

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2011

President Juanita Cisneros called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 54 members present--44 active, 9 honorary, and 1 emeritus. We observed a moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day.

Juanita thanked hostesses: Marian Maggi, Joan Putlack, Natalie Parker, and Jennifer Wilson. Miki Roth introduced prospective members Katie Rau and Jennifer Danielson. Joyce Krantz presented Rosemary Moore, and Shannon Voggesser introduced Angela Thompson.

Scholarship recipients, Lucas Isakson and Tammy White, expressed their gratitude to Philo members for scholarships that enable them to attend two-year programs at Front Range Community College. Luke, a recent high school graduate, plans to work in natural resource and wildlife management. While attending college, he is building his resume by volunteering at a wildlife rehabilitation center in Lyons. Tammy is completing pre-requisite work toward certification as an ultrasound technician (sonographer). Tammy, whose husband died last September, is juggling work, school, and care for her three children (ages 17, 16, and 12). Inspirational stories like these remind us of why we work hard to make the Golf Scramble and Scholarship Committee a success.

OFFICER REPORTS

President Juanita Cisneros announced that Kathi Wright will serve as co-chair of the Canned Food Drive.

The Christmas party this year will be held at the home of Peggy Pellizzari at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 13. Members are encouraged to car pool. Anyone needing a ride should contact Marthann Dahlen. Also, we will again collect books (suitable for 3-4 years old) for Early Childhood. Peg Isakson will look into providing bookplate labels.

Recording Secretary Linda Stangel: A motion, made by Trudy Eckhardt and seconded by Cindy Kurtz, was approved to accept the October 2011 minutes as published.

Corresponding Secretary Connie Ephland read a note from Barb Giesey thanking Philo and the Sunshine Team for providing a meal after the death of her mother.

Treasurer Peggy Pellizzari reported a balance of \$15,537.84 in the general fund and \$19,812.40 in the golf/scholarship fund. This meeting is the deadline for dues payment. To date, 46 of 63 active members and 21 of 50 honoraries have paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Food Basket Delivery: Sharon Petersburg is able to resume her position as chair of this committee although she will be away at delivery time. She expressed thanks to Dona Menzies for helping to get things started.

Food Basket Matching: Dona Menzies reported that her committee has been making calls. Names will be assigned by Thanksgiving. Recipients are screened by Catholic Charities and Early Childhood and are not receiving on-going services from the House of Neighborly Services. A letter of instructions will outline the process of calling families to set a date for delivery and find out preferences. Donors can pick up items from the Canned Food Drive on Saturday, December 3. A gift certificate OR fresh food (not both) should be included to supplement the canned food. Send money donations to Peggy Pellizzari by November 20. Make out checks to "Philo" with "Christmas Food Baskets" in the memo line. A question was raised about giving toys or clothes since the children's ages are included on the form. Other organizations use this information. Our purpose is to provide a meal. Anything else is optional.

Publicity: Amy Hummel, with some good-natured harassment from the back of the room, described the various Philo shirts available for order. They come in short sleeve, ¾ length sleeve, sleeveless, and V-neck. Purple, light pink, hot pink, white, and black are available, depending on style, and prices vary from \$20 to \$30. Order now from Peg Isakson or Peggy Pellizzari to receive at the Christmas party. Orders will again be taken in February.

Sunshine Committee: Carol Albers reported on the cards sent between September 28 and October 24 (see newsletter for specifics). Sunshine Team #4, led by Carol Helzer, provided a meal for Barbara Giesey, whose mother died. Sunshine Team #3, led by Judy Potter, provided a meal for LaVerne Macy, whose husband died. November birthdays were read with special mention that LaVerne Macy will celebrate her 90th birthday on November 16. Buster Jesik, son of Juanita Cisneros, received his Rock Climbing Guide certification from the American Mountain Guide

Association. Buster joins an elite group of 184 guides worldwide who have completed the three-year course that culminated this year in an on-site test in Nevada.

Shopping Extravaganza: Judy Grommon announced that the proceeds from the Shopping Extravaganza were \$2114.41, about \$14 less than last year. We split the raffle money with six other organizations. Several members won gift certificates, and two vacation trips were won by women who bought Philo tickets. Plans for next year include earlier communication via e-mail to generate more sales. Judy acknowledged the following top ticket sales: Peggy Pellizzari-8, Shellie Gutierrez-9, Marthann Dahlen and Cindy Kurtz-10, and Kathy Loken-15. Kathy received a gift bag from the Outlets at Loveland.

Golf Scramble: Cindy Kurtz has golf items for sale. Johna Cabrera reported that Philo members may volunteer to put together themed gift baskets for the Golf Scramble drawing this year. We will still put together baskets from donations made by local businesses. Further details will be available in January, but you might be looking for items and ideas during your Christmas shopping.

Blood Drive: The first Garth Englund sponsored blood drive had 50 donors and yielded 45 pints. That is down significantly. A large ad, paid for by Garth Englund, may have attracted some walk-ins. Bonfils has been contacting previous donors and may have lured them to other sites. Members are encouraged to donate blood themselves, invite others, and write messages on Facebook.

Social Committee: Marne Engleking led us in some team building activities involving hula-hoops, agility, and many laughs. AJ Gantt announced a wine tasting event in conjunction with Wilbur's to be held on February 4, 2012, at 6:30. There is a limit of 40, so e-mail AJ (mybodygarage@gmail.com) to make your reservation.

Canned Food Drive: Jan Dougherty asked members to sign up for some remaining slots for snacks and drivers. The boxes have been set up.

Newsletter: There will be no December newsletter. Deadline for the January newsletter will be early: December 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02. The next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 7:00. An invitation with details and directions will follow via mass e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stangel
Recording Secretary