



PHILO NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!!

It just doesn't seem possible, but as I am writing in my 2006 calendar I realize that a new year has begun. I look back on 2005 with fond memories of special times, many of those with you, dear friends in Philo.

You have touched so many in the community with the work you have done through Philo – especially these last few months – The Blood Drive, Canned Food Drive, Food Baskets Matching and Food Baskets, Alternatives to Violence, Guidelines For Giving, and Artists' Charitable Fund. And, we took time to enjoy Girls' Night Out and the Philo Christmas Celebration!

I would like to thank those of you who donated items for the Alternatives to Violence Family and boots for the Early Childhood Programs. If you did not have a chance to bring items to the Christmas Celebration you may bring them to our January meeting.

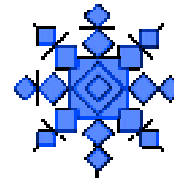
And, thank you to Doreen, Bonnie, Nancy, Marilyn and Gerry in helping to make our Christmas Celebration such fun and for sharing so many delicious delicacies. Everyone had such a wonderful time!

Our January meeting will be packed with new ideas for the up-coming year. Hope to see you there – **Tuesday, January 10th**.

Stevie "B"

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous!

-Author Unknown



Mark Your Calendar ✓

This Month's General Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church



Early Childhood – 6:00

Prior to the January monthly meeting
Trinity Lutheran Church

Planning Committee – 6:30

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Trinity Lutheran Church

Blood Drive

February 21, 11:30 am – 6:00 pm
First United Methodist Church

4th Thursday of the month - Book Club

11:30
Circle Moon Coffee Café

Deadline for February Newsletter

January 23



Committee News

Canned Food Drive

Philo's annual canned food drive was held this year on December 9th and 10th. Thanks to all of our hard working, giving members, Philo had a successful drive. Both new and honorary members were eager to help. We also had several ambitious husbands and family members who graciously helped sort food items and lift boxes. In short, they did



whatever was asked of them. We thank Jan Wall, Ron Denton, Roy Leonard, Gerald Cooney, Dan Johnson, Stan Matsunaka, Craig Robinson, Juanita Cisnero's husband, Donald, and Lola Johnson's daughter, Leah, for their contributions to our successful food drive.

This year food was collected from 16 schools. Philo members picked up the contributions from the various schools and brought them to the First United

Methodist Church. There were five classes of Bill Reed Middle School students who came Friday to help unload and sort. Mountain View High School student council members arrived bright and early on Saturday morning. They helped to sort and box up the extra canned foods and load the truck from The Larimer County Food Bank at noon.



Everyone's hard work and contribution to the Philo Canned Food Drive is greatly appreciated.

Kathy Matsunaka, Chair

Matching Food Baskets

Hooray and congratulations on a job well done! Our final total on monetary contributions is \$1390.00, which will be used to fill 27 baskets that were not filled by donors. The applicants this year were from Early Childhood (66) and Catholic Charities (105).

Filled Baskets By Jan Dougherty

*There is a little group that didn't know what to do, boo hoo!
They stuffed 27 envelopes and wondered, 144 more??- what shall we do?*

But day-by-day, the callers said, "No fear, we'll help, too."

So the callers took 116 applicants, Food Basket Committee took 28,

*Altogether we celebrated 171 baskets filled,
WOW! How's that for cleaning up a big plate?*

Miracles do happen, thanks to all of you Philo Members and some of your friends.

Jan Dougherty, Chair, Becky Aldrich, Co-Chair

Food Basket Committee



A great *BIG* thank you to the committee members – you were willing and eager to fill and 28 deliver baskets! We received \$1030.00 in donations that was used to purchase Wal Mart gift

certificates to tuck into each basket. All of the additional funds that were received after the “food drive” were sent to the House of Neighborly Service. Again, thank you so much.

Marthann Dahlen, Chair

Guidelines for Giving

Just to review, the purpose of this committee is to support individuals from the Loveland community. Requests made on their behalf should cover those needs that are not already being met by other committees such as Food Baskets, Integrated Early Childhood, Alternatives to Violence, etc.

To date, we have had **no requests** for this support. If you do know of an individual in need of help, requests may be made to Jeanne Findley or any committee member.

Jeanne Findley, Chair

Planning Committee

Thanks to one of our members for a wonderful fundraiser suggestion! It seems this has been used successfully in a small Kansas town – various types of wooden chairs are painted and then auctioned to raise money. Neat idea!

The Planning Committee will meet at **6:30 on January 10th** to discuss this fun project and the possibility that we could have it ready for a Spring 2006 Fundraiser Event.

Diane Meuret, Chair

Alternatives to Violence

Our family, which you may recall consists of a mother and son, requested financial help for Christmas. We gave them a monetary contribution to be used at their discretion for personal needs.

Nicki Staiano, Chair

Blood Drive



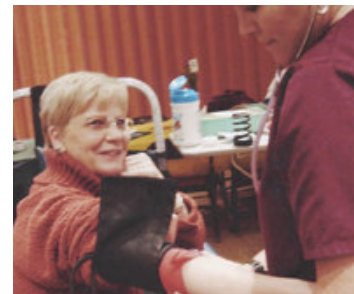
The Blood Drive was held on November 15th at First United Methodist Church. One hundred twenty-nine (129) units were donated, which was close to our goal. However, the exciting news is that we had fifteen (15) brand-new donors. Great!!

Trudy Eckhardt won the contest for the most creatively displayed snack with a “creative, stylish, yet sophisticated”

turkey made entirely of cheese! For her effort, Trudy receives a \$40 gift certificate to the Peaks Restaurant. You go, girl!



Cynthia Garcia, Chair



Kathy Loken donates with a smile (though rumor has it the technician fowled up and after being poked she didn't get to donate anyway!)



Early Childhood



The members of the Early Childhood Committee have their work cut out for them for the remainder of this year. Teachers have returned their surveys and have a very ambitious list of needs that includes funding for field trips, hats, mittens, and boots to be kept at the various centers, new books, and child-size dress-up items. They also expressed a strong need for volunteers at the centers. The

Early Childhood Committee will meet prior to the general meeting on **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00** to determine how Philo can best assist. We need all willing members to volunteer at the various centers. Please contact Sue Wall if you are able to help.

Sue Wall, Chair

Christmas Party



Shannon Voggesser, Mary Voggesser, Joan Putlack, Jennifer McLain and Diane Goddard



Stevie Benkendorf, MarthAnn Dahlen and Mary Voggesser

What Do You Perceive As The Seven Wonders Of The World?

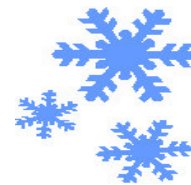
A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present “Seven Wonders of the World.” Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt’s Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter’s Basilica
7. China’s Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one quiet student hadn’t turned in her paper so she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, “Yes, a little. I couldn’t quite make up my mind because there are so many.” The teacher said, “Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help.”

The girl hesitated, and then read her list.

1. To see
2. To hear
3. To touch
4. To taste
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. And, to love

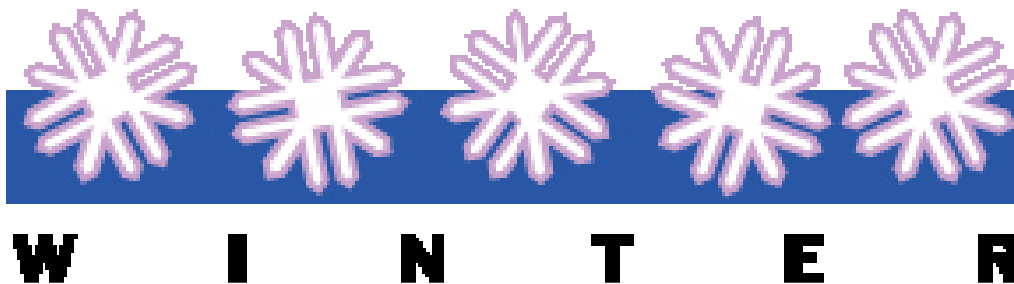


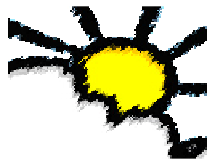
The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drip.

A gentle reminder – the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

May I add, the “8th” Wonder – all of you beautiful ladies who give of yourselves in so many ways. Thank you and Happy New Year 2006!

Stevie “B.”





Sunshine and Showers



On behalf of the entire organization, our Sunshine Committee sent “thinking of you” cards during November and December to Corinne Adams whose husband recently had open-heart surgery; Jan Wilson, Trudy Eckhardt, and Moore who are soon to have surgery; Marthann Dahlen who had a double knee replacement; and to Sue Wall who recently had surgery. Our thoughts and warm wishes for courage, hope, and a timely recovery go out to each of these Philo members as well as to all of those who have experienced health issues in the last few months.

Congratulations to Helen Wilson! She has a new grandson, Carson Scott Mead, who was born on December 9th and weighed in at 8 pounds 6 ounces.

And finally, we send our condolences to Susan Linden whose stepmother passed away, the family of Mary Ellen Beebe upon the death of their wife and mother, Ceri Anderson whose father-in-law passed away, and to Mary Ann Lane whose husband, Gerry, passed away.

The following poem was taken from Mary Ellen Beebe’s memorial service.

THE OAK TREE

A Mighty Wind Blew Night And Day
It Stole The Oak Tree’s Leaves Away

Then Snapped Its Boughs
And Pulled Its Bark

Until The Oak Was Tired And Stark

But Still The Oak Tree Held Its Ground
While Other Trees Fell All Around
The Weary Wind Gave Up And Spoke
How Can You Still Be Standing Oak?

The Oak Tree Said, I Know That You
Can Break Each Branch Of Mine In Two
Carry Every Leaf Away

Shake My Limbs And Make Me Sway

But I Have Roots Stretched In The Earth
Growing Stronger Since My Birth
You’ll Never Touch Them, For You See
They Are The Deepest Part Of Me

Until Today, I Wasn’t Sure
Of Just How Much I Could Endure
But Now I’ve Found, With Thanks To You
I’m Stronger Than I Ever Knew

Please remember to telephone Toni Wallace with any cheery news or concerns.

Toni Wallace, Chair

Yearbook Changes

This is a list of all changes that have been reported to date. These might reflect an incorrect spelling, address, or email address. Please let the Newsletter Committee know if you find any other errors. Thank you for checking!

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Birthdays

January Birthdays

Carrie Voggesser 2
Kay Robinson 4
Phyllis Reimer 6
Carol Kamtz 11
Julie Mahaffey 11
Linda (Lin) Stokes 13
Diana Reynolds 17

Diane Meuret 18
Bonnie Hanson 22
Lynn Fountaine 29

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