

Mark Your Calendar!

General Meeting
January, Jan. 8, 7 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

Facility will be open from 6 pm to 7 pm for
committee meetings.

**Happy
New Year!**

Share Your News

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: starckm@msn.com

Please call if you have any questions.

Mary Starck - 970-214-4332

<u>Month</u>	<u>Content Deadline</u>
February	Jan. 26
March	Feb. 23
April	Mar. 23
May	Apr. 27
June, July & Aug.	none
September	Aug. 24
October	Sept. 21
November	Oct. 26

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Message From Our President

Dear Philo Sisters

In reflecting on 2018, it was truly a wonderful year for Philo!

The year wrapped up with a very successful canned food drive to reduce hunger in our community. The students in Thompson R2J rallied and collected the cans to fill all of the 'baskets' to be delivered to our families in need. DOWH supported this venture with King Soopers gift cards to be included so the recipients can purchase other items for their holiday meals.

Philo members gathered at the beautiful home of Jennifer Wilson for our annual Holiday Party. It was a wonderful time for celebrating the accomplishments of our organization, sharing amazing food, and a little holiday cheer. Thank you, Jennifer!

I look forward to 2019 and continuing our service to our community. We have a lot of work to do in the coming months, so enjoy the holidays, get a little rest, and get ready to roll!

Jeanne Findley

*Be somebody who makes everybody feel
like a somebody.*



December

Sally Moninger 2
Stella Taylor 2
Charlie Johnson 3
Jan Burton 5
Barbara Worden 8
Connie DeBois 12
Donna Beatty 13
Barbara Moore 13
Gwen Stephenson 13
Ruth Sprain 14
Pat Farnham 20
Miki Roth 24
Syd Fancher 25
Mary Starck 25

January

Diane McIntuff 2
Kay Robinson 4
Phyllis Reimer 6
Nita Starr 8
Julie Mahaffy 11
Lin Stokes 13
Cindy Glass 14
Diana Reynolds 17
Diane Meuet 18
Bonnie Hanson

Sunshine Committee cards sent:

Get well to Karen Bentrott after a fall around Thanksgiving time.

Dec. 1st A second “thinking of you” card to Bonnie Hanson during her treatments for metastasis breast cancer. Bonnie would welcome cards and phone calls during this difficult time.

Dec. 8th A “get well” card to Joyce Matthias. Joyce was hospitalized during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dec. 8th A “thinking of you” card sent to Ann Moore who is at home under hospice care.

Any Philo needs, happy or sad, call:

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Sunshine Committee



Successful 2018 Philo/Thompson Schools Canned Food Drive

The success of the Philo/Thompson Schools Canned Food Drive was measured in smiles, numbers, and in the cheerful “thank you’s” from volunteers. This year 19 schools participated in the drive with over 660 boxes distributed. Philo members helped with box delivery and pick-up, sorting cans, bringing snacks, organizing the tables, and boxing up cans for delivery to House of Neighborly Service. Community members who helped included 330 Bill Reed students, Mormon missionaries, and husbands and friends of Philo members. Exodus Moving and Storage coordinated the pick-up of boxes from twelve schools with the use of a large moving van and two of their workers.

Philo members, church members, and members of non-profit organizations gathered cans and packaged food for 200 holiday baskets.

Remaining cans and packaged foods from the Philo Canned Food Drive were donated to House of Neighborly Service.

The amount of food donated to HNS has increased in recent years.

In 2018: 7,474 lbs. of food were donated

In 2017: 7,364 lbs. of food were donated

In 2016: 5,790 lbs. of food were donated

In 2015: 5,271 lbs. of food were donated

Thank you to all Philo members who assisted with the canned food drive! Through your efforts and generosity, hundreds of families will enjoy a holiday dinner and filled panty.



Early Childhood

Here's the news:

First and foremost thank you all for the donations of books and clothing to the Early Childhood Program at the Christmas Party. A great deal of thanks to Brianna Smith for the Barnes and Noble gift certificate that she acquired from RBB Architects. We are in good shape for the Christmas bag books but the gift certificate is needed for the annual April literacy fair. Again thank you!

Bags with books and some goodies for the teachers are assembled for each of the 24 Early Childhood classrooms and delivered to the Early Childhood Christmas Party on Dec.21. The clothing is divided between the 13 schools with Early Childhood classrooms based on how many classrooms are in the school. The staff at the Thompson School District is always very appreciative.

In August we delivered 140 school supply bags and Pete the Cat books with story board figures for 24 classrooms. 6 classrooms requested flannel boards which we made and delivered in October.

After the 1st of the year we will begin making sock puppets for some of the classrooms. Thank you to all committee members who put in their time shopping, assembling, and making things.

Judy

Christmas Food Baskets

Our Philo members filled 112 baskets and gave \$725 in donations. DOWH donation was \$1990 and with the discount from King Soopers we were able to order eighty-four \$20 gift cards for seniors, twenty \$40 gift cards for small families and eight \$50 gift cards for large families. We had several other groups participate and together 189 baskets were filled at the canned food drive.

Thank you very much and best wishes from the Christmas Food Basket Committee:

Gerta Fereday, Susan Kuhn, Karen Vinal, Tammy Brannen-Smith, Brianne Smith, Sue Taigman, Sue Trumbo & Patti Gabelman.

Philo Book Club

Philo Book Club began in 2000, under the aegis of Susan Ericson, a former Philo member. We meet at Group Publishing the last Thursday of the month at 10:15 with each member of the group taking turns leading the discussion. We welcome new participants to our group for lively discussion and an optional lunch afterwards in the Café. We meet for a holiday luncheon in December when the group decides on the books and discussion leaders for the following year.

Please contact Susan Linden at sclinden@comcast.net to be added to the email list for reminders and updates.

This year we are doing the following books but the order of the reading is still subject to change at this time.

January 31 st	Dreamers of the Day	Mary Doria Russell
February 28 th	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owen
March 28 th	The Great Unknown	Kristin Hannah
April 25 th	Red Notice	Bill Browder
May 30 th	Educated-A Memoir	Tara Westover
June 27 th	The Hideaway	Laren Denton
July 25 th	Beartown	Fredrik Backman
August 29 th	The Woman in the Window	A.J. Flinn
September 26 th	Where the Wind Leads: A Refugee Family's Miraculous Story of Loss, Rescue and Redemption	Dr. Vinh Chung
October 31 st	Transatlantic	Colum McCann
November 21 st	The Invention of Wings	Sue Monk Kidd
December 5 th	Tentative Luncheon date	



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