

March is boisterous, unpredictable, sunshine and sleet, lion and lamb – but one thing is certain – March is full of hope and new life and new beginnings.

March is an exciting time in the life of Philo! We will be voting on the new members who will be initiated into Philo at our Spring Dinner in May. At this time, we have 14 eligible for membership and 2 on the waiting list.

We will also be signing up for our committees for next year, so be thinking about what you would like to do.

We have a full slate of officers that will be announced at the March meeting, and voted on at the April meeting. The Integrated Early Childhood Committee has planned a short program for us. So as you can see, we have a very important meeting in store for us – hope to see you on **March 14th!**

Stevie “B”



**May you always have
walls for the winds,
a roof for the rain,
tea beside the fire,
laughter to cheer you,
those you love near
you, and all your heart
might desire.**

An Irish Blessing

Calling All Chairpersons

Just a reminder – as you are finishing your responsibilities with your committee, please take time to write a report of what your group has accomplished this year. We would like to have **two copies** of the report – one for the new chairperson and one for the president’s files. Please give your report to one of the board members by the end of May. A get-together will be held in late July for this year’s and next year’s chairs to go over details for each committee.

Thank you for your cooperation and for all that you and your committee have done this year. Our committee chairpersons are vital to Philo’s success.

Stevie and Doreen

Mark Your Calendar ✓

This Month’s General Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

Garage Sale Committee – 6:15
Scholarship Committee – 6:15
Blood Drive Committee – 6:30
Spring dinner Committee – 6:00

Prior to the March general meeting
Trinity Lutheran Church

Blood Drive

April 18, 11:30 am – 5:30 pm
First United Methodist Church

4th Thursday of the month - Book Club

11:30
Circle Moon Coffee Café

Deadline for April Newsletter

March 27

Committee News

It's Sign Up Time! – Can It Be?

March is our month to start signing up for next year's committees. The sign-up sheets will be available AFTER the meeting on March 14th. Take a look and choose what will be the best fit for you.

A Few Reminders

- All active members are to sign up for **six points**. This can be accomplished by being:
 - An officer = 6 points
 - Chair person of any committee = 6 points
 - Co-chair of a committee = 4 points
(Co-chairs move to the chair position the next year)
 - Committee member = 2 points
Therefore, being a member on any three committees = 6 points
- Please do not sign up for a committee if the lines are all filled
- Although Honoraries do not have to earn points, there will be spaces on the sign-up sheets for them because their *expertise is always needed*
- Hostesses do not receive points. Five members are needed each month to host our social time. This is a position in which everyone takes a turn, if possible.
- If you are unable to be at the next few meetings, feel free to call and let us know what committee(s) you would like to serve on and what month you would be able to hostess. Hosting is especially important if you didn't have the opportunity to be a hostess this past year.

Stevie" B" – 667-9110

Doreen – 669-2672



News From The Blood Drive

Our last blood drive was held on February 21, and as always "thank you" to all of the people who assisted. There were many donor cancellations due to winter illnesses, but we did have a total of 97 pints donated. The good news is – 10 brand new donors!

I have been trying to change the hours and was successful in moving them to 11:30-5:30 for the next drive. With just a bit more work, I think we can set them for 11:00-5:00. This will be helpful to everyone concerned because we have very few people making appointments after 4:00 P.M. Another positive change involves the complicated information booklet that is presently given to donors. The booklet has been edited and made much more user friendly. The hope is to streamline the entire donation process sometime in the near future.

Our next blood drive is **April 18th** from 11:30-5:30 and we are in need of volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March 14th meeting. Please mark your calendars now and help if possible.

Cynthia Garcia, Chair

Committee News cont.

Alternatives To Violence

Although there is no BIG news to share, here is an update on our family. I check monthly with Brenda at Alternatives to Violence to see if they have any needs. We supplied a couch in the fall and have received no other specific requests for apartment items. Our "mom and son" had not seen her family in Mexico for 12 years and they sought help from many sources to make a bus trip possible. Philo donated \$150.00 from our \$300.00 budget. They have sent us several thank-you notes.

As always, if you wish to help with clothing donations, etc. please contact me and I can give you the specifics and those items most needed. Thank you for your generosity!

Nicki Staiano, Chair



SHARP Committee News

We will be having a Philo class for the SHARP (Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention) program **May 20th** at the Loveland Police Department from 8-5. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting. The cost is \$10 and is due at the time you sign up. This is a self-defense class for women of all ages and it will provide you with the skills necessary to identify and get out of dangerous situations. Even if you have previously taken the course, this would be a wonderful refresher! The class will be open to all Philo members and their friends and family.

Amy Hummel, Chair

Thank You From Early Childhood

First of all, a **HUGE THANKS** to all of our members who so kindly donated hats, gloves, boots, new underwear, and sweats for our school district children who attend the Early Childhood Program. The teachers are thrilled that they will have the proper attire when it's needed. Theresa Clements, the Early Childhood Program Education Coordinator, will be on hand at our March 14 meeting to update us on the program. As part of the district's literary project, Philo collected over 300 books that were distributed to all six of the school sites. Thanks to sub-committee members Joan Putlack and Lori Knedlik for their efforts in allowing Ladies' Workout Express as a drop-off site for books. We are hoping to have children from the Early Childhood Program at our next meeting to model some of the career dress-up clothing that sub-committee members Joan Swan, Michaele Gillette, and Trudy Eckhardt have made for the children. All committee members have worked extremely hard to meet our many goals this year.

Sue Wall, Chair

Garage Sale News

Please continue to collect items for our Philo Second Annual Garage Sale, which will be held on **April 21 and 22**. If you have friends or family that would like to donate – we would be tickled to accept their items, too! A full inventory is a Big PLUS.

Remember, this will be one of our biggest fundraisers and everyone's help is needed! A sign-up sheet for Garage Sale Helpers will be passed around at the March and April meetings. Please, mark your calendars now.

Cindy Kurtz, Chair

Committee News cont.

Spring Dinner Update

Exciting changes are in store for all of you that plan to attend this year's Spring Dinner! As mentioned at the January meeting, it was the chair-women's goal to bring the dinner back to Loveland . . . I am pleased to announce that we have been able to accomplish this feat! **Henry's Pub, at 234 E. 4th Street**, has graciously accepted the challenge of hosting our big event on **Tuesday, May 9th**! The restaurant will be exclusively Philo's from **5 to 8 P.M.** Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 P.M. with the installation ceremony and dinner to follow. Henry's is very excited about being given this opportunity and has offered us quite a special menu. You will have a choice of Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon, Chicken Alfredo, Steak & Shrimp, Basil Pesto Chicken, or a Vegetarian dish. Invitations will be delivered to the April meeting. The cost is \$22 (all inclusive) and we must have your dinner request with your **reservation by May 1st**. If you choose a beef entrée, we will also need to know the temperature preference. The Spring Dinner committee is a large and rambunctious group, who is busily working on creating a fun and festive atmosphere for everyone's enjoyment! Stay tuned for future details – we may have requests for your help!

Kim Knowles, Chair

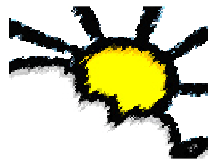
Honorary Brunch held at Dorothy's Catering on February 11th



Pictured are- front row: Nancy Patterson, Leonie Shannon, Janice Farley, Kathy Leonard, Linda Anderson, LaVerne Macy, Elaine Persichitte and Mary Voggesser.

2nd row: Rita Harden, Jan Wilson, Myrna McIntosh, Gay Sennett, Anne Anderson, Helen Wilson and Marilyn Pyle.

Back row: Coleen Ligothe, Sally Moninger, Joyce Kaufman, Gloria Grotzinger, Julie Mahaffy, and Karen Leu.

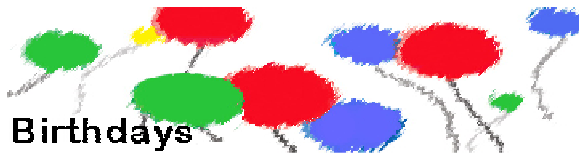


Sunshine and Showers



Condolences were sent to Lin Stokes this month on the death of her brother. Congratulations and best wishes to Mary Ann Lane! Her new granddaughter, Brooke Elizabeth, entered the world on Valentine's Day weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces and measuring just over 20 inches long.

Toni Wallace, Chair



Birthdays

March Birthdays

Sherry Burrell	4	Georgia Torson	24
Sheila Pottorff	6	Karen Sanders	26
Joan Putlack	6	Cynthia Garcia	29
Helen Wilson	12	Jill Guffey	29
Jan Dougherty	17	Sarah Long	29
Dottie Childers	18	Joyce Caufman	31
Mary Schacht	19		
Shirley Lampshire	24		

*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch,
a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment,
the smallest act of caring or a smile...
all of which have the potential to change a life.*



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