

When I looked out my window today and saw two robins hopping through the grass and several flowers poking their heads out to welcome the sun, I knew that spring had arrived and new changes were on the way. Changes are also taking place in Philo as we vote on a new slate of officers at our Annual April meeting.

Sign-up sheets for next year's committees will again be available. Our Planning Committee will unveil an exciting venture for Philo and we will also have a presentation from S.H.A.R.P. It will be a great meeting.

I hope to see each of you on **Tuesday, April 11th!**

Stevie "B"



Make each new morning the opening door to a better day than the one before.

-Author Unknown

2006-2007 Executive Officer Election

The slate of new officers as proposed and which will be voted upon at our April meeting is as follows:

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| President | Doreen MacDonald |
| Vice President | Trudy Eckhardt |
| Recording Secty | Sue Wall |
| Treasurer | Cindy Kurtz |
| Corresponding Secty | DeeDee Warnock |
| Historian | Stevie Benkendorf |

Mark Your Calendar

This Month's General Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church

Scholarship Committee – 6:00
Spring Dinner Committee – 6:00
Garage Sale Committee – 6:15
Prior to the March general meeting
Trinity Lutheran Church

Blood Drive

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

Garage Sale

April 21 & 22

4th Thursday of the month - Book Club

11:30
Circle Moon Coffee Café

Deadline for April Newsletter

April 24

Spring Dinner

Tuesday, May 9, 5 – 8
Henry's Pub, Downtown

Attention Chairpersons!! Year-end Reports

Please have two copies of your yearly Committee Report completed and handed in to the Board by the **end of May**. It is vital to Philo that we have this information so that it may be passed on to next year's committees. Thank you for all of your work this past year and your cooperation in completing and sharing the information.

Sign-Up Reminder

If you haven't had a chance to sign up for next year's committees, you'll have another opportunity at our April 11th meeting. Slots are filling fast – it's great to see such enthusiasm and excitement! If you are not able to attend the April meeting and could not sign up in March, feel free to give me a call with your choice(s).

Doreen MacDonald

Garage Sale 2006

The garage sale is coming together nicely. We are zoning in on a location on Denver Avenue just south of Highway 34. This spot should have lots of traffic. Again, the dates are **April 21st and 22nd**. We need any items you are willing to part with, so now is a great time to go through your closets and garage. If you have items to donate but no way to get them to us please call Cindy Kurtz at 679-1545 to request a pick-up. Please keep in mind, we would like items that 2-3 women can easily handle, no larger. **My back thanks you in advance!**

Cindy Kurtz, Chair



Spring Dinner 2006

Please join Philo for our special May Day celebration at Henry's Pub on **Tuesday, May 9th**. The restaurant, located at 234 E. 4th Street, will be exclusively ours from 5 until 8 P.M. Cocktail hour will begin promptly at 5:30 P.M. with the Installation Ceremony and dinner to quickly follow at 6:15. Invitations will be available at the April meeting and then subsequently mailed to those not in attendance. When you send in your reservation, select from Prime Rib, Grilled Salmon, Chicken Alfredo, Steak & Shrimp, Basil Pesto Chicken or a Vegetarian dish. Please make your check payable to Philo Spring Dinner in the amount of \$22 (all inclusive) and send or hand deliver to Kim Knowles **by May 1st**. If you choose a beef entrée, please indicate the temperature preference. The Spring Dinner Committee is furiously busy creating a fun and festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy!

Kim Knowles, Chair

New Philo Members

The following nominees for membership were voted upon and accepted at the March 14th meeting. They will be initiated into Philo at the May 9th Spring Dinner.

New Member

Naomi Anderson
Marilyn Burns
Patti Connelly
Laurie Finnick
Sally Henry
Eileen Huddle
Teri Jimerson
Mary Ladd
Peggy Pellizzari
Sharon Petersburg
Judy Potter
Chris Sexton
Susan Sharp
Linda Stangel

Philo Sponsor

Karen Sanders
Diane Lauer
Vicki Moehling
Jan Dougherty
Cynthia Garcia
Trudy Eckhardt
Kathy Loken
Paula Cooney
Pam Pellizzari
Marilyn Wiltgen
Shirley Lampshire
Vicki Moehling
Gerry Henderson
Stevie Benkendorf

Artist Charitable Fund

Our final net profit for this year's sales reached just over \$4,000.00. Half of that amount was earned through our holiday sales of the mini-sculpture, "Peace." We are grateful to the Loveland vendors who were willing to market it in their stores and to our committee members who kept them well stocked.

If you frequent one of the following vendors, please give them a word of "thanks" from Philo for supporting us in this special way:

Almosta Mercantile
A Taste of Class
Custom Framer and Gallery
Earle's Florist
Gallery East
Loveland Chamber of Commerce
Loveland Museum
Lux
Orchard's Athletic Center
Remax
Rosemary's Hallmark
Rowe's Florist
The Group Real Estate

Thank you to everyone for another successful year!

Joyce Krantz and Kathi Wright, Chairs



Rain that falls in the springtime is
like the handclasp of a friend.
-Author Unknown

Alternatives to Violence

I recently received a call from Brenda at Alternatives to Violence. Great news for our family – they found a wonderful housing opportunity last week and have moved! I have a meeting with Brenda to assess any needs of the apartment. Hopefully very little work will be necessary, but I may be calling the committee members to schedule a clean-up day if needed.

Nicki Staiano, Chair

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee has been busy. Applications have been sent to all of the area high schools, community colleges, and many other agencies that may have potential candidates for our Philo Scholarship.

This scholarship has no age restriction and is open to residents of the Loveland-Berthoud area. Applicants must be able to show financial need and a strong motivation to complete occupational training in a technical or vocational school. This is for 2-year degree/certificate programs – not four-year colleges. If you know of an individual who would meet these criteria please encourage them to apply.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 7, 2006. The interviews will take place on Wednesday, May 3, between 2 and 6 P.M. at the Loveland Public Library. Applicants will be notified by Friday, May 5th.

The scholarship committee will be screening the applications prior to the April 11th meeting.

Karen Pielin, Chair

Guidelines for Giving

Guidelines for Giving still has over \$1000 which can be used to help people in need. *Please, please, please* think about those who are struggling and how Philo may be of assistance. Just e-mail or give me a call (663-3145).

Jeanne Findley, Chair

Early Childhood Visitors



One of the greatest dignities of humankind is that each successive generation is invested in the welfare of each new generation.
-Mister Rogers

SHARP

There is a SHARP class scheduled for Philo members on **May 20 from 8-5** at the Loveland Police Department. The class fee is \$10 - checks need to be made out to Philo. I will have the sign up sheets with me again at the April meeting but feel free to contact me at ahumms@aol.com or 532-2749 if you would like to participate. Tammy Fischer will speak at the April meeting and give a brief talk about what SHARP is and what the class offers.

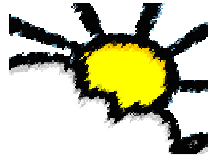
Amy Hummel, Chair

Blood Drive

Our last blood drive wasn't as hardy as the previous one. We were able to collect just under a hundred units. The next blood drive will be on **April 18th, 2006**. I still need a few people to cover the 4:00-6:00 p.m. shift on that day. If you are interested please call me at 970-290-5840. There are plenty of spots available for the June 20th and August 15th drives as well, so if you are going to be in town please sign up for a shift. As you know we will be having random contests throughout the year, one of these dates could be your lucky day!

At the last meeting I handed out call sheets for the April blood drive, please call everyone by April 14th. We are working on trying to get Bonfils to let us start our drive at 11:00 a.m., I'll keep you posted. Please remember that the first shift now starts at 11:00 a.m. instead of 11:30. We currently have 75 pre-registered donors and our goal is 170. If I can put a poster in your place of business, don't hesitate to call me and I will drop a few posters off. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Cynthia Garcia, Chair



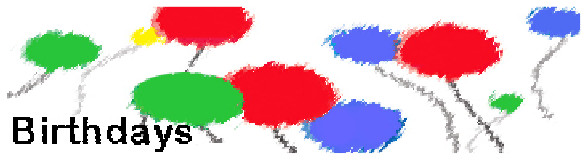
Sunshine and Showers



Myrna McIntosh is a new Grandma to Maggie Dale, daughter of Sara and Chris, born March 19th. Maggie weighed in at 4 pounds 11 ounces. Welcome to the world, Maggie!

Congratulations to Diane Bakel on the birth of a granddaughter, Alexa Lanae. She was born on March 4th, was 19.5 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce. Happy birthday, Alexa!

Toni Wallace, Chair



Birthdays

April Birthdays

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| Shannon Voggesser | 1 |
| Georgia Christopher | 6 |
| Diane Lauer | 8 |
| Nikki Staiano | 9 |
| MaryAnn Stroub | 13 |
| Diane Bakel | 14 |
| Jean Christensen | 18 |
| Jennifer Wilson | 25 |
| Kathy Loken | 29 |

I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.

-Rubindranath Tagore



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