



PHILO NEWSLETTER

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WHOOPEE – SPRING IS HERE.....



What a wonderful time of year when buds are peeking out of the ground, rain is warm on your face, the sky is bright blue, and everything seems possible in life. I don't know about you but I love it! All I have to do is look at that beautiful snowcapped Longs Peak and realize how lucky

we are to live in such a beautiful place. Wishing you all a bright season..... **ENJOY!**

GARAGE SALE UPDATE

Well, **April 23rd** is quickly approaching and the details for the garage sale are falling into place. We have secured a location on Monroe Avenue, (just one block south of Monroe Elementary). There is plenty of parking available and storage also. We will be able to have access to the building one week prior to the event to begin organizing our "gently used items". The hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I am still in need of volunteers for the clean-up committee. The time requirement will be from 3:00 p.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m. Access to the building will be by a lockbox and you will be able to get the combination from myself, 962-6832 or Sarah Long, 214-9185, the week of the garage sale.

Looking forward to a successful event!

Cindy Kurtz

SIGN-UP REMINDER

If you didn't get a chance to sign up for next year's committees, you'll have another chance at our April meeting. Slots are filling fast – it's great to see such enthusiasm and excitement. If you aren't able to attend the April meeting and could not sign up in March, feel free to give me a call (667-9110). Hope to see you at the April meeting.

Stevie B.

COMING UP

April 7th – 1:00 P.M.

Board Meeting – Gerry Henderson's home
2526 Glendevy Drive

April 12th

General Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
Trinity Lutheran Church

April 23rd

First Annual Garage Sale
Monroe Avenue
8:00 A. M. – 3:00 P.M.

May 10th

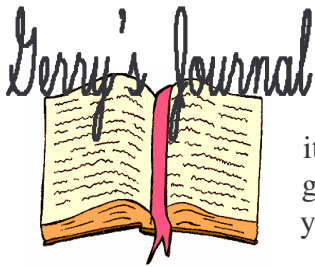
Annual Spring Dinner
Ptarmigan County Club – 5:30 p.m.

May 17th

Blood Drive

11:30 A. M. – 5:30 P.M.
First United Methodist Church

The deadline for the May newsletter is
April 22nd



Ready or not, spring is here! Personally, I find it very rejuvenating and am glad to get back out in the yard and garden.

You've all heard us comment about Mary Ellen Beebe at meetings this year, and it occurred to me that many of you have not had the pleasure of meeting or knowing our indomitable Mary Ellen. She is one of the most positive, cheerful people you could ever know, which has, undoubtedly, been a huge factor in her fight against leukemia over the last three years or so.

During that time she has experienced several remissions and relapses, with this last month being an especially difficult one for her including some infection, etc. However, according to a March 19th email from Mary Ellen's daughter, Susan, they are still working toward a stem cell transplant. Mary Ellen came home on March 30th to build up her strength. Philo has resumed providing meals for her, so don't be surprised if you are called upon to help.

Susan said, "She continues to amaze everyone as she taps into strength and resources from deep within herself.....and she still holds her head high." What an inspiration for all of us as we deal with the ups and downs in our daily lives! Hang in there, Mary Ellen! We'll be here when you're ready to come back to Philo. Susan thanked us for our continued support and prayers, as we thank her for keeping us posted.

Speaking of members.....we have celebrities in our midst. On March 5th, Dierdre Cook was interviewed by Channel 9 News as principal of Centennial High School (an alternative high school) in Ft. Collins. Way to go, Dierdre!

Also, Kathy Leonard starred in the OpenStage Theatre Company production of "A Perfect Ganesh", performed in the mini-theater at the Lincoln Center during part of February and part of March. Sorry we didn't know this sooner, Kathy,

but I'm sure you did a great job, as I've seen your performances in other plays.

Doesn't it make you proud to be a member of this Club with such enterprising, talented women, who make time for volunteer work in their overflowing "schedules", as we all do from time to time?

April 12th is our annual meeting, when we vote on our new slate of officers for 2005-2006. Sign-up sheets for next year's committees will again be available. So, remember to come to vote and sign-up. See you then.

2005-2006 Executive Board

The new slate of officers as proposed and approved at the March meeting is as follows:

President	Stevie Benkendorf
Vice- President	Doreen MacDonald
Treasurer	Marilyn Wiltgen
Corresponding Secretary	Bonnie Hanson
Recording Secretary	Nancy Patterson
Historian	Gerry Henderson

DONATIONS FOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

As announced at a prior Philo meeting, donations are being taken for the

DEBBIE BOSSE MEMORIAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

If you want to contribute, please make your check out to **Hospice of Larimer County** and place it in the container on the nametag table at our next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may mail your check to Hospice or to Stevie Benkendorf.

Debbie was a very active and devoted member of Philo.

GUIDELINES FOR GIVING COMMITTEE

In March, we were able to help a single mom with four daughters.

This mom has had many traumatic life experiences and was involved in two domestic violence relationships. She is now living in transitional housing. She is currently working with the Adult Learning Center to complete her GED. She hopes to become a nurse someday.

She relies on food stamps, but her girls are in need of clothes, shoes, etc.

We gave her \$300. in store coupons to Wal-Mart and Target.

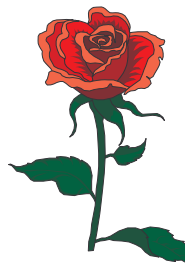
Nancy Roe

ATTENTION CHAIRPERSONS!!!

Just a reminder about those committee reports.... Hope you're making notes for your co-chair for that report to be turned in when we have the chairpersons' meeting this summer. Your help will be much appreciated.

FYI

The March 17th benefit luncheon for Wendy Michaux was a big success! She received \$6,553.05 (luncheon and silent auction proceeds). An estimated 500 people attended, raising over \$1,500 more than last year's luncheon. Wendy is currently planning to leave Poudre Valley Hospital for some rest and relaxation at home before another round of chemotherapy.



PHILOMATHEON OF THE MONTH

Lola Johnson is April's special member chosen by the board as Philomatheon of the month for her dedication to the Club. She is a native of Loveland, married to Cliff Johnson, mother of Leah, who is graduating soon from Boston University and Katie who is in the 2005 class of Loveland High School. Katie will be going to school in California, with Leah staying in Boston to get a job, so next fall will be their first without kids at home. Lola's looking forward to that change of pace. She loves to golf, travel with her family, and, of course, to decorate everything!

She has been in Philo for 15 years, starting her first year assisting Karen Burner as co-chair of the decorating committee for the Holiday (Mart) Boutique. Lola has always been involved with that event. She has a fine creative talent, and the events would not have been the same without her help.

She chaired Guidelines for Giving and the Scholarship Committees, as well as serving on our executive board as Vice-President, President and Historian. She created the Honorary Committee, "to bring back some very useful and dedicated past active members". Lola said, "We had a great time researching the Philo scrapbooks, and brought back some of the History of Philo for our 85th Birthday along with our birthday fundraiser and *great blast from the past* style show, done by the honoraries at the 2003 Spring Dinner."

Lola especially likes what Philo stands for in our community, and all of the contributions we've made to Loveland over the last 87 years.

Philo greatly appreciates your talents and contributions, Lola. Thank you for all you do!

SPRING DINNER - MAY 10TH

Once again, we'll be enjoying the beauty of Ptarmigan Country Club for our Spring Dinner. We'll begin with a social hour from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. We ask that everyone be seated by 6:20 p.m. so we can begin with officer installation.

The focus of the evening will be the installation of officers and the initiation of new members. If you are a new member sponsor and cannot attend the dinner, please arrange for another Philo member to take your place.

This year we will be having three choices for dinner; Chicken Picatta-grilled breast of chicken with lemon caper butter; Pasta Primavera-grilled vegetables with cream sauce over Penne Pasta; London Broil-grilled flank steak. Dinner will include house salad, tea/coffee and dessert. The price is \$21.00.

Please bring your checks, payable to PHILO SPRING DINNER to the April 12th meeting or mail them to Toni Wallace, 2915 Hiawatha Drive, Loveland, Co., 80538. Your check will be your RSVP. Please write on the check or attach a note specifying your dinner choice. All checks and reservations are due by May 1st with no refunds for cancellations after that date.

Sue Lussenhop & Kim Knowles

BOOKISH BROADS

The book for April will be the **Life of Pi**. We will meet on April 21st at 11:30 a.m. at the Circle Moon Café.

Join us for some great discussion.

NEW PHILO MEMBERS

The following nominees for membership were voted on and accepted at the March 8th meeting. They will be initiated into Philo at the May 10th Spring Dinner.

New Members

Elizabeth Ridgway
Pam Pellizzari
Nicole Whitenight
Shannon Voggeser
Connie Ephland
Carol Helzer
Lynn Fountaine
Joanne Swan
Donna Menzies
Patty Byers
Juanita Cisneros
Diane Lauer
Sherri Frank
Denise Olson
Lin Stokes
Lorie Knedlik

Philo Sponsors

Stacie Lobue
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Nancy Patterson
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Marilyn Wiltgen
Marilyn Wiltgen
Trudy Eckhardt
Anne Bennett
Anne Bennett
Jeanne Findley
Sheila Pottorff
Debbie Welzel
Ann Moore
Stevie B.
Joan Putlack



Just A Reminder.....

Keep in mind the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade. If you would like to contribute to Jennifer McLain, see the details in the March newsletter or give her a call at 402-4504. Thank you.

INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD

The donated dress up clothes were delivered to the district office to be distributed to some of the classrooms. Thank you to those of you, who made the effort to donate.

The capes for dress-up and for role playing are nearly finished and will be delivered soon.

Each of the early childhood classrooms had at least one Philo member, who took notes from the children on how to prepare one of their favorite foods. Several members have reported it was a really fun experience.

Thank you to each of you who took the time to help in the classroom and then typed the dictation from the children. We are especially grateful to those of you who helped by taking more than one classroom. Sue Wall worked hard and did a terrific job in organizing this project. We are also appreciative of the work Cheri Kois did in collecting the dictation and transferring all of the information to a disk.

We're in the process of getting the supplies for the writing boxes which will be given to the 4-year old children in the Integrated Early Childhood program (approximately 185).

Bonnie Hanson

YEARBOOK CHANGES

Jennifer Wilson – 6485 Seaside Dr. – 80538

Kitty Dexter – dexterfamily@aol.com

Julie Mahaffey – jmahaffy@gmail.com

SUNSHINE AND



SHOWERS



Sympathy cards were sent to Lola Johnson with the loss of her mother-in-law and to Kathie Lizardi with the loss of her brother.

Congratulation cards were sent to Leslie Husted for the birth of her son, Cole, who weighs in at 8 lbs., 2 ozs. and was 21" long.

Also, we have a new grandmother in the group. Congratulations to Jeanne Findley on the birth of Kellan born on March 17th to Deena and Brian Pettit. Kellan weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 ozs. and was 21" long.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Georgia Christopher	4-6
Nikki Staiano	4-9
MaryAnn Stroub	4-13
Diane Bakel	4-14
Jean Christensen	4-18
Jennifer Wilson	4-25
Kathy Loken	4-29

Please contact Toni Wallace at 669-8803 or saswallace@juno.com with any news.



We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise, we harden.

Goethe

**Believe when you are most unhappy, that there
is something for you to do in the world.
So long as you can sweeten another's pain,
life is not in vain....**



The Philo Executive Board for the 2004-2005 year:

President	Gerry Henderson	669-3593
Vice-President	Stevie Benkendorf	667-9110
Treasurer	Marilyn Wiltgen	663-2125
Corresponding Secretary	Carrie Voggesser	203-9068
Recording Secretary	Myrna McIntosh	667-0929
Historian	Joyce Krantz	663-1979

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