

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2012

President Sheila Pottorff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 56 members present, 42 active and 14 honorary members.

In preparation for the Task Force activity, everyone was asked to sit at a table representing an outreach committee: Scholarship, Alternatives to Violence, Early Childhood, Canned Food Drive, Basket Matching/Basket Delivery, and Blood Drives.

WELCOME

President Sheila Pottorff read a quotation about bringing harmony, one of the six characteristics in Philo's motto, into our personal lives and relationships with others.

She thanked this month's hostesses: Kay Robinson, Rita Harden, Miki Roth, Judy Grommon. She introduced Lynette Soles, a guest and potential member sponsored by Heather Morrison and Juanita Cisneros.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE—SCARF TYING

Anna Gutierrez from Cloz taught us several ways to tie different types of scarves. She gave each of us a \$10 gift certificate, good until January 30, 2013. Phyllis Polucha won the drawing prize, a red scarf. Those wishing to learn more about tying scarves may try www.scarves.net and "25 Ways to Wear a Scarf" video on YouTube.

TASK FORCE

Sheila presented a mission statement for consideration. It was accepted by those present.

Mission Statement: *Philo is a women's organization that provides friendship and service to the Loveland/Berthoud community.*

Joyce Krantz introduced the activity. The chair of each committee facilitated a conversation about three questions:

- 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?

A recorder wrote committee responses on chart paper. At the end, each committee shared its responses.

The discussions and sharing of responses revealed that committees may need to clarify and/or re-evaluate their goals and to look for more effective use of resources. The activity helped everyone have a better understanding of the various programs that we support.

The task force will meet at the home of Juanita Cisneros at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 27, to analyze the responses. Future meetings will be dedicated to club operations and fundraising committees.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President, Sheila Pottorff announced that Mary Voggesser has generously offered to hold the Christmas party at her home. The Social Committee will help the officers in providing refreshments. In lieu of a gift exchange, members are asked to bring a new or gently used children's book for the TSD Early Childhood classrooms.

Vice-President, Heather Morrison is looking for members who would be willing to become a sponsor for ladies who have requested membership but do not have a sponsor.

Recording Secretary, Linda Stangel thanked Kathy Loken for her suggestion to include the minutes when the newsletter is sent out. She asked for approval of the October 9, 2012, minutes. A motion, made by Shellie Gutierrez and seconded by Judy Potter, was approved.

Corresponding Secretary, Pam Pellizzari, had no correspondence to report. No new resignations!!!

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari reported a General Fund balance of \$17,477.34 and a Golf Fund balance of \$19,300.67. Some of the scholarship money has not yet been disbursed. She reminded members to pay their dues: \$35 for actives and \$15 for honoraries.

Historian, Juanita Cisneros presented this month's "This Date in Philo." She read a poem about thankfulness from the November 1939 Philo meeting. Sheila announced that Juanita and Linda have volunteered to organize the boxes of Philo records that have been passed from president to president.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood: Florence Doksansky reminded us that volunteers are still needed to sew for their project. She thanked those who have made donations of notions and other sewing supplies. She also handed out a request for books for EC classrooms.

Blood Drive: Florence Doksansky announced that the next Blood Drive is Tuesday, November 20. The sign-up sheets were circulated.

Shopping Extravaganza: Judy Grommon reported that we made \$2,469.05 on the Shopping Extravaganza. We received \$1160 for the sale of 116 tickets plus \$773.05 from the raffle, etc. Philo raised \$460 in donations and \$76 in the sale of ornaments and scarves. Last year we sold 148 tickets and brought in \$2114.41.

Sunshine: Bonnie Hanson reported that since the latest newsletter she had sent a Thinking of You card to Diane Bakel, whose husband is improving. She read the November birthdays.

Rotary Duck Race Tickets: Eileen Huddle brought Paddles the Duck. He is lying low and wearing a disguise in fear of becoming a Thanksgiving dinner. Eileen read some relevant definitions from a copy of the dictionary that each 3rd grader will receive. Having a birthday today, Betty Brammer received this month's gift.

Golf Committee: Cindy Kurtz now has a co-chair, Gerta Fereday. As you are shopping for gifts, take advantage of sales in anticipation of putting together a themed basket for the drawing prizes.

Social Media: Juanita Cisneros answered the call for more members to "like" Philo on Facebook. She presented Sara Quale with a thank you gift for being the first to respond to her. Also, Juanita reminded us to check our privacy settings when joining Facebook.

Food Basket Matching: Shellie Gutierrez asked members who are donating money to send it to Peggy Pellizzari before the end of the month. The committee will meet on Thursday, November 15, to do the matching. Members should have the names of their recipients before Thanksgiving.

Newsletter: Sheila thanked Deb Fillion for her work on the newsletters and her reminders to chairs to submit articles.

Social Committee: Shannon Voggesser reported that several members enjoyed tea at the Swan House last week. On December 9 at 4:00 pm, members are invited to the "'Tis the Season" sing-along at the Rialto.

Angela Thompson's husband came home today. He had a setback with an infection but is doing better.

Canned Food Drive: Kathi Wright announced that all the slots for working on the food drive have been filled. If you know any "strong men with big trucks," they could use some help lifting and transporting boxes.

The next meeting will be our Holiday Celebration/Christmas Party at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 11, at Mary Voggesser's house. Sheila will be sending invitations with details. Our Barbie Make-Overs will be revealed at the party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stangel, Recording Secretary