

Blood Drive

As we wrap up a warm and busy summer, our committee would like to thank the Philo members who worked and provided the well-loved snacks for the August 16th blood drive. As you know, this was our last blood drive with Bonfils. We thanked them for their help and dedication over the years. Our attendance was low with only 67 donors. Several donors reported they did not receive their usual reminder call.



Our committee would like to challenge the members of Philo to sign up to donate blood at our November 8th drive. We will expand the hours of the blood drive from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accommodate work schedules, etc. If you are unable to give blood, please try to recruit two friends to donate. You can schedule appointments directly with The Garth England Donor Center at 495-8965. Reminder calls will be made a month in advance and again one week prior to the drive.

We would also like to recognize Deb Fillion, our previous committee chair. Deb has been a great help and strong support in making our transition smooth and easy. Thanks to Deb's efforts, the committee is well organized and run.

Heather Morrison
Blood Drive Committee Chair

Stephanie Bradley
Blood Drive Committee Co-chair

Shopping Extravaganza

The Shopping Extravaganza is October 22nd and we'd love to have you join the fun! Philo was the top earning charity last year, raising more than \$2000 from the event and from the purchase of raffle tickets. If anyone has pictures from the event, please get them to Judy Grommon or Dee Valdez so they can be included in the next newsletter. Our \$2 pink bandanas and \$20 tickets will be available for purchase at our first meeting. Talk to your friends, get their \$20, and we'll see you at the meeting!

Dee Valdez, Chair
Judy Grommon, Co-chair

Mark Your Calendar!

6:00 PM September 13

The church will be open so committees can meet.

This Month's General Meeting
7:00 PM Tuesday, September 13

Trinity Lutheran Church

Golf Scramble
September 19

Shopping Extravaganza
October 22

Blood Drive
November 8

Message from the President



Hello all, I hope you had a fun and safe summer. I have had it with the heat but I can already feel a little Autumn in the air in the mornings so all is well. Although we did not meet as a group over the summer I can tell you that

most committees were hard at work preparing for our upcoming year. Special thanks to Diane Dynes and the golf tournament committee for their amazing efforts in creating another successful and fun tournament and luncheon. The Sunshine committee spent hours contacting members to create our upcoming sunshine teams which are such a vital component of what makes Philo special. We did pare down considerably on our Corn Roast Parade entry but our merry little band had a great time. Special thanks to honorary member Jeanne Findley for driving her cool red Corvette. The banners that Peg Isakson updated looked great on the car and Peggy Pellizzari made some classy and colorful signs that can be used at other Philo events. I heard numerous complimentary comments about Philo and the car on the parade route.

Trudy Eckhardt did a great job of updating our web site; please take a quick look to make sure that your information is correct.

I am so looking forward to our upcoming year and want to extend special thanks to the board - Obama could learn a thing or two from these amazing women about his top advisors! They have closed ranks around me and offered such wonderful support and advice and friendship. It clearly shows how much they care for this organization and its continuing success.

A couple of quick "housekeeping" issues for our first meeting:

- ❖ If you are a committee chairwoman and have any outstanding information or notebooks to pass on to the new chairwoman please bring them to the first meeting.
- ❖ If at all possible please be prepared to pay your dues at the September meeting. It gets it out of the way and makes it much easier for our treasurer to get everything deposited at once.

We are off to a good start with our new blood drive arrangement and it is more important than ever that everyone signs up to work a shift and bring goodies to the upcoming drives. It was a great way for me to stay in touch over the summer. The blood drives are scheduled for the entire year so it should be easy to pick one that you can help with. It is part of your agreement as an active member to work a blood drive shift and help with the canned food drive. It is also a great way to meet your Philo sisters and nurture camaraderie and lasting friendship.

Our first general meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 13th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Ave. The doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. for any committees that want to meet in advance of the general meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments will be available at 6:30 p.m. While not all committees report every month please be prepared if you have any new or pertinent information to present to the membership.

I am pleased and humbled to be your new president and promise to do my best to keep our organization an important part of our personal lives and a vital service to our community. Let's have a great time together!

Sincerely,

Juanita Cisneros here forth known as "El Jefe"



Dues Are Due!

I'm excited to begin the new Philo year as your treasurer for my 2nd term! I wanted to remind everyone that according to our by-laws, annual dues are to be paid in September (and no later than the November meeting.) Remember to bring your checkbook to the September meeting or drop a check in the mail! Active member dues remain at \$35, honorary dues are \$15. Those who have achieved honorary emeritus status (35+ years in the organization) are not required to pay any dues, but donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated! The mailing address is: 1180 Flowering Almond Dr., Loveland, CO 80538
Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer



Publicity

Have you noticed the change in newspapers around us? No doubt you've seen that there are ups and downs in the publishing business. And perhaps you've noticed that the City of Loveland had dictated some changes in signage around town, as well.

This will definitely be a year of change for publicity efforts in Philo. Our Publicity Committee will be reviewing many options, including different signage, social media, and avenues to get our "word" out to the community. We will consider booths at City events, as well as refining our participation in parades.

If you have a new idea for your committee's publicity, please contact your committee chair, who will in turn let us know. The Publicity Committee will review any suggestions that our various committee chairs will make and then we will contact the Philo Board for approval.

A revised Philo Publicity Packet for 2011-12 will be available for committee chairs at our September meeting and a dynamic, ever-improving version will be available on our website for all of our members.

Onward with the good "word" of Philo efforts to support our community! But don't forget, the warmest, friendliest publicity is your welcoming smile to our community!

Peg Isakson, Publicity Chair

Outside Philo

Welcome to a new feature in the monthly newsletter! We know so many of you are involved in other worthy activities in the community. We welcome the opportunity to hear about your many and varied interests but want to be able to focus on our established commitments and activities during our general meetings. You are encouraged to submit information to the newsletter on activities or fundraising events in which your Philo sisters may wish to participate. Submit a brief summary – your contact information, the event or cause, and the organization it benefits – to the newsletter content editor, Carol Helzer, ichelzer@skybeam.com, before the monthly deadline. This information will be available to the membership and help us be better informed about our community and each other. Send your articles under the subject/title OUTSIDE PHILO.

Philo Board Members

Newsletter Info!!



New year – new newsletters! We are up and typing, formatting, proofing and printing away. Please remember the news comes from you, the members and committees, so stay in touch! Email Carol Helzer ichelzer@skybeam.com with your articles.

Philo Newsletter Calendar:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Content Deadline</u>
	Generally the 2 nd Saturday after the meeting
October	Sept. 25
November	Oct. 23
January	Dec. 11 (Note the early date!)
February	Jan. 29
March	Feb. 26
April	March 25
May	April 22

Sunshine Committee Report



The Sunshine Committee was busy over the summer. Though Philo is on hiatus, our good thoughts and concern for one another never stops!

July and August Cards

Cards sent during the months of July and August:

July 24, 2011

Mary Voggesser - sympathy, death of father-in-law

Shannon Voggesser - sympathy, death of grandmother and death of grandfather in law

July 28, 2011

LaVerne Macy - thinking of you, husband (Don) in hospital

Gay Sennett - thinking of you

August 8, 2011

Lola Johnson - thinking of you

August 12, 2011

Shellie Gutierrez - thinking of you, father had heart surgery

August 18, 2011

Jan Frame - get well, knee replacement surgery

July Birthdays:

Marsha Reed 1
Heather Brown 13
Shirley Hogan 15
Myrna McIntosh 16
Elaine Persichitte 19
Carly Habein 23
Georgeann Smith 24
Trudy Eckhardt 25
Jan Wilson 27

August Birthdays:

Natalie Parker 1
Phyllis McCormack 3
Nancy Roe 5
Kathy Leonard 6
Ann Moore 8
Gerry Henderson 10
Jeanne Westerman 11
Stevie Benkendorf 14
MaryAnn Lane 14
Jeanne Findley 15
Mary K. Spangler 17
Becky Aldrich 22

Carol Albers, Chairwoman, 278-9304

Bonnie Hanson, Co-chair, 635-0930



THE PHILO WEB CONNECTION

WHAT'S NEW ON PHILO'S WEB SITE?

I can't believe that it is September and time for Philo to regroup and start up for a fresh new year! As Philo's Web Administrator and Computer Tech., I want to welcome all members back and to update you on what has changed during this past summer on Philo's Web site. All information has been updated for the start of our 2011-2012 year on the "Home" page and the "Members' Only" page.

"Members' Only":

- Included is all the information in the yearbook as well as some new photos in the Membership Directory. (If you had a new photo taken and do not see it in the Membership Directory, we are sorry, but a few pictures were blurry.)
- On the "Committee Description" page, you will find the new committees and their descriptions.
- On the "Committees" page, you will find a listing of the current committees including the chair, co-chair, members, and other pertinent information.

Attention Committee Chairs: To print your committee member information,

1. highlight the committee in its entirety
2. press copy
3. open Word and a new document
4. then paste to the new document
5. don't forget to press save

Your committee information is now ready to print. To remain current, please refer to the web site periodically for any changes that may have occurred.

- Newsletter – Click on "Deadline Dates" which appears next to the word, Newsletter. It will open to a page with information from Carol Helzer, newsletter

content editor, regarding the deadlines for articles to be submitted for the newsletter.

“Home”: Facebook and Twitter access icons are new on the Home Page.

Mass Mailings: The following is a list of things to come:

During the first part of September of each year, I send a mass mailing to members to remind them how to access the Philo Web pages at www.philoloveland.org and to access Philo’s “Members’ Only” page. New members - please check your spam to see if Philo’s mass mailing is there, as some computers identify this mass mailing as spam, and remove it from your inbox and put it in your trash bin. Tell your computer that this is a safe message by clicking on the desired icon and all new mass mailings will show up in your inbox.

REMINDER: ~ From now on included in the mass mailing will be the following:

ATTENTION MEMBERS: DO NOT use the **“Reply” or “Reply All”** choice to respond to this mass mailing message. **PLEASE** reread the mass mailing message and **“Forward”** your response to the contact person indicated in the mass mailing message! Thank You.

If you don’t respond correctly your message will go to the Gmail inbox and not to the person who needs the information. So, **PLEASE** reread the mass mailing message and **“FORWARD”** your response to the contact person indicated! Thank You.

Wishing everyone in Philo a worth-while, fun-filled, productive year,

Trudy Eckhardt
Web Administrator/Computer Tech.



MEET THE PHILO BOARD 2011-12

Juanita Cisneros, 2011-2012 president, joined Philo in 2005. She has served as co-chair and chair of the Blood Drive Committee, served on the Garage Sale Committee, the Golf Tournament Committee and as hostess for the general meetings. She has helped with the Canned Food Drive, Christmas Basket Delivery and Christmas Basket Matching. She was the content editor for the newsletter for the last two years. A proud Philo moment came when she received a "Certificate of Achievement" for putting together and delivering 8 Christmas baskets in a blizzard! She grew up in Pueblo, Colorado and attended USC - now known as CSU at Pueblo. After 11 years at the Pueblo Library District, she and her husband moved to Loveland in 1984 for a job opportunity. She was the News Librarian at the Reporter-Herald for 13 years and currently works for Front Range Business Centers. Her husband Don - AKA "The Donald" - is an IT Manager for Scottrade, and her son, Buster, is a climbing guide/drummer. She enjoys classic movies, has been in the same book group for 20 years, and power walks daily. She has a handful of medals from race/walk competitions, usually coming in second - oh well!

Sheila Pottorff, 2011-2012 vice-president, grew up in Perry, Iowa, a small town close to Des Moines. It was no “Perridise,” but was a good place to be from. She received her BS in Elementary Education from Iowa State University in 1989 and has been in education for 22 years. Sheila is looking forward to her newest endeavor as the principal at Ferguson High School. Her husband, Steve, is from her hometown, but they didn’t meet until she was 25 and he was 29. She has hundreds of thousands of children through her teaching, so when she goes home, it is just she and Steve.



Sheila has been a member of Philo for 11 years, thanks to her sponsor, Jeanie Findley. She enjoys working on publicity, the yearbook and helping with the blood drive. Sheila’s favorite part of Philo is the Christmas party and the initiation dinner.

Sheila and her husband love to travel and visited Germany and Italy this past summer. She also enjoys hiking and biking. Sheila belongs to Colorado Association of Middle Level Education, Colorado Association of School Executives, and Colorado/National Association of Secondary Principals’, recently serving as president.

Peggy Pellizzari is beginning her second year as the Philo treasurer, having joined the organization in 2006. In addition to serving on the Canned Food Drive every year including as co-chair and chair, she has participated in Alternatives to Violence, the Spring Garage Sale and the Golf Tournament. Peggy grew up in Sunnyvale, California, relocating to Loveland in 1979 with Hewlett Packard. She retired from HP in 2005 after 32 years of service. She is a former volunteer at the House of Neighborly Service and is currently the owner of two home-based businesses: Peg’s Pick ‘N Pack which is the worldwide distributor of her daughter’s Costa Rican coffee (Café Milagro) and Ink It Over Promos which is a promotional products company specializing in custom rhinestone apparel. Peggy has two daughters and two grandsons. She and her new husband of barely a year enjoy golfing, bowling, traveling and Rockies baseball.

Linda Stangel, recording secretary for 2011-12, has been a member of Philo since 2006. She has served on the Scholarship and Golf Tournament committees, chaired the Publicity Committee, and served two years as corresponding secretary. Linda grew up in Corning, NY, and settled in the Schenectady area where she taught junior high English for 33 years. After retiring in 2000, she and Neil commuted to Loveland until their house was completed in 2002. They like to travel, especially on river cruises. At home, Linda enjoys tending her flowers and bird feeder. She has earned eight 100-hour pins as a kindergarten volunteer at Garfield Elementary. She serves as corresponding secretary for Read Aloud Loveland and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma women's educational society.



Connie Ephland, 2011-2012 corresponding secretary, has been a member of Philo since 2005. She has served on several committees including the Blood Drive, Early Childhood, Spring Banquet, Girls’ Night Out, and the Golf Tournament, as well as chair of the Sunshine Committee. Connie grew up in Lakewood, Colorado. In 2002, she retired from her position as Human Resources administrator with Jefferson County Public Schools. Connie was a board member and chair of the Jeffco Schools’ Credit Union for many years. She currently serves on the Mariana Cove Homeowners’ Association Board. She and her husband, Danny, designed and built their home on Boedecker Reservoir in 2002. Danny passed away on Father's Day in 2010. Connie has a daughter and a son, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She enjoys reading, boating, flower gardening, and traveling.



Marthann Dahlen, historian for 2011-12, has been a member for nineteen years. She has served as Alternatives to Violence chair for two years, chaired the Blood Drive, Food Basket Delivery and Canned Food Drive. She has served on the Board as Vice President, President, Corresponding Secretary and two years as Recording Secretary. Marthann grew up in Colorado Springs and received her undergraduate degree in Oklahoma and graduate degree at CSU. She is married and has two children: Natalia (husband John) of Canon City and Erik of Denver. She taught in Great Falls, MT, and 23 years in the Thompson School District, retiring in 1997. Marthann volunteers with the newborn hearing at McKee Medical and is on several committees with her church. She enjoys travel, camping, working out, walking her dog, Chato, reading mysteries, attending Bronco games with Mary Voggesser, collecting Haviland china, participating in her antique club, and attending Bible Study Fellowship.



Presenting the Philo Board of Officers for 2011-2012

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