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Task Force Update

Thank you for your participation in our November general meeting brainstorming session. It was an energetic, productive time. We focused on the Outreach committees: Alternatives to Violence, Blood Drives, Canned Food Drive, Food Basket Matching and Delivery, Integrated Early Childhood and Scholarships. Asking the three questions below, we were able to generate a lot of good ideas, as well as informing each other of the scope and purpose of these committees.



- What are the successes of your committee and how do they support our mission statement?
- What are the challenges and barriers facing your committee?
- What other resources in the Loveland/Berthoud community could you collaborate with to optimize your service goals?

The Task Force met in November and looked at the results of our discussions with an eye for what is working and what may need improving or paring to increase our effectiveness as an organization. We will be contacting the chairs of the committees to follow up on certain lines of exploration to gather more needed information.

For the January meeting we would like to use the same process to consider the Fund Raising

committees: the Golf Tournament, the Fall Shopping Extravaganza, and the Rotary Duck Race Ticket Sales. So choose one of those committees you would like to brainstorm and come to the meeting to give us your thoughts and vision.

This is a collective process and your input is essential.

See you in the New Year!

Joyce Krantz

Scholarship Committee

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, FEB. 2, 2013, 9-11 am.

All Scholarship Committee members, please plan to attend a Planning Session Breakfast Meeting at Diane Bakel's house on Saturday morning, Feb. 2, 2013 from 9-11 am. More information to follow regarding what to bring and directions to my house. See you there!

Mark Your Calendar!

6:00 PM January 8

The church will be open so committees can meet.

This Month's General Meeting

7:00 PM Tuesday, January 8

Trinity Lutheran Church

Blood Drive

February 19



Message from the President

Happy New Year
EVERYONE!!!!

Wow! Here we are the beginning of 2013. So many things to be thankful for in the past and looking forward to a bright future for our wonderful organization!

Philo will be 95 years old this year and is looking great! Thanks to the ladies on the task force who continue to keep us focused on Philo's continued success for the Loveland/Berthoud communities. At our next meeting we will be focusing on our fundraising efforts.

A BIG, HUGE, THANK YOU SHOUT OUT to *Ms. Mary Voggesser* for opening her house to all of our Philo members that were able to make it to the Philo Christmas party. Also, thank you to the Social Committee for assisting with the party! We had 68 ladies in attendance with one being a guest, 43 actives, 19 honoraries, and 5 emeritus. Wow! What a great turn out and such a fun evening of enjoyment and friendship. Congratulations to the Sunshine Committee for the Best Barbie Make Over. Several years ago, each committee chairperson had to take a Barbie and represent their committee. Juanita found the Barbies while cleaning out the old Philo storage shed. It was a great fun for everyone to cheer for their favorite Barbie. They will be making an appearance at our upcoming meetings.

Congratulations Kathi Wright and her committee for organizing an AWESOME canned food drive. The students of Bill Reed Middle School and Mountain View High School were great assistance in helping set up and tear down the event for us! We were able to give House of Neighborly services over 8,000 pounds of food to support their efforts!

I have one final shout out this month to our Food Basket Delivery and Matching committees! Thank

you to our members who volunteered to deliver food baskets supporting families and the elderly in Loveland/Berthoud this Christmas season. Also, a special thank you to those who donated money to the baskets! We were really able to assist and help out our community this holiday season!

This month our focus is on Forbearance – patient, self-control; restraint and tolerance. As I have been working with our task force, I have heard many positives and many concerns raised. Change is hard. We are an organization of over 100 women who have had many years in this organization and some who are very new. How do we combine the two perspectives to meet the needs of all of our members??? I ask everyone to have forbearance as the task force continues to persevere and bring ideas to the chair people and organization. The work we are attempting to do is always with the mindset of, “What is BEST for PHILO and its members?”

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on Tuesday, January 8. Eunice Holthusen, Eileen Huddle, and Diane Meuret will be our hostesses for the meeting.

Cheers!
Sheila

Newsletter Info!!



Newsletters galore! We are up and typing, formatting, proofing and printing away. Please remember the news comes from you, the members and committees, so stay in touch! Email Deb Fillion dlfillion@comcast.net with your articles.

Philo Newsletter Calendar:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Content Deadline</u>
February	Jan. 26
March	Feb. 23
April	March 23
May	April 27

Sunshine Committee Report



November Cards

Diane Bakel - Thinking of You - Husband (Bell's Palsey)
Shellie Gutierrez - Thinking of You - Daughter Surgery

December Cards - No cards sent!



December Birthdays

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Sally Moniger	2
Charlie Johnson	3
Jan Burton	5
Barbara Worden	8
Connie DuBois	12
Donna Beatty	13
Barbara Moore	13
Ruth Sprain	14
Nelda Peterman	18
Pat Farnham	20
Debbie Welzel	21
Miki Roth	24
Syd Fancher	25

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

January Birthdays

Kay Robinson	4
Phyllis Reimer	6
Nita Starr	8
Carol Kamtz	11
Julie Mahaffy	11
Lin Stokes	13
Vicki Thompson	16
Sharon Petersburg	17
Diana Reynolds	17
Diane Meuret	18
Angela Thompson	20
Bonnie Hanson	22

Bonnie Hanson and Mary Voggeser
Sunshine Co-Chairs

Member Information Changes

Please change the email for Mary Voggeser to mimivog@gmail.com

Trudy Eckhardt Web Administrator

Duck Race Committee

What is up with this weather? One day I am swimming around the pond enjoying the sun on my back and then the next day I have ice forming on my tail feathers. Burrrr! I hope you all had a great holiday! Wasn't the Philo Christmas party a blast! It was so fun to visit with everyone. I have started my training for the Rotary Duck Race to be held in August. It get's hard when the pond is frozen but I must carry on. Have you started to think about who you could sell Duck Race tickets too?

Hope to see you at the January meeting.

Paddles



Blood Drive Committee

Thank You to all who helped make the blood drive successful yet again. We collected 40 units on the dot, and had a few deferrals. We greatly appreciate those who made delicious treats (and the blood donors thank you too), and are thankful of those who were able to donate their time either working the blood drive or by donating blood. The next blood drive is Tuesday, February 19th from 9am until 5pm at the First United Methodist Church on Grant. Mark your calendars.

-Stephani Bradley and the Blood Drive Committee

Christmas Food Baskets

We sincerely thank all of you who shared your Christmas spirit by either delivering a food basket, or making a financial contribution toward this program the past holiday season.

There were a total of 262 families and elderly that received food baskets for 2012. Three churches, seven organizations/groups/clubs, and 33 non-Philo community members helped deliver baskets or contributed financially. As in the past, Philo had wonderful participation by our members. 107 Philo women participated by delivering at least one basket or making a financial contribution. In addition, the Food Basket Delivery committee delivered 29 baskets. Considering the fact that this activity is not a “required” Philo responsibility, we believe that once again, 2012 was a highly successful year.

A special thank you to the Food Basket Matching committee members who were always willing to help in any way possible: Shellie Gutierrez, Dona Menzies, Jennifer Bao, Pam Clifford, Susan Kuhn, Judy Potter and Toni Wallace – you are wonderful women to work with!

The Christmas Food Basket program has been part of Philo and the Loveland Community since 1918. As you know, both recipients and donors benefit from this widespread effort. We thank you so much for being part of this project for the 2012 season.

With great appreciation,

Denise Olson
Food Basket Matching Committee

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