

As I write the last article as President of Philo, I look back over this year and feel truly fortunate that your trust and faith placed me in this position. It has been a wonderful year and as I mentioned in my very first letter – I continually marvel at your talents, willingness, dedication, and imagination. Your special qualities make our organization dynamic!

I thank the wonderful Philo Board who cares so very much for this organization. As we worked together we built wonderful friendships. I wish to thank Doreen MacDonald for being my right hand and suggesting new and exciting ideas, Nancy Patterson and Bonnie Hanson, our two secretaries, for keeping the records in impeccable order, Marilyn Wiltgen for keeping us in the **BLACK** with our treasury, and Gerry Henderson for her wise support and maintaining our scrapbook.

We look forward to the new and ambitious 2006-2007 Board that takes over on July 1st. The Board includes:

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

I hope to see each of you at the May Dinner. Looking ahead, have a “fantastic” summer and again thank you for the wonderful experience of being Philo President. Your friendships are a treasure to me.

Bee Happy!!
Stevie “B”

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while — but their hearts forever.

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Chairpersons Reminder!

We know we are sounding repetitious, but please take the time, Chairs, to write a report of what your committee has accomplished this year along with any suggestions and/or additions for next year's committee. Please hand two copies to the Board by the end of May. Your project experience will be invaluable to your successor. Thanks so much for your help.

Stevie and Doreen

Mark Your Calendar ✓

This Month's General Meeting Spring Dinner

Tuesday, May 9, 5:30 – 8:00
Henry's Pub, Downtown

Early Childhood Writing Box Assembly

May 3 – 8:30 a.m.
Thompson School District Building
400 Taft Avenue

Blood Drive

June 20, 11:30 am – 5:30 pm
August 15, 11:30 am – 5:30 pm
First United Methodist Church

4th Thursday of the month - Book Club

11:30
Circle Moon Coffee Café

One More Time For Sign-Ups

The sign-up sheets will be available at the Spring Dinner. If you have not had a chance to sign up for next year's committees you may do so then.

Remember each active member is asked to sign up for a total of 6 points.

- Committee chair = 6 points
- Co-chair = 4 points
- Committee member = 2 points

Please feel free to call if you have any questions, are unable to attend the Spring Dinner, or would like to sign up prior to the dinner.

Doreen MacDonald - 669-2672

Summertime and...

Philo Workers and Projects Continue



Our thanks to Diane Meuret and Pat Farnham for organizing a new endeavor for the

organization – namely The Philo Fall Women's Scramble Golf Tournament which is set for September 24th. This committee will be working during the summer on the details to ensure a successful fundraiser.

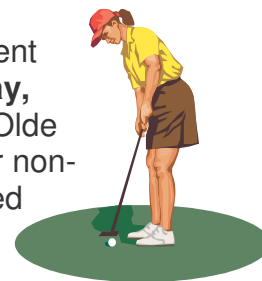
Other committees that will be hard at work this summer are the Sculpture Garden, Blood Drive, and Artists' Charitable Fund. Thanks for your dedication.

We welcome Kay Robinson as the new Chair for the Sunshine Committee.

So please keep in mind, if you have or know of concerns, sympathies, or celebrations during the summer months you may contact Kay at 667-0993.

Golf Tournament – Fall Fundraiser

The Philo Fall Women's Scramble Golf Tournament will take place on **Sunday, September 24th**, at the Olde Course in Loveland. For non-golfers, we have arranged several events so you, too, can be part of the BIG day. During the summer, committees will be formed so we can make this an outstanding, organized event, complete with prizes, lunch, and loads of fun. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Diane Meuret, Co-chair

The Duck Race Project

Thank you to Janice Farley and Betty Brammer for organizing the "Duck Race Project." All members should have received tickets for this project, which is sponsored by Rotary. For every ticket sold by a Philo member, the organization will receive \$3.25. This is such an easy way to earn money for our projects.



All monies and/or unsold tickets should be handed in by **May 9th**. The Duck Race will be held on **Saturday, August 26th** in conjunction with Corn Roast Days. Winners will be notified.

Thank you for your help in this venture. If you need more tickets or have any questions please call Betty Brammer – 667-2982.

New Philo Member

At the April general meeting, Jane Bock was accepted into membership. Her sponsor is Marilyn Wiltgen. She was moved from our waiting list when Teri Jimerson asked to be placed back on the waiting list until next year.

Committee News

Alternatives to Violence

Our ATV family has moved and we are in the process of cleaning the apartment. So far, the carpets have been shampooed and I will be calling the committee members soon to schedule a short "cleaning party."

If anyone is able to donate silverware, a fitted full or double sheet and a toaster, please let me know. We are also in need of two bar stools suitable for use at a low bar.

It has been a pleasure working with ATV and it has been great to have one person as the point of contact for the entire year.

Nicki Staiano, Chair

Honorary Committee Update

Although our goal this year was to have three gatherings, we have had only two but they were **GREAT!** In October we had a salad luncheon with the added bonus of many fun, fun Philo stories and thanks to Gerry Henderson lots of pictures, too. Our other event was a Valentine brunch at Dorothy's Catering. We had hoped to have a wine and cheese party, but everyone's spring schedules filled too quickly.

We are tentatively planning a midsummer outing of some type if there is sufficient interest. Sally Moninger has offered to host a party in September or October, so check the newsletters carefully for information. Jan and I have enjoyed co-chairing the committee and are looking forward to next year's fun activities.

Anne Anderson and Jan Wilson, Co-chairs

The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service to others.

~Ghandi

Sculpture in the Garden Committee

Our "planting day" is Saturday, June 10th at Benson Park. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and hopefully be done around noon. Please



mark that date on your calendar. Please bring your gardening tools and a shovel, as we will be planting and weeding. We will meet at "Flora" (to the right of the covered pavilion). See you all there. Any questions, call Nancy Roe 669-2878

Early Childhood

We have one major task to complete this spring and can use the help of as many members



as possible. **There are two hundred writing boxes that need to be assembled on Wednesday, May 3, at the Thompson School District Building, 400 Taft Avenue. We will start at 8:30 A.M.** Basically, we have to put all the writing supplies in a plastic box and label each box. These writing boxes will go to the district's four-year-olds who will be entering kindergarten next year. The items in the writing boxes will give the students something to work with over the summer prior to starting school next fall. There are markers, colored pencils, color crayons, a writing tablet, alphabetic and numeric flash cards, glue sticks, etc.

The book bags were enthusiastically received by the Early Childhood Centers. Please give a huge thanks to Joan Putlack who designed and painted all the bags along with the painting assistance of Lori Knedlik and Connie Ephland. Ladies, it was a job well done!

Sue Wall, Chair

Blood Drive

Our most recent Blood Drive was held on April 18th. 117 units of blood were donated and there were seven brand new donors. Yippee!



There were two out of the ordinary incidents that you may find noteworthy. A gentleman came to donate blood and brought his older father along with him. The father was suffering from some type of mental confusion and somehow became lost in the church. After a flurry of activity he was located happily resting in the nursery. When asked if he wanted something to drink, he replied, "A beer!" Perhaps offering "beer" might increase our donations.

The other incident involved a fellow who gave blood and all went well until he left the chair and headed to the refreshment table (no, there was no beer!). Evidently when he gives blood, he just keeps on giving – all over the place, because he "sprung" a leak and the hospital team had to work to stop the bleeding! Everything turned out just fine.

Our next drives will occur this summer – **June 20th and August 15th**. We still need **lots** of help. Because the last time we get together will be the Spring Dinner, please check with Cynthia Garcia about signing up to help for one or both Blood Drives. If you won't be at the dinner please give Cynthia a call (290-5840) - your help is needed.

Any Philo member who brings a buddy to donate blood will have their name placed in a drawing for a GREAT, ONE OF A KIND, MYSTERY PRIZE! This summer, ALL donors will receive a free T-shirt.

Cynthia Garcia, Chair

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee has been busy this spring. I would like to thank each member of this committee for their active participation, dedication, and hard work. It is fun to give away money for such a worthy cause and it has been truly rewarding to work with and get to know such a terrific group of ladies!

We sent applications to all of the high schools and community colleges in the Loveland-Berthoud area. We also sent applications to many agencies in our community including House of Neighborly Service, The Women's Center, Alternatives to Violence, Healthy Beginnings, and Project Self-Sufficiency, to name just a few. We received 14 applications.

We will be interviewing 12 candidates on Wednesday, May 3rd, at the Loveland Public Library. We have a good pool of candidates from across our community who have a variety of career path interests. Our candidates come from Thompson Valley High School, Berthoud High School, Mountain View High School, Ferguson High School, plus we have four applicants no longer in high school.

We have \$5600.00 in the budget allocated to scholarships. Once the recipients are selected they will be notified of the amount of their scholarship. After reading the applications, it is apparent that we have excellent candidates who are worthy of Philo's generosity.



Karen Pielin, Chair

SHARP Committee NO, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

There is still time to sign up for the May 20th SHARP class. The class will be held at the Loveland Police Department on **Saturday, May 20th** from 8-5 and is **ONLY \$10** (checks made payable to Philo). So, grab your friend, daughter or other relative and come learn how to defend yourself against an attacker and how to recognize and better prepare for dangerous situations. I will be checking with the SHARP officers the week before the class to be sure we have sufficient participants to hold the class. In the event that we don't, I will call those people who did register. Feel free to contact me (532-2749) with any questions or send in your registration directly to The Police Department.

Amy Hummel, Chair

Garage Sale News

The weather was beautiful, the workers were wonderful and the location was great! Because of the newsletter deadline and the finalization of our numbers, I'm not sure of the total profit from the garage sale at this time. I am concerned, however, that our bottom line will not be spectacular. It seemed that this year, although we had A LOT of inventory, we didn't have as many of the big ticket items as we did last year. The traffic was good and we kept steadily busy but at \$5.00 to \$10.00 per customer it just doesn't add up quickly. I will have the final numbers at the Spring Dinner. **Thank you all for your wonderful support.**

Cindy Kurtz, Chair



Left, Cindy Kurtz and Sarah Long; Below, Gwen Denton, Betty Brammer and Rita Harden



Thank You to Committee Chairs

A huge thank you to all Chairs of our Philo Committees. It has been a busy and successful year because of your leadership.

THANK YOU TO:

Nicki Staiano – Alternatives to Violence
Kathi Wright and Joyce Krantz – Artists' Charitable Fund
Cynthia Garcia – Blood Drives
Kathy Matsunaka – Canned Food Drive
Sheila Pottorff – Computer Tech
Marthann Dahlen – Food Baskets
Jan Dougherty – Food Baskets Matching
Cindy Kurtz – Garage Sale
Ceri Anderson – Girls' Night Out
Jeanne Findley – Guidelines for Giving
Anne Anderson and Jan Wilson – Honorary Membership
Sue Wall – Integrated Early Childhood
Mary Ann Stroub, Lin Stokes, and Nita Starr – Newsletter
Diane Meuret and Pat Farnham – Planning Committee
Betty Brammer – Publicity
Karen Pielin – Scholarships
Dottie Childers – Sculpture Garden
Amy Hummel – SHARP
Kim Knowles – Spring Dinner
Toni Wallace – Sunshine Committee

Thanks again to you and your committee members!
The Philo Board

2006-2007 Yearbook Changes

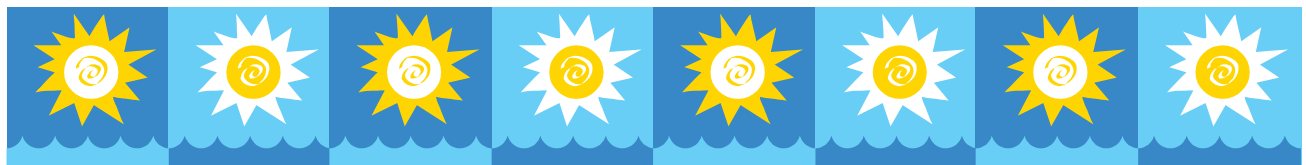
If you have any address, e-mail, or name changes before the end of June, please contact Doreen MacDonald or Trudy Eckhardt. The new yearbook will be printed during the early part of July.

Also, contact Nita Starr with any e-mail changes so she is able to keep her Newsletter database up to date.

Doreen – 669-2672

Trudy – 667-1455

Nita - 667-1056





Sunshine and Showers

Sympathy notes were sent last month to Sue Wahl and Janice Farley. Both ladies' mothers passed away. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

A "thinking of you" card has been sent to Patsy DeGood. We are keeping Patsy and her entire family close to our hearts in thoughts and prayers.

A "thinking of you" note was sent to Kitty Dexter. If you would like to write, she has a new address:

Kitty Dexter
3492½ G. Road
Clifton, CO 81520

Also, a "get well" note went out to Bonnie Hanson, who had a successful incisional hernia surgery.

Members are taking meals to Mary Nemeth from the end of April until the end of May. A sign-up sheet was available at the last general meeting, but if you were unable to sign up and would like to help please give Toni Wallace a call (669-8803).

Lola Johnson received great news after her recent PET scan – cancer free. We are rejoicing with you, Lola!

Toni Wallace, Chair



Birthdays

May Birthdays

Marthann Dahlen	2	Doreen MacDonald	15
Diane Goddard	2	Anne Bennett	19
Kathy Matsunaka	5	Eunice Holthusen	24
Lori Knedlik	8	Mary Voggesser	25
Karen Bruner	10	Coleen Ligothke	27
Anne Anderson	13	Ginger Shearer	29
Connie Ephland	17		

**We make a living by what we do, but we
make a life by what we give.**

~Winston Churchill

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