

NEWSLETTER

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Mark Your Calendar!

General Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Church

- * A signup overview of 2019-20 committees
- * Nominations of officers and new members

Church will be open at 6 for committee meetings.

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.

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Month Content Deadline

April March 23 May April 27

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Message From Our President

Dear Philo Sisters

The wait is nearly over—Spring is almost here! For our 'snow birds', welcome back! For those that stayed and endured the crazy winter—get those spring and summer clothes ready—time for sunshine!

Our February meeting was very special. Not just because of the Valentine's atmosphere and reflecting on our history through our video but, because of the number of prospective members that were in attendance. It appears that we will have a large group of new members. That's exciting!

WE NEED YOU to volunteer for one of our Board positions. Yes, YOU! We need a Vice President to work along side next year's President, Shannon Voggesser. Shannon is an excellent leader and will help the transition into the President's role the following year. We are very grateful to Pam Stevens for her contributions this year as our Recording Secretary—unfortunately, her other commitments do not allow her to continue next year. So, we need a Recording Secretary for the upcoming year. Please consider one of these positions! We are thankful that Natalie Parker and Stephanie Butts will continue in their current roles. In March, we will have the first reading of the prospective members with voting in April. We will also have the first reading of Vice President-elect and Recording Secretary-elect.

Our committees are continuing their great work and we never know what surprises they may have for us.

Enjoy the remaining days of winter and I'll see you in March!

Jeanne Findley, President

Gossip dies when it enters the ears of the wise.



March

Janice Marchman 2
Ruth Swanty 4
Dottie Childers 18
Mary Fulkrod 6
Joan Putlack 6
Sheila Pottorff 8
Helen Wilson 12
Jan Dougherty 17
Dottie Childers 18
Mary Schacht 19
Georgia Torson 24
Susan Trumbo 25
Joyce Caufman 31

These birthdays bestow happiness upon Philo this month.

Sunshine Committee cards sent:

A sympathy card was sent February 14 to Janet Knox, longtime Philo honorary on the death of her mother. She lived alone until a month before her death, 24 days before her 105th birthday. A long life, well lived.

Thanks to team members who provided refreshments for Jim Roorda's Memorial Service.

Please keep Sharon Sheets in your thoughts and prayers.

Any Philo needs, happy or sad, call us:

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Sunshine Committee

ROTARY DUCK RACE

It's time to get "Quacking".

The Rotary Duck Race proceeds help promote literacy in the Thompson School District by providing Chrome books or iPads for use in grade school classrooms and scholarships for selected high school students.

Rotary Duck Race tickets will be on sale at the March meeting. In the event that the tickets have not been printed, you may purchase them now and pick them up at the April meeting. The cost is \$20 for 7 tickets.

Please bring cash or check made out to PHILO (memo: Duck Race) to March meeting. Bring address labels to affix to the stubs to save having to write information seven times. Philo receives an 80/20 split with Rotary. Philo gets \$16 of the \$20! This is a major fundraising project to cover committee expenses. Philo women who cannot attend please have a Philo sister bring your check or cash to get your tickets.

Questions:

Barbara Giesey, Chairwoman, <u>Barbara@barbaragiesey.com</u> or 970-222-4035 Rotary Duck Race Ticket Sales

Linda Stangel, LindaStangel@gmail.com or 970-443-1328

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee has met and divided up the schools and counselors to contact to get applications for our vocational scholarships. All have been contacted and the website updated to allow online information and applications. The postmark deadline for applications is March 22, 2019. Some of our best applicants come from Philo members who can personally recommend to someone they know. Remember applicants do not have to be a student. We also give scholarships to anyone that Resides in the Thompson R2J school district that has been accepted into a vocational program for the coming year (2019-2020), such as FRCC, Aims, etc. There are programs for Medical Assistants, Plumbers, Electricians, and many others. Not everyone needs to go to a 4 year University to satisfy their dreams and ambitions.

Since the Philo Golf Tournament was started in order to fund vocational scholarships, we have awarded over \$170,000! This is a huge contribution that affects people's lives, not just for today, but always. Be sure to support the Philo Golf Tournament this summer, because that is how we are able to award these scholarships!

Miki Roth Chairman

GOLF TOURNAMENT

All wheels are in motion and we are getting into critical planning time of our tournament. As mentioned last month our immediate need from the organization as a whole is help donating and putting together gift baskets for give-a-ways. There will definitely be a sign up sheet at the March meeting. Please keep in mind we like to have the value of goods in the basket as close to \$100 as possible. You do NOT need to spend a dime yourself. Consider contacting local vendors goods or services to add to your basket. You can prepare one alone or join with other members to create. If I sound like I'm pleading - I am.

We will also have a sign up sheet for members who are willing to help with day of tournament tasks. These tasks are anything from checking golfers in, sitting at the hole in one, taking photos of golfers and lots of other things. In other words, it takes a village and we need your help.

If you have any questions at all regarding the tournament, please feel free to give me a call any time.

Respectfully, Cindy Kurtz, Chairman

Check it out at: https://www.philoevents.org

DOWH NEWS

The Dine Out With Heart committee met and decided on how to allocate the remaining funds from the 2018 fundraiser. The receiving non-profits are required to fill out a grant application with an explanation of how much money they are requesting and how it will be used. We were pleased to have met almost all the requested amounts from the applicants.

At the March general membership meeting, I will give more details of how the receiving non-profits will be using their grant money. For now, we granted the Community Kitchen \$3000, Thompson Education Foundation for the homeless \$4225 (including the wonderful discount that King Soopers gives us as a non-profit) and LHS student food assistance of \$500.

In the past we have helped other non-profits not listed above. They did not request funding assistance for various reasons, but we will still stay in contact with them for future help they might need.

We were also able to give \$1500 of saved 2017 funds to FHS. FHS, along with other schools, have had difficulties with maintaining food pantries that comply with all the federal and state regulations. This is still an ongoing problem for the district to address how the schools can help food insecure students. KidsPak, FHS, and the Dine Out With Heart committee members met to discuss and make plans on how to go forward with this situation. We have also met with TEF about these same concerns and possible solutions.

The Dine Out With Heart committee has been brainstorming ideas how to improve the fundraiser and generate more funds, especially since the participating businesses' success is not something the committee can control, no matter how much we try to help them. One of the ideas is to get more sponsorships which we have been diligently attempting and we are elated to say that Nutrien is a new sponsor and will be donating \$5000 to the 2019 October fundraiser! Woot! Woot!

If you would like clarification on any of this, please let me know and thank you for all the support you ladies have given to the Dine Out With Heart committee.

Dona Menzies

3RD ANNUAL KIDSPAK CITY WIDE FOOD DRIVE March 8, 9 & 10

Your help is needed.

This is a great opportunity to work with our partners in eliminating hunger in our community. It's rewarding to witness firsthand the generosity of our community.

Below is a brief description of the help that is needed and a link to sign up.

KidsPak March Food Drive:

Grocery Store Greeter - work two hour shifts greeting customers, sharing information about KidsPak and collecting food.

Adult and High School students sign up at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0844abaa28abf58-kidspak3



COMMITTEE SIGNUPS

Committee sign-ups for 2019-2020 will be conducted online again as we have done the last few years. The sign-up window will be the last two weeks of March, opening on Sunday, March 17 and closing on Saturday, Match 30. We will send written step-by-step instructions in an email just before the sign-up window opens. (Don't worry – it's a super easy sign-up process!) Be thinking about what committee(s) you would like to serve on next year. Don't forget to consider signing up for a hostess position too!

Thanks!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

Here is the grand finale of the Early Childhood sock puppet project and a few of the ladies that made them. Miki and Cheryl are missing from the picture. Great job ladies!!





SAVE THE DATE

Philo Member Appreciation Social
The Garden Room
May 14th

More information coming soon!



Spring Forward March 10th