

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS



this program the past holiday season.

We sincerely thank all of you who shared your Christmas spirit by either delivering a food basket or making a financial contribution toward

There were a total of 255 families or elderly individuals that received food baskets for 2014. Three churches, six organizations/groups/clubs, and 27 non-Philo community members helped deliver baskets or contributed financially. As in the past, Philo had wonderful participation by our members. 101 Philo women participated by delivering at least one basket or making a financial contribution. The Christmas Food Baskets Committee, with the help of several additional Philo women, delivered 25 baskets. In addition, our new community minded fall fundraising event, "Dine Out With Heart" provided further funding used to purchase gift cards for Philo women to use if they so desired to supplement the baskets they made and delivered. The fact that this activity is not a "required" Philo responsibility shows that once again 2014 was a highly successful year.

A special thank you to the Christmas Food Basket committee members who were always willing to help in any way possible: Dona Menzies, Pam White Trish Malik, Dianna Boehner, Heather Morrison, and Toni Wallace. You are wonderful women to work with!

The Christmas Food Baskets 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 2014 season.

With great appreciation,  
Denise Olson, Chairwoman, Christ Food Baskets Committee

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The canned food drive of 2014 went well. We picked up 482 boxes from various elementary and middle schools. The Bill Reed middle school students worked very hard to unpack and sort all the boxes and got everything done despite the fact that their school was on a 2 hour lockdown.

Our members helped by sorting and straighten the categories, making sure everything was in the right place and by 4 p.m. everything was ready to go for pick up. We filled a total of 303 baskets for families and seniors here in Loveland.

We have already met with the Food Basket Matching and Dine Out With Heart chairwomen to see how we can improve this experience for our members and several changes will go into effect next year.

Thank you every one that participated in this very worthwhile event!  
Gerta Fereday and Denise Rhoades,  
2014 Co-Chairwomen, Canned Food Drive Committee



## DINE OUT WITH HEART

***“A community  
without hunger is  
a community with  
heart.”***



In 1918, a community need was observed and a service project began of giving a Christmas food basket to local people needing assistance with getting adequate food, thus starting the Philo organization. That event developed into a holiday tradition that has been fulfilled every year since. Over time the program expanded and changed in various ways and in the past several years the program has focused on helping the families in the Early Childhood Program and clients, mostly elderly, that are affiliated with Catholic Charities.

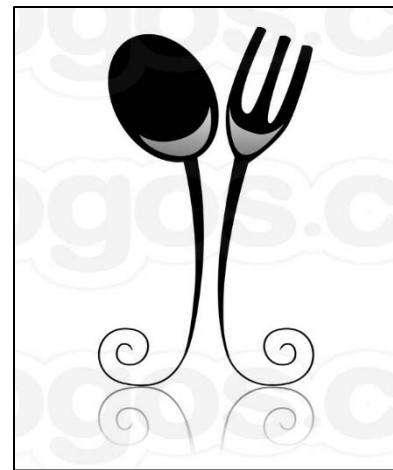
During Philo's year of seeking ways to improve our organization, the committee was asked to take an objective look at the program and see what could be done to make the event more productive and less costly to the Philo members. After literally hundreds of hours over a two year period, Dine Out With Heart was established by a group of extremely dedicated women to the cause of eliminating hunger in our community, especially focusing on Loveland's hungry children.

After a very successful first year, I would like to acknowledge and thank the women that have spent so much time in addressing Philo and the communities needs which have developed into friendships that will be long lasting. First I want to thank the original team that spent over a year coming up with the idea and ways to actually implement the fundraiser. Thank you to Jennifer Wilson, Denise Olson and Shellie Gutierrez. You girls will hold a special place in my heart forever. A special thanks to three outstanding women that took Dine Out With Heart to the "next level" that I never could have accomplished without their expertise! They are Kathy Loken as Marketing Executive, Mary Stark as Design Artist and Diane Lauer as Webmaster. Thank you to the other committee members that communicated with the

restaurants and made sure the event went smoothly. They are Sue Lussenhop, Betty Brammer, Trish Malik, and Denise Rhoades. Lastly, a very gracious thank you to all of you Philo women who helped in other various ways and gave your support and encouragement throughout the year.

I am proud and grateful to be associated with Philo and with all you outstanding women with tremendous hearts and a willingness to serve our community!

Sincerely, Dona Menzies,



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

**Cards sent:** Johnna Cabrera sympathy - mother passed away.

Kandi Smith thinking of you - Breast cancer and surgery. She is doing well!

**Meals:** Linda Hollingshed - knee replacement. Toni Wallace's team provided a meal.

Mary Voggesser,  
Chairwoman, Sunshine Committee



## Message from the President



*No matter what happened in 2014,  
the new year ahead offers  
opportunities to start again -  
better, stronger and wiser.  
Mandy Hale*

As we look back over 2014, Philo members have a lot to be proud of and which to be thankful for. Through our efforts with the golf tournament, Dine Out With Heart, the Shopping Extravaganza and the work of the Blood Drive, Integrated Early Childhood, Canned Food and Christmas Basket committees, we as an organization have had a favorable impact on many lives. Of course we will always strive to improve our programs but I feel that the original intent of our organization has been served.

Looking forward to the coming year we will continue to focus on increasing our membership with women who enjoy philanthropic endeavors as well as the fellowship of the group.

We all enjoyed the Christmas party on December 9th at Stella Taylor's beautiful home. We had a great turnout and wonderful food!

Plans for the 2015 golf tournament are in full swing and it is scheduled for Friday, June 19th. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. The money for scholarships that Philo gives annually is totally derived from the golf tournament, so full membership support is very important.

*As we look to the new year, hold on to what is good.  
Let go of what is bad. It really is that simple.  
Mandy Hale*

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next general meeting, Tuesday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. The hall will be open early for any committee that wants to meet before the monthly meeting.

Best regards,

Judy Grommon, Philo President, 2014-15



## Early Childhood

Thank you, Philo sisters for helping Santa fill his bag with fun books for the TSD Early Childhood classrooms. More than sixty books for children ages three to five years were brought to our Philo Christmas party.

A few of the Early Childhood Committee members were Santa's helpers at a December 19th TSD teachers meeting delivering these books along with a Numbers Beanbag Set for each of the 23 classrooms participating in the Early Childhood Literacy Program at TSD.

Thanks, Susan Kuhn, Chairwoman, Early Integrated Childhood Committee

## EXTRA CHRISTMAS GIFT!



Philo members generously stepped up to the plate with wonderful delights for the Christmas party. A gift of the extra fruit was made to the Community Kitchen. Thank you, Phyllis for your beautiful fruit trays!

Below is a special thanks from the Community Kitchen:

Dear Philo Members,

A big thank you for donating fruit to the Community Kitchen. We can always use fruit and we appreciate your thinking of us.

Lu Ball, director  
Community Soup Kitchen





## FROM THE PHILO SCRAPBOOKS

### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET PROGRAM IN 1935

As we reflect on the success of this year's Christmas Food Baskets project, we should remember that this has been a long standing tradition for Philo.

The first reference to the food baskets that I found in the scrapbooks was in December 1935. A news article entitled, "PHILO GIRLS TO DISTRIBUTE YULE BASKETS TO 120 NEEDY FAMILIES," began with the words, "Once again...." So although our scrapbooks don't go back any earlier, this was not the first year of the food baskets.

The article goes on to say, "This evening they will leave Christmas baskets at the homes of needy aged persons as they make their rounds of the city singing Christmas carols and tomorrow afternoon will visit the needy boys and girls leaving them food, candy and toys."

The 45 Philo members spent approximately \$200, which were contributions of \$150 from the Rialto Theater, \$30 from their own fund, and \$25 in donations. The baskets contained a fresh roast, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, cereal, butter, rice, soup, apples, oranges, prunes, candy and toys. Rainbow Girls filled stockings with candy. Boy Scouts, Campfire Girls, and Young Business Builders gathered and fixed toys. Trucks were furnished by local car dealerships and the City of Loveland.

Philo also arranged a party for 24 girls in high school and the 8th grade who had need of assistance to attend school. Each girl was presented with "a useful gift."

The distribution of holiday food baskets continued to be a community effort with the Elks Club, the Rialto Theater, and other service groups for many

years. Times change and the program has evolved into its present form. Of all the projects that Philo has sponsored over the years, this one is the most enduring.

Linda Stangel

## *Pic's from the 2014 Philo Christmas Party*



Stella Taylor, our gracious hostess, embracing



Christmas party guests Shellie Gutierrez, Mary Starck and Judy Grommon



Heather Morrison, Stella Taylor, Jeanne Findley and Sue Lussenhop setting out the great spread for the Philo Christmas party.



## **YEARBOOK ADITIONS/CHANGES:**

It is that time of year to double check your yearbook and correct the necessary changes in your yearbook that have occurred since September, to keep your yearbook up to date. This way your yearbook will be current with Philo's database as of December 31st 2014. The following are a few additions/changes to the 2014-2015 Yearbook:

### **September Yearbook Additions/Changes:**

1. Philo Committee Descriptions: Christmas Food Baskets: Add the following sentence to the end of this committee's description. "This committee also delivers baskets to recipients."

2. Add to the first page of the Membership Directory:

Diane Bakel  
2726 E. State Hwy #60  
Loveland, Colorado 80537  
Phone: 669-1288 Alt. Phone: 443-2101  
bakeld@skybeam.com  
Member since 1992 - H

3. Sunshine Teams:  
Team #12 delete Gwen Stephenson  
Add Gwen Stephenson in Team #13

4. Active Member Telephone Tree:  
Group #2 add Bonnie Hanson's name between Barbara Giesey and Linda Hollingsed.

5. Philo Birthdays: Remove the last three names in January (Coleen Ligothke 27, Ann Ellis 29, and Ginger Shearer 29) and place these names at the end of the names in May. Also remove Stephani Bradley's name from February and place it in April between Diane Lauer and Diane Bakel.

6. Deb Fillion's new cell number is 222-1137.

7. Karen Vinal's new e-mail address is vinalkaren@gmail.com .

### **October Yearbook Additions/Changes:**

1. Add Barb Dieterie to Canned Food Drive Committee.

2. Florence Doksansky's phone number is 663-1264

3. Change Stella Taylor's e-mail address to: stellataylor44@yahoo.com  
Birthday: 12/2

### **Resignations:**

Lesli Cochran  
Vicki Thompson

### **November Yearbook Additions/Changes:**

1. Becky Aldrich's email address has changed to: becky@burtonandburtonlaw.com

2. Add Barb Dieterie to Canned Food Drive Committee

### **Resignation:**

Christina Huff

### **December Yearbook additions/ Changes:**

1. Margaret Crespo Alt Phone#: 602-524-1220  
Birthday: 12/8

2. Karen Vinal Alt Phone#: 667-9215  
Birthday: 6/29

3. Leonie Shannon's new address is  
6300 Eagle Pass Court,  
N. Las Vegas, Nevada 89084-2005

Reminder: Referring to the members who have resigned from Philo, don't forget to delete them from Committees, Sunshine Teams, Phone Trees, and Birthday List.

Thanks,  
Web Staff

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## Newsletter Info!!

For future reference, here are the deadlines for submitting content for the monthly newsletters. Stay in touch!

Send articles to me as a word document, or simply in the body of an email. Send to [juanita@lpbroadband.net](mailto:juanita@lpbroadband.net)



*Philo Bunco babes!  
Enough said....*



Please call if you have any questions.  
Juanita Cisneros  
663-3642

Philo Newsletter  
Calendar:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Content Deadline</u>
November	Oct. 28
January	Dec. 30
February	Jan. 27
March	Feb. 24
April	March 31
May	April



**Mark Your  
Calendar!**

**6:00 PM January 13**

The church will be open so committees can meet.

**This Month's General Meeting**  
**7:00 PM Tuesday January 13**  
Trinity Lutheran Church

## *Presenting the Philo Board of Officers for 2014-2015*

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