

PHILO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2012

President Sheila Pottorff called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. There were 46 members present, 36 active and 10 honorary members.

NEW MEMBER SKIT:

New members (Linda Hollingsed, Beth Soderquist, Ruth Sprain, and Vicki Thompson) entertained the membership with the "Philo Olympics." Each represented a quality in the Philo motto, relating it to their own lives. Following their introductions, they held a relay "race" and were awarded a Philo gold medal.

WELCOME

President Sheila Pottorff spoke about the importance of kindness, one of the six characteristics in Philo's motto. She read excerpts from an interview with Maya Angelou and urged us to show kindness to others and, just as importantly, to ourselves.

She thanked this month's hostesses: Lynn McDonough, Barb Giesey, and Karen Pielin.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Vice-President, Heather Morrison, reminded members to check off their names as they take a copy of the new yearbook. Copies of the list of Sunshine Teams are available at the same table.

Recording Secretary, Linda Stangel, asked for approval of the September 11, 2012, minutes. A motion, made by Mary Voggesser and seconded by Judy Potter, was approved.

Members were reminded to check their names on the attendance list and contact someone on the Board if circumstances make it difficult to attend meetings regularly.

Any new contact information (changes in phone, email, address) should be directed to Trudy Eckhardt. She, in turn, will inform the Board and the newsletter.

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

Treasurer, Peggy Pellizzari reported a General Fund balance of \$16,448.79 and a Golf Fund balance of \$18,512.37. 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 an article from the October 18, 1931, *Reporter-Herald* describing a Philo meeting. The program included advice on make-up, hair, and posture. "Dainty" refreshments were served.

Following an invitation from Lola Johnson, Juanita visited Lola's Fresh Patina at 1349 North Cleveland to consider holding our Christmas party there. The space would work, and there are kitchen facilities. There is parking for 30-40 cars behind the building. There are some steps at both entrances, and bathroom facilities are either up or down stairs. Caution would have to be taken not to overload the few available outlets. Juanita and Kathy Loken are attending an event there and will see first-hand how the space can be used for a group.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUDGET: At the September meeting, Peggy Pellizzari presented the proposed budget for 2012/2013.

Miki Roth brought up some valid points about the decision to drop the Chamber of Commerce membership. As a follow-up, Sheila recently met with Mindy Moree, President & CEO of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce. Mindy offered some ideas about how Philo can benefit from the Chamber's resources.

A motion was made by Kathy Loken and seconded by Miki Roth to amend the proposed budget to reinstate the Chamber of Commerce membership and to approve the 2012-2013 budget as amended.

Peggy noted that the extra budget expense would be covered by increasing the amount we use out of our Capital Reserve. Our membership renewal is in the spring, so we have time to make the most of the current membership. Members of the Publicity Committee agreed that attending Chamber events would be a legitimate role for that committee. Kathy Loken offered to work with the Publicity Committee to create a business model To maximize our benefits. **The motion was put to a voice vote and carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

TASK FORCE: Joyce Krantz reported that the Task Force met in August to synthesize the comments from last spring's brainstorming sessions and identify common themes. As we renew and refocus, we need to find our passion and restructure on that basis. To that end, the Task Force will be asking the members to participate in an anonymous, online survey in November. More information will follow.

PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES: Kathy Loken requested that the minutes be sent out as an attachment with the newsletter. Sheila will arrange that. Minutes will also be available on the Philo Members-Only Page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shopping Extravaganza: Kathy Loken challenged us all to sell two more tickets to the Shopping Extravaganza. She described how she has used the Shopping Extravaganza tickets as a way to raise awareness of Philo. Anyone who does not wish to purchase a ticket is welcome to donate \$20.

Sunshine: Bonnie Hanson reported on concerns since the latest newsletter. She read thank you notes from Peg Isakson and Sandy Roorda for meals provided by the Sunshine Teams. Three teams provided meals for Peg and five for Sandy. Bonnie recognized Sunshine Teams #10 and #18 who were not mentioned in the last newsletter. Bonnie is making an effort not to use Sunshine Teams that were called upon last spring.

Since the newsletter, Deb Fillion has had gall bladder surgery. Gerry Henderson has had thyroid surgery. Sympathy goes to Nancy Roe, whose mother passed away this morning.

Bonnie read the October birthdays.

Social Committee: Shannon Voggesser passed around a sign-up sheet for High Tea at the Swan House on November 10 at noon. If more than 15-20 people sign up, there may be an additional date. The cost is \$16 to be paid at the Swan House. "Dainty" food will be served: scones, small sandwiches, and pastries.

On December 9 at 4pm, members will be invited to the "'Tis the Season" sing-along at the Rialto. Shannon will contact the Rialto about bringing a group. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

Blood Drive: Stephani Bradley circulated sign-up sheets for the blood drives. The next one is on November 20. Greeters, canteen, refreshments, and substitutes are needed each time.

Canned Food Drive: Kathi Wright requested that members sign up to tear down boxes on November 1 and deliver them to the schools for the food drive. On December 6 drivers are needed to pick up the boxes from seven schools so that Bill Reed students have cans to sort early on December 7. Slots are available on December 7 for picking up boxes from remaining schools and sorting the food, on December 8 for distributing the canned goods to donors and loading the leftover food for the House of Neighborly Service.

Food Basket Matching: Shellie Gutierrez requested that members check their names for donating food baskets or money. Even those not donating should check the list to avoid getting a phone call.

Honoraries: Anne Anderson issued an invitation to honoraries to attend the luncheon on October 18 at the Baptist church at Douglas and 6th Street. Email reminders will be sent this week.

Rotary Duck Race Tickets: Members of the Duck Race Committee (Eunice Holthusen, Eileen Huddle, Deb Fillion, and Beth Soderquist) awarded Paddles the Philo Duck a gold medal for raising \$1,515 for the Rotary to purchase 101 dictionaries for Third Graders in the Thompson R2J District.

Social Media: Diane Lauer reported that our Facebook page has 28 likes. If we get past 30, we will be entitled to the analytics, so she encouraged members to like us on Facebook. If there is anything you want to post, please send it to Diane or Sheila Pottorff.

Early Childhood: Stevie Benkendorf is collecting items for a sewing project to make dress-up clothes for the Early Childhood classrooms. Several members have signed up to sew. They need fabric, notions (buttons, bric-brac, etc.), plastic hats, goggles, and the like.

OUTSIDE PHILO:

Becky Aldrich announced two upcoming charitable events:

- “Stepping Up for Art & Wine,” a benefit for Stepping Stones, sponsored by Loveland Rotary and Banner Health, October 19, 5:30 pm, silent auction of “well-loved” art and raffle of 10 cases of wine, \$25 pp with hors d’oeuvres and drinks.
- “Fall into Jewels,” a benefit for the House of Neighborly Service prescription assistance program, November 8, 5:30 pm at The Fountains (La Quinta), \$25 pp

Sue Lussenhop left flyers for Foothills Gateway “Tree’s for All,” December 2, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Stangel, Recording Secretary