# FOOD BASKETS

CHAIR: SUSAN TRUMBO  
CO-CHAIR: GAY ANN MAY



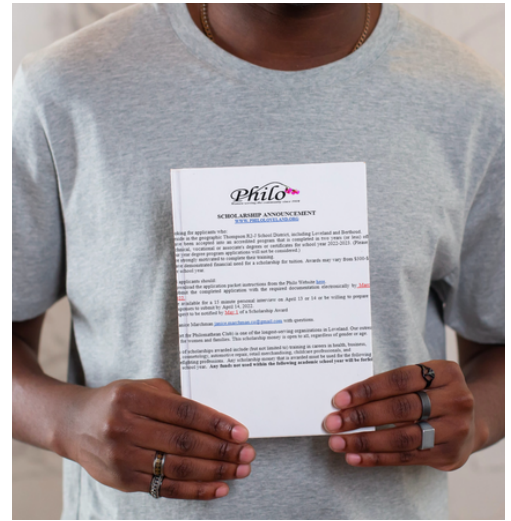
In the past, Philo members have volunteered to assemble and deliver holiday food baskets to individuals and families through the House of Neighborly Service. Members could pick up canned goods from the Canned Food Drive, and Philo would provide a gift card in each basket.

Again this year, with continued pandemic concerns, the House of Neighborly Services announced that individuals and groups would no longer be asked to contribute food baskets. Instead, families would be given gift cards and food directly through HNS. The Food Basket committee delivered gift cards totaling \$2100 to be included in the food baskets, with \$1700 coming from Dine Out With Heart and \$400 from other donations.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

## CHAIR: JANICE MARCHMAN



The Scholarship Committee received ten applications this year for financial awards to attend a community college or trade school. Six scholarships were given, to two adults and four graduating high school seniors, totaling \$12,000. The awards included cosmetology, fire science, agribusiness, flight training, and art/construction.

During this pandemic year, communication and in-person meetings were a challenge to fulfill. The Scholarship Committee found ways to work with schools and potential scholarship students through online meetings and digital processes. Applications were completed online, documentation was emailed, and interviews were held virtually.

The Committee hopes that the remote work of applications, interviews, and all communication has worked well and informs future efforts.





# DINE OUT WITH HEART

CHAIR: STACEE KERSLEY  
CO-CHAIR: JAMIE POWELL

The Dine Out With Heart committee spent Fall of 2021 ensuring this important fundraiser continues to evolve and provide much-needed support for those in our community who find themselves dealing with hunger. Significant changes have been made over the past few years to address both an ongoing decrease in participation as well as the challenges presented with COVID. Despite these efforts, in addition to the generosity of both new and returning sponsors, overall donations continued to follow a downward trend.

After much brainstorming, researching, and networking, the committee decided to work with other local vendors to host a 1-day, 5-hour food truck rally on June 11 instead of the usual 2-week event hosted at eateries around town. In order to make this possible, Philo partnered with two new sponsors offering significant in-kind donations!

LN2 Food Truck Events works with gourmet food trucks throughout NoCo. They brought local vendors to join us with fees normally collected from the vendors for this event to be donated to the fundraiser and other organizing fees to be waived. Thunder Mountain Harley Davidson provided the venue to host the event, including many of the amenities an event like this normally requires, at no cost to DOWH!

These were both game-changing offers that allowed the committee to commit the funds raised through the event towards financial grants to address hunger rather than advertising and marketing, permits, electricity, porta-potties, picnic tables, sanitation and trash disposal, etc. We also booked entertainment through local musicians and entertainers, including Christine Alice, Franklin Taggart and The Wendy Woo Band. In addition, outreach opportunities were available for Philo committees and past non-profit grant recipients via booth hosting.





# Fundraising



# RETAIL FUNDRAISING

**CHAIR: MARGE MCCOY**  
**CO-CHAIR: JUANITY CISNEROS**

This committee was originally responsible for Philo's participation in the Shopping Extravaganza. With COVID and other circumstances, that event was canceled. More options for shopping with retail rebates were introduced.

Philo members could earn rebates by designating Philo as a recipient of Amazon Smile rebates and King Soopers Community Rewards.

Shop With Scrip was also a successful source of funds. Members purchased gift/cash cards from a wide range of retailers. Philo earned a percentage of the purchases of these cards while members enjoyed the full value of the gift/cash cards. Purchasing gift/cash cards for the Holiday Food Baskets through ShopWithScrip earned additional rebates.

The success of these programs has led to the formation of a new committee, Fundraising Management, to oversee participation in these and any new fundraising events







# ROTARY DUCK RACE TICKET SALES

CHAIR: CAROL RIESER  
CO-CHAIR: BARBARA GIESEY

2022 was a better year for Rotary Duck Race tickets sales, and we give credit to having Philo meetings in person rather than remote via Zoom. We exceeded 2021 sales by selling 3 additional sets of tickets amounting to \$60.00.

Year	Ticket set of 7 sold	Total Sales	Philo Retains	Rotary Receives
2022	48	\$960	\$768	\$192
2021	45	\$900	\$720	\$180
2020	45	\$900	\$720	\$180
2019	42	\$840	\$672	\$168

In addition to selling tickets to Philo members in 2022, the Duck Race committee had a table at the DOWH Food Truck Rally at Thunder Mountain June 11th. A total of 55 tickets were sold: 6 sets of 7 tickets and 1 single ticket for a total of \$125.00 in sales.

Year	Tickets sold	Total sales	Philo retains	Rotary receives
2022	379 (54 sets of 7, plus 1 single)	\$1085	\$868	\$217

Philo has partnered with Rotary in selling tickets for many years and retains 80% of our ticket proceeds for support Philo's general budget. Rotary uses its 20% to fund scholarships and literacy programs in the Thompson Valley School District.

# WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT

CHAIR: BETH SODERQUIST



## THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT

The tournament was held on Friday, July 15, 2022, at Mariana Butte Golf Course. A luncheon was held afterwards at Birdies, Burgers and Brews (B3) in the Mariana Butte clubhouse.

There were 120 registered participants for the tournament, resulting in 30 teams playing in the Scramble format. This is the largest participation we have ever had in the history of the tournament. It was a shotgun start at 7:30. We awarded prizes for 3 flights, 1st and 2nd places and also a team won the cart decorating contest. We used Golf Genius to put together the pairings, scorecards and cart signs...as well as player lists needed the day of the tournament.

The committee started setting up at the tournament site at 5:00 am. We had around a dozen Philo members volunteer to assist with the registration process. We had around six volunteers help to put golf clubs on the carts.

There were 34 gift baskets and other prizes donated by Philo members and members of the community as well as foursomes from several golf courses. We used 10 of these prizes for the Opportunity drawings on-site that day. The other baskets and prizes were used for Door Prizes that any participant could win. This was a huge success due to our generous Philo members. We were able to store the baskets on-site the evening before and this was a great help!

We started the day with a snack bag for each participant. This included a granola bar, cheese snack, trail mix, bottle of water and an apple. Lunch was served around 12:30 pm at Birdies, Burgers and Brews. We chose a BBQ lunch of chicken, brisket, potato salad and fruit salad. It included lemonade, ice tea, cookies and brownies for dessert.

Photos were taken of each group and provided to the players during lunch.

There were beautiful centerpieces on the table made by Lori Smith and the participant gift was a very pretty necklace/ball marker provided by One Putt Designs.

## TOURNAMENT PREPARATIONS

The committee consisted of **only seven** members!

Approximately 50 sponsorship requests were sent out in February. We received 22 donations, in addition to a donation by the Philo book club. We received over \$11,600 in sponsorship money for 2022.

Registration on-line and use of PayPal for a few payments was available. We had 8 high school players from Berthoud and Loveland High Schools. Our long ball hitter was Keaton Koch from Loveland High School. He did a great job.

Save the Date emails were sent out in the spring and registration opened in April. A Master Registration list has been maintained and we mailed out registration forms to anyone that played the last 2 years and other that have played over 3 times during the last 10 years.

**The tournament was a tremendous success! We estimate that we made between a \$15,000 and \$16,000 profit.**



# Social Activities

# SUNSHINE

## CHAIR: FLORENCE DOKSANSKY CO-CHAIR: CINDY KURTZ

The Sunshine Committee works on its own but has connections with almost every member. We hope to be there when help is needed. We also depend on members to share either their own or other member's needs. We send cards and well-wishes as often as we know about illness or other concerns to our sisters. Every monthly newsletter has a list of birthdays, and members' dates are read at their month's membership meeting.

Information about a member's needs, celebrations and or other information are shared with the chair and other committee members. We have Sunshine Teams that go to work if the need arises for dinners or other help that one person cannot provide. During COVID, the teams made calls to every member to check in and let them know that Philo was thinking of them.

Unfortunately, during this difficult time, we were limited in ways we could help at funerals or large events. While we have lost some members, sadly we have not been able to attend many memorials. We did attend the life celebration for Miki Roth in April 2021, where we provided desserts for the many attendees. Sunshine Teams were able to provide meals for Jeanne Findley's family while her son was in hospital for many months. Members and their families are so grateful for our help in these situations.

Philo has a beautiful wreath that we offer to families at a member's funeral. We love being able to share that remembrance to celebrate their contributions and work with Philo.

After four years on the Sunshine Committee, it is time for me to step down but it has been a privilege to get to know my Philo sisters in this meaningful way.





# HONORARY MEMBERS

CHAIR: RITA HARDEN  
CO-CHAIR: MARY VOGGESSER

Members become Honorary after 15 years of service. Emeritus status is achieved after 35 years. Many Honorary and Emeritus members remain active: attending meetings, serving on committees, holding office, and supporting Philo financially.

Usually, the Honoraries meet three times a year, just for a gathering to socialize. However, with no in-person gathering during the pandemic, contact was by email or personal phone calls, just to maintain the connection with our Philo sisters.

On a sunny but windy day, seventeen honorary members gathered at Mahaffey Park on April 19, 2022. It was their first gathering since the pandemic began. While time was spent catching up on everyone's news, the major part of the conversation was an update of upcoming Philo events and ways in which Honoraries can contribute and participate.







# HOLIDAY PARTY

## CHAIR: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Holiday Party is always a highlight of the year. Although the 2020 Virtual Holiday Party was festive and creative, it was wonderful to gather in person again in December 2021.

At the home of Cindy Kurtz, tables were laden with food to tempt every palate. Philo sisters gathered in small groups and circulated from room to room. The Christmas ornament exchange was lively and competitive.

The Integrated Early Childhood committee collected books, socks, underwear, gloves, and hats to donate to the school district's early childhood classrooms.

It was a time to celebrate with food, fun, and fellowship and to appreciate the opportunity to exchange smiles and hugs.





# SPRING APPRECIATION SOCIAL

CHAIR: JEANNE  
FINDLEY

After planning this amazing event for May 2020, we instead held it via Zoom due to the pandemic. In May 2021 we tried again but were rained out at Fairgrounds Park and relocated to the First Baptist Church. It was fun but not what we had planned.

FINALLY--The Lazy P Stampede arrived at the Tilted Barrel on Tuesday, May 10. It all began with full bar and yummy appetizers. Dinner consisted of a buffet of brisket, BBQ chicken and kielbasa along with chuck wagon potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, mixed salad greens, and cornbread.

Followed by peach cobbler and ice cream!

After dinner, new officers were installed along with the induction of new members and recognition of members moving to honorary and emeritus. New officers include Judy Gangle (President), Carol Rieser (Vice-President), Ruth Swanty (Recording Secretary), and Marge McCoy (Corresponding Secretary), with the office of Treasurer unfilled. We welcomed Kristi Martin and Lynn Hendrickson as new members. Eileen Huddle, Sherry King, and Lynn McDonough achieved Honorary status and Janice Farley became Emeritus.

Then, the stampede began! We enjoyed music and line dancing with Tracey, Loveland's Line Dancer. It was quite a sight to see--the dance floor was filled with our amazing Philo sisters learning the new steps and kicking up the dust!

The evening was a success! We are grateful for all that attended and we look forward to another event in May 2023!





# BOOK CLUB

CHAIR: SUSAN LINDEN

The Philo (and Friends) Book Club meets at 10:15 on the last Thursday of most months at Zion Lutheran Church. November's date changes because of Thanksgiving, and in December we meet in a home for a festive lunch and selection of books for the year.

We adapted to COVID by meeting outdoors with social distancing, meeting indoors with social distancing and masking, and by zooming. That is to say, if there was a way to adapt meetings as restrictions changed, we used it! And of course, we all got our vaccinations as soon as possible.

**Philo Book Group 2022**

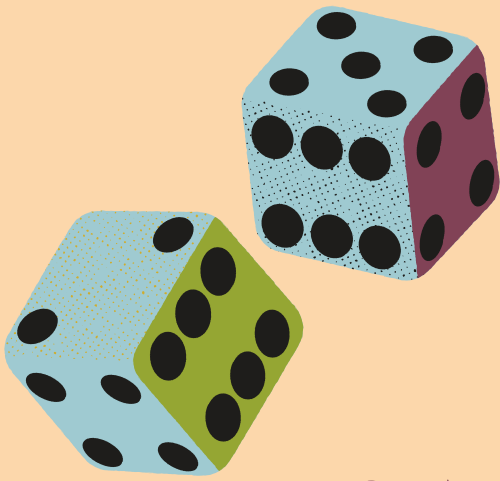


Jan 27, *The Henna Artist*, Mary  
Feb 24, *The Night Watchman*, Helen  
Mar 31, *The Lincoln Highway*, Anne  
Apr 28, *The Rose Code*, Debbie  
May 26, *The Nickel Boys*, Susan  
June 30, *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, Carol H  
July 28, *A Single Thread*, Gerry  
Aug 25, *The Social Graces*, Jane  
Sept 29, *The Silent Patient*, Mary Ann  
Oct 27, *The Four Winds*, Sharon  
Nov 17 \*, *The Book of Two Ways*, Syd  
Dec 8\*, Book Selection & Luncheon

**Zion Lutheran**  
**10:30**







# BUNCO

CHAIR: DONNA MENZIES



BUNCO!! Ring the bell and yell “BUNCO” when you roll all three dice and match the number of the round everyone is on. It requires no skill but is a load of fun and the best way to get to know other Philo members, especially if you are never on the same committee. It costs \$5 to play for the winning prizes at the end. There are 4 ways to win money: most buncos, most wins, last bunco and biggest loser.

Everyone is considered a sub, so you only play on the month that you are available. Bring a dish for the potluck which starts at 6pm every first Thursday of the month at a rotating member's home and then start playing at 7pm, usually done at 8pm.

You must be able to multi-task because there is a lot of talking going on at the same time as playing. It's the BEST way to get to know members of Philo and a blast while you are playing!

# In Memoriam



## MARILYN PYLE PHILO MEMBER SINCE 1970

Marilyn Pyle, 85, of Parrish, Florida, formerly a 60-year resident of Loveland, Colorado, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2021. She was surrounded by her family.

She was born and raised in Gering, Nebraska and was a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado earning a teaching degree. She became a 20+ year educator in the R2J School District teaching at the high school, junior high and middle school levels. She embraced new technology as it happened and was an early convert to using a computer for lesson plans and grades. During the latter part of her teaching career she was focused on her classes with at risk children.

She served multiple terms as a Deacon for Mountain View Presbyterian Church and loved engaging in her community's activities, being a member of the hospital board during the building of and transition to the new McKee Medical Center, volunteering for many years for the Sculpture In The Park arts show and for the annual Colorado Youth Outdoors Maverick Shoot, to name just a few. Especially dear to her heart was her sisterhood in the Loveland P.E.O. chapter and the Philo organization.

She had a passion for staying busy and loved her golf, taking bike trips both long and short, cross country skiing, 47 years of Saturdays in Boulder and following them on the road, supporting her CU Buffalo football team and always having multiple TVs and radios tuned to different sporting contests, so as not to miss any of it should they ever conflict with each other.

She had a strong will, quick wit, and great creativity in her specialty card making and loved being 'all the time' active. She had a true zest and love for life and found great joy in the changes that came with it.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Katherine Ross, father, Adam Ross, brother, Willard Ross, and nephew, James Johnston. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Carroll, son Todd (Susan), sister Aileen Johnston and many nephews, nieces and friends.

A private family celebration of her beautiful life will be held at a later time.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her name to the Colorado Youth Outdoors organization or the Mountain View Presbyterian Church.



# DIANA C. REYNOLDS

PHILO  
MEMBER  
SINCE 1971



Diana Claire Reynolds, age 82 of Loveland, Colorado, passed away on May 5th, 2022. Mom “has fought the good fight”, she “has finished the race” and she “has kept the faith.” Now, there is in store for her the crown of righteousness, which the Lord will award to her on this day, “but also to all who have longed for this appearing.” -2 Timothy 4: 7 and 8.

Lovingly known as “Di”, Diana was born January 17, 1940 in Terre Haute, Indiana, was raised in Lovell, Wyoming, and Sidney, Nebraska, where she graduated from high school in 1958. Her classmates and reunions were gatherings she always looked forward to. She attended the University of Wyoming until she married Nathan Reynolds “Nate” in 1961. They moved to Loveland, Colorado, in 1965, shortly after the birth of their only beloved child, Allison Ann. They were married for 62 years! Diana was a valued member of, and active in, a number of local organizations and clubs: Pi Beta Phi Sorority, PEO Sisterhood Chapter DR, Philo, Caleb Culture fellowship, Women’s Ministries, book club, and her lifelong friendships. She had a unique sense of style, and many artistic decorating talents. Diana worked over the years for local realtors, automobile dealership, and in women’s apparel as well as fundraising activities. She was a dog lover and often spoke of her dogs Honey and Maddy.

She was an enthused reader, loved politics, reading the newspaper and listening to great music. Diana and Nate’s shared love of Indian and western art collecting and attending local art functions was a much-enjoyed interest.

Diana will be remembered for her love of family, friends, her great smile, wonderful laugh and sense of humor. She was a cherished Mom to Allison, to her Christian women’s group daughters, and a devoted wife to Nate.

Diana is preceded in death by her parents, Donald C. and Natalie V. Albers. She is survived by husband, Nate; daughter, Allison Thompson; sister, Mary Kay Hadden (David); nephew, Sean Hadden and niece, Julie Larkin (Colin).

Celebration of Life service will be held at Citipointe Church Northern Colorado, 5656 McWhinney Blvd., Loveland, Colorado 80538, Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Reception to follow for Diana’s family and friends. Private interment for family to proceed the service at Resthaven Memory Gardens, Fort Collins, Colorado. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Citipointe Church Northern Colorado/ Women’s Ministry in her name.

# GRETCHEN L. BENNETT

Gretchen L Bennett, also known as “Grandy”, was born in Bruce, Wisconsin, the oldest daughter of William and Florence Sauer.

Gretchen confessed her hope in Christ during the later years of her life and was an active member of United Methodist Church in Fort Collins Colorado until her health declined. There she opened her heart to God and welcomed his spirit in, so that she may dwell eternally. One of her favorite passages was from Psalm 23.

Gretchen embodied an overwhelming loving personality and spread her charming warm spirit everywhere she went. She was able to light any room she entered with her smile, wit, and humorous demeanor. She loved teaching children, gardening and taking care of her family. She also enjoyed playing the piano, driving the elder’s van for her church and helping anyone she could.

Gretchen was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. Her lengthy career as a teacher began in Janesville, Wisconsin followed by numerous years in Thompson R2J School District in Loveland, CO. She was everyone’s favorite kindergarten teacher, including her granddaughter, Ashliia.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, W. Scott Bennett, Jr. and her first husband of nearly 30 years and father of her children, James E. Sendek.

Gretchen is survived by her sister, Kathryn Hubbard and her husband Tom of Sheboygan, WI, her son Greg Sendek and his wife, Lisa Weeks of Loveland, CO, her daughter Angela Sendek of Carr, CO, her grandchildren Ashliia Roberts and her husband Dante of Wellington, CO, Mookey Gilbert of Carr Co and Devenei Boettcher of Windsor, CO, her great granddaughters, Ajharii and Ajhianna and great grandson, Ghentry, her step-children Scott Bennett, III and his wife Rene and their children, Spencer and Lauren and Nancy Swansinger and her children, Jordan and Paige, numerous nieces and nephews and many dear friends, especially Jane Jones.

Inurnment will be at United Methodist Church, Fort Collins, CO. No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, Please consider a memorial donation to the Alzheimer’s Association in Gretchen’s name.

**PHILO  
MEMBER  
SINCE 1982**





# BARBARA MOORE

## PHILO MEMBER SINCE 1974

Barbara Ann Moore of Loveland, Colorado passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on February 28th. She was 82. Funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Loveland on Wednesday March 9th at 11:00 with Reverend Lee Anderson-Harris of the First United Methodist Church of Loveland officiating. Allnut Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Barb was born December 13, 1939 to Jessie and Alfred Bundy in Sterling, Colorado where she was raised. She attended Sterling High School and graduated in 1957. She attended Colorado State University before getting married to Lew Moore in 1959. She worked as an Executive Secretary at Cloverleaf Kennel Club for 32 years before retiring in 2008. She was active in various organizations including Philo and PEO, and she volunteered at the McKee Thrift Store after retiring.

Barb is preceded in death by her husband Lew Moore and her parents Jessie and Alfred Bundy. Barb is survived by Brothers Robert (Marilyn) and Gordon (Carolyn), sons Larry, Rick (Nally), Brad (Lisa) and Scott (Mary Lou), grand children Danny Bohnen (Shannon), Scotty Bohnen (Lize), Melissa (Moore) Tryan, Jessica Moore, Logan Moore and Eastyn Moore, and great-Grandchildren Cali Tryan, Kail Perez, Stella Bohnen, Elliot Bohnen, Blakely Bohnen and Asa Bohnen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church of Loveland, 533 Grant Ave, Loveland CO, 80537. The family wishes to express their gratitude to Jill Anstett, the nurses and CNA's at Banner Hospice, Allnut Funeral Home and all the many family and friends who were so special and did so much to make her final days so memorable.



# JANET BURTON

## PHILO MEMBER SINCE 1964

Janet E. Burton, beloved wife, mother and friend, passed away on June 19, 2022. Jan was raised on a farm in Valley Falls, Kansas with two wonderful, but mischievous brothers, which she easily kept up with in stride. After attending Cottey College in Missouri, she completed her music degree at the University of Kansas, where she met her future husband, Don Burton. After Don finished law school in Topeka, KS, they planned to drive across the country to find the perfect place to live. They made it as far as Loveland, which they have always considered to be perfect. Jan was President of the Girl Scout Council for many years and was an active member of the DR PEO, as well as **Philomatheon**. Jan loved playing the organ at the First United Methodist Church, which she did for 40 years. She also kept the

books for Don's law practice and later for her daughter Becky's practice. Jan and Don were big travelers and saw most parts of the world. They spent 18 months on a 55 foot yacht traveling the "Loop" through the rivers of the Midwest, into the Gulf, and back up the eastern seaboard. It was their favorite trip of all. Just the two of them on a wonderful adventure...much like their life. Jan is survived by her husband Don, and three children, Becky Aldrich, Amy Macuga and Chris Burton. Jan was blessed to have fourteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Services will be held at 2pm, Saturday, July 2nd at the United Methodist Church, 533 Grant Ave, Loveland. Donations can be made to the Girl Scouts of Colorado at: [https://girlscouts\\_ofcolorado.salsalabs.org/donate/index.html](https://girlscouts_ofcolorado.salsalabs.org/donate/index.html), Indicating Jan Burton on the "in memory of" line or checks can be mailed to: GSCO, 3801 E. Florida Ave., Ste. 720, Denver CO 80210. Mention Jan Burton in the notes field.



# BONNIE HANSON

## PHILO MEMBER SINCE 2000

Bonnie Bea (Bonewitz) Hanson, age 79, died Friday, June 3, 2022, at her home, following a courageous four-year long battle with metastatic breast cancer. Her family considers her a true hero for her fight. She never quit the battle until the day she died. She was born January 22, 1943, in Ottawa, Kansas, the daughter of E. Ralph Bonewitz and Cora Jane Stinson Bonewitz. Bonnie grew up in Manhattan, Kansas. She attended Bluemont Elementary school and graduated in 1961 from Manhattan High School. She graduated from Kansas State University with a BS in Home Economics Education. She went on to earn a Master's Degree through Kansas State University. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Bonnie is survived by her husband, Curt Hanson. She is also survived by three stepdaughters: Amy Downing (Michael) of Thousand Oaks,

California; Kate Greenly of Centennial, Colorado; and Tannis Hanson of Redwood City, California. Her five step grandchildren were the delight of her life: Ben, Grace and Lane Greenly of Centennial, Colorado; and Tate and Drew Downing of Thousand Oaks, California. Other survivors include her siblings: Connie Ulmer (John) of Topeka, Kansas; Don Bonewitz (Nancy) and Tom Bonewitz of Manhattan, Kansas; her seven nieces and nephews including two nieces she asked to be acknowledged, Susie Bussell (Ron) and Julie Streff (JR) both of Topeka, Kansas. She has 18 great nieces and nephews, a great-great niece and nephew and her Aunt Ruth Eversmeyer of Mt Juliette, Tennessee, along with numerous cousins. She also leaves many close friends and neighbors. Bonnie was an accomplished teacher, first in Kansas and then in Colorado, where she taught at Loveland High School for more than 30 years. She loved her students and was glad that she was able to maintain contact with some of them throughout the years. However, she continued teaching throughout her days, passing on tips on anything from cleaning to canning to how to make the best homemade cherry pie. Her strong Christian faith helped guide her through life. Bonnie was a member of Life Spring Covenant Church. She was enrolled in at least eight years of Bible Study Fellowship and would always donate the class books to others upon completion. She loved the Jesus Calling devotional and gave away at least fifty copies to those she thought could use it. Throughout the years, Bonnie volunteered for many organizations. She was an active member of PHILO for more than twenty years serving in various capacities. She was involved in the vocational scholarships committee of PHILO and served as chairperson for the committee many times. She was also active in the P.E.O. - Chapter GU. She worked tirelessly during the group's annual Colorado peach sales. Bonnie's strong work ethic was unmatched. She had a huge heart and was a very kind and generous woman. She was natural at caregiving her entire life. She enjoyed completing quilting projects, mastering beautiful jigsaw puzzles and reading. She was an avid flower and vegetable gardener. Her cherry trees were a highlight to her. She was a great cook and baker and loved preparing and serving food for others. She was very knowledgeable about nutrition. Bonnie loved her neighborhood and was grateful to her neighbors who were very generous of their time to her when she needed them most. Bonnie's family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Esther Mondo and her staff for providing excellent care and comfort during her cancer journey. Services will be held Sunday, June 12, at 2:00 pm at the Life Spring Covenant Church, Loveland, Colorado. Burial will be Monday, June 13, at 10:00 am at the Grandview Cemetery in Ft. Collins. Memorial contributions may be made to McKee Wellness Foundation - Breast Cancer Funds and sent to Kibbey Fishburn Funeral Home, 1102 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland, Colorado 80537.-



