



PHILO NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back Everyone

The summer has almost passed us by and fall is in the air."

Mark Your Calendar ✓

September 12 Committee Meetings

Alternatives to Violence meeting - 6:15

Board Meeting

12:30 PM

September 11th, 2045 Sitka Ct.

This Month's General Meeting

6:40 – Refreshments, 7:00 – Meeting

Tuesday, September 12
Trinity Lutheran Church

First Annual Golf Tournament

September 24



Deadline for October Newsletter

September 25

4th Thursday of the month - Book Club

11:30

Circle Moon Coffee Café'



From Doreen

Welcome back to everyone!

Philo is ready to "tee off" its 88th year, and

coincidentally, we will soon have our First Annual Ladies' Golf Tournament.

What a wonderful FRESH START!



It has been a long time since I was a kid in school or since I got my boys off to school, yet I do look forward to each September as a fresh start. This year, though, I am making a start of a bigger kind – as President of Philo. Philo has been serving our community in many different ways for the past 87 years and this year it will be my privilege to serve as your President. I know my job will be made easier because of the many hard working members and a dedicated board. I am looking forward to working with you as we move toward the completion of our goals.

I hope that each of us will strive to be a part of this FRESH START while we work, play, meet new friends and serve our community through Philo.

Doreen

Committee Chair Changes

There have been some changes in committee chairs that happened just after the yearbooks were printed. Please make these corrections:

Canned Food Drive

Sue Linden, Carol Albers, Co-Chairs

Blood Drive

Debbie Welzel, Chair

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

-- Muhammad Ali

Notes from the Editors

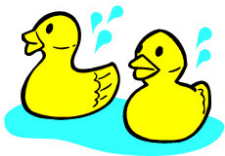
We will be requesting that you supply us information in a somewhat different format this year. It is our hope that this will help us to continue to create a pertinent user-friendly letter in an efficient and timely manner.

Please submit your article in writing – email (preferred) or postal mail. It makes editing articles so much easier, and minimizes errors that have occurred in dates, numbers etc., which is sometimes not the case over the telephone. Send information to Lin Stokes –

d00rknob@msn.com (those are zeros)-
2481 Anemonie Ct., Loveland 80537.

We have 3 deadlines – submission of articles/information, layout and assembly, and mailing. It is much easier to get the newsletters out on time if the first step (submitting articles/information) is done by the deadline (see chart). Please consider our time. Thank you for your help!

Successful Duck Race Fundraiser



Philo will enjoy a profit of approximately \$1,400.00 from the sale of Duck Race tickets! Rotary earned money for Loveland schools' 3rd grade

dictionary program and we will help sponsor our service projects for Loveland as well.

This year's last minute effort to engage in the fundraiser provided great experience and better know how for next year. As we may be losing the Artist Charitable Fund sculptures resource, we will need to push the sale of the duck tickets next year. We can all sell MORE. After saying that, I am sure I have 5 more friends...somewhere!

Many thanks to everyone who participated! Did anyone's duck win?

Betty Brammer, Chair

Newsletter Deadlines

The following are the deadlines for the 2006-2007 newsletters.

Meeting Month	Deadline
October	September 25
November	October 23
December	No newsletter
January	December 26
February	January 22
March	February 26
April	March 26
May	April 23

Bring Your Smiles! New Photo Directory Underway



To help get the 2006-2007 year off to a great start Gerry Henderson and Stevie Benkendorf will be taking members' pictures at the September and October Philo general meetings. Since we have many new members joining after the last directory completed in 2000, it's time to update which will help us all get to know one another better. Of course, honorary members will be included in the Directory, too, so please have your pictures taken.

You can choose to use your picture from the last directory (please let us know if that's what you intend) or get a new photo taken. If you can't attend either the September or October meeting but want to be included in the 2006 Directory, call Gerry at 669-3595 and make arrangements to have your picture taken. We plan to have the Directory ready for distribution at the November meeting.

Gerry and Stevie

The 1st Annual Philo Women's Scramble Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 24th – 8:00AM Shotgun

We are fast approaching our new fall fundraising event and **need all of your help in making this a great success!** The funds generated from this event are earmarked for our scholarship program.

There is a job for everyone and we hope that all of you will jump on the bandwagon with your support. We will have **signup sheets** at the **September 12th** meeting that will offer a variety of job placements – everything from registration, working at the tee boxes, to helping with the luncheon. Even if you are planning on playing golf, you will be able to help in some capacity. The lunch will be held at Group Publishing and will require that our members handle the serving of the meal.



By now, all of you have received the information about the tournament and the Non-Golfer event. What an opportunity to learn the game of golf! We know that many of you are not interested in golf but do hope that you can join in the festivities at the luncheon. Keep in mind that \$10.00 of the \$20.00 lunch fee goes to support the scholarship fund. Also, we can always use more sponsors – any amount from \$100 to \$500. Everyone has a chance to become better acquainted with

each other and support one of our many important causes.

We hope that all of you will help with this important Fundraiser. Sign up to play with a team, learn the game of golf, or enjoy a fantastic lunch. What a great kickoff for our new year!

Pat Farnham, Co-Chair, Diane Meuret, Co-Chair

Summer Workers

Although Philo has regular meetings between September and May, most everyone is aware that our organization can require yearlong commitment, committee meetings, activities, and work. Following is a list of committees that continued their projects/work over the summer. To **all Philo members**, thank you for your hard work and dedication.

- Board members
- First Annual Ladies' Golf Committee
- Artist Charitable Fund Committee
- Blood Drive Committee
- Sunshine Committee
- Computer Tech Committee
- Duck Race Committee
- Sculpture Garden Committee
- Auditing Committee
- Newsletter Committee

Committee News

Artist Charitable Fund

Debbie and I had quite a surprise when we went to pick up the new 2006 piece and learned that there was no new piece. We were offered a tent at the sculpture show to sell past pieces, so we decided to go ahead with that. In the meantime, Debbie met with George Lundeen to discuss the future of the mini sculptures. George indicated that the project is simply not profitable enough for the Artist Charitable Fund due to the time his staff must spend to produce and to keep track of the inventory. The Artist Charitable Fund project makes between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00 at the Silent Auction each year with little effort, while the mini sculpture project brings in a relatively small profit for considerable effort. George wants to discontinue the mini sculptures unless someone else is willing to take over the production and management.

We worked the tent all three days of the show, and many of our clients were surprised and disappointed that there wasn't a new piece. However, further discussion of the project's future is in the works.

We want to thank the members who signed up to work the show. We did have a few "no shows", even after calls and reminder letters went out. Members, PLEASE, follow through on your commitments. It is in the best interest of Philo to do your part.

Debbie reported that we had a profit of \$2,200.00, which is wonderful when you consider there was no new piece to sell!

Phyllis McCormack, Co-Chair, Debbie Welzel, Co-Chair

Sculpture Garden Committee

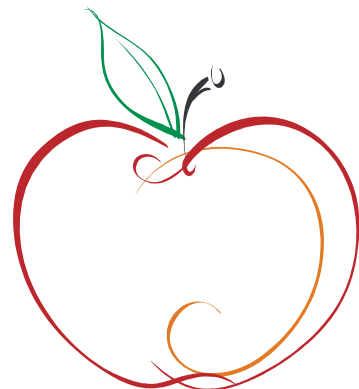


Spending Time in the Garden

Our group met on June 10th to plant and weed "Flora" in the Sculpture Garden. It is amazing what fourteen women (with the right tools) can do in a very short morning. I must say, we worked fast and had a great time as well. Thanks, girls, "Flora" looked pretty amazing all summer!

Nancy Roe, Chair

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple
Only God can count the apples in a seed.



Committee News continued...

Blood Drive



The first blood drive of our new year was a good summer success with 117 pints collected, and great support from the committee and members who worked at the drive.

In reviewing the collection

history for our blood drives, I notice that our collection numbers are changing somewhat. I looked at rolling four year collection averages and see that we are now averaging around 125 pints which is down from 140 pints. We have wonderful and consistent support from our regular donors, who are very comfortable at our site, and who enjoy the service that we provide to them. However we are not seeing many first time donors.

So...with that in mind, Jeff, our liaison from Bonfils Blood Center, and I have been brainstorming how to get more awareness out into the community. While we continue to work on a plan, I would really like to encourage all of our membership to consider becoming donors, as well as using their influence in encouraging family, friends, and neighbors to join this worthwhile community service. I have had lots of fun suggesting that my neighbors join and I've had some success, too! It is just great to see friends walk in the door to do their part.

Karen Sanders, former Chair

Alternatives To Violence

Let me begin by welcoming everyone back to reality - I am hoping your summer was fun and full of wonderful memories.

By the beginning of summer our previous tenant had vacated the housing unit. We cleaned the apartment and carpet anticipating an immediate new arrival. As it turned out, the apartment remained vacant until mid-August when a mother and her 7 year-old son became new tenants.

Brenda, our contact for Alternatives, was on vacation at the move-in time so my information is limited. The family is not from the states, nor are they from Mexico. Brenda stated they are from "somewhere across the seas." Mom came with absolutely NOTHING - no family or friends are here in the states. She was "dropped off" and is on her own and in need of EVERYTHING!

Therefore, I am sending an SOS for any toiletries, towels, paper towels, cleaning supplies, etc. **Anything** that you can spare will be greatly appreciated. At the general meeting on September 12th I will be able to provide more information such as clothing sizes and specific needs.

Committee members please meet at 6:15 before the general meeting.

If you have questions please contact me at (970) 669-6465 or (303) 913-5337.

Cheri Kois, Chair



Philo Scholarship Recipients

The scholarship committee scheduled interviews with 12 candidates and selected six for awards of \$800 or \$1000. The goal of the Philo program is to award scholarships for vocational or technical programs of no more than two years, but this year's crop of candidates reflected a trend we have seen increasingly in the past few years. Although all of the recipients are starting in two-year community college programs, most are planning to transfer to 4-year programs. The committee is pleased to help these students at the community college level.

Recipients of \$1000 scholarships are **Rachael Davis, Andrew Elliott, Nikki Muhler, and Sam Rogers**. The committee awarded \$800 scholarships to **Margie Ellis and William Shanahan**.

Rachael just finished her senior year at Ferguson High School. She is 18 and has had to support herself emotionally and financially since she was 15. Her immediate goal is to be accepted at Laramie County Community College in the Associate's degree in Nursing Program. Her ultimate goal is to become a registered nurse. She impressed the committee with her ambition and caring heart.

Andrew applied from Berthoud High School. He has been active at church and in Scouting, where he earned the Eagle Scout rank. His guidance counselor notes that although he sometimes struggles academically, he "overcomes challenges with grace and determination." He plans to get a BA from CSU but will start at Front Range Community College. After that he wants to earn a second degree at the Art Institute of Colorado. He is interested in media arts, especially film. He impressed the committee with his determination.

Sam finished his four years at Mountain View attending MVHS in the morning and Culinary Art class at Front Range in the afternoon. He also struggled academically, but his grades over four years showed improvement. His teacher and counselor recommendations were uniformly strong, and he did very well in the interview. He has a strong drive to be a chef that he has matched with a targeted class load, extra classes in art, and food-related volunteer work. He has been accepted at Johnson & Wales University in Denver in the 2-year Culinary Art Program.

Nikki did very well academically at Berthoud High School while working 30 hours a week and surviving her parents' difficult divorce. She has a passion for helping and received a glowing recommendation for her work as a Peer Support Counselor. Nikki wants to earn a bachelor's degree. She is unsure of her major but wants to explore business, psychology, and criminal justice. She has been accepted at Aims Community College.

Margie heard about the Philo scholarship through the Project Self-Sufficiency Program. She is a single mother with 10 and 17 year-old daughters. She is an extremely talented artist and wants to be a high school art teacher. Her art teacher at Aims says, "Margie is the best student I have ever encountered" and her work "is beautiful and of professional quality." She has already attended five semesters at Aims and next year plans to transfer to CSU.

William is a 26-year old Army veteran with a tour in Afghanistan under his belt. He is married-with-mortgage. He works for MM Solutions building custom crates, but wants to become a police officer. He has been accepted at Aims Community College and is seeking an Associate of Applied Science degree in criminal justice.

Karen Pielin, Chair

Meet Your 2006 – 2007 Board of Officers



Doreen MacDonald, our new **President**, comes to us by way of Guyana, England, and Switzerland, before moving to Loveland. Her husband, Alistair, is from Scotland. In 1976 they came to Loveland for his job with Hewlett Packard and presently own a small electronics company. The family is completed with sons Kyle and Fraser. She has been a member of Philo since 1992. Doreen tries to help wherever she is needed. In her free time she likes to travel, play bridge and enjoys visiting with family and friends.

Trudy Eckhardt, **Vice President** for 2006-2007, joined Philo in 1997 to become involved in the worthwhile endeavors that the organization is committed to helping. She and her high school sweetheart, John Robert, celebrated their 37th anniversary this year. He is a water resources engineer. Trudy is a retired math and science teacher. They have two daughters – Heidi Lynn Abrahamson and Heather Johnn Dodson, and four grandchildren – Nathan and Julia Abrahamson, and Brodee and Emmalee Dodson. Trudy loves playing with her grandchildren, tennis, hiking, tole and landscape painting, and crafts.

Sue Wall, a retired high school principal, will be the **Recording Secretary**. She is married to Jan Wall, a retired physical education teacher and golf coach of 17 years. Between them they have six children – Cindy 42, Tony 40, Reggie 37, Kim 37, Rick 35, and Jeff 31. They also have five granddaughters and one grandson ranging in age from 3 to 19 years. She has been a member of Philo for nine years and joined because of the strong emphasis placed on helping children and young adults with their education. Sue spends free time shopping, traveling, and cooking.

Cindy Kurtz, **Treasurer**, has been a member of Philo for four years. She has been involved with real estate for 16 years and is presently a broker for The Group, Inc. She has been married to Bill for 21 years. He is retired from the Army National Guard and is now an independent real estate appraiser. The couple has two children – Amy is in her second year at Aims Community College, and Matthew is a senior at Thompson Valley High School. Cindy joined Philo to become involved with the people who strive to make a difference in our community. In her down time she plays cards and horseshoes, boats, travels, and loves sports of all kinds.

Stevie Benkendorf, Historian, has been involved with Philo since 1995. She joined to participate in the many worthwhile projects, especially those dealing with children and women in need. She and her husband, Del, have been married for 37 years and have lived in Loveland the entire time. They have two children Paul (wife Sharla) and Amber Sansone (husband Tim). They also have two beautiful granddaughters, Ella and Caela. Their third granddaughter will have arrived by the time the newsletter goes out (see Sunshine and Showers). Stevie taught kindergarten and Head Start/Special Education for 22 years and is now retired. She very much enjoys organizing special events, volunteering for children's projects, working with flowers, baking, reading and especially being with her grandchildren.

DeeDee Warnock will be the **Corresponding Secretary**. She joined Philo because she feels it is one of the most valuable and beneficial organizations in Loveland and provides needed assistance to so many areas in our community. All of Philo's fund raising is for very worthwhile causes and she feels honored to be able to commit time to help in these endeavors. DeeDee is a registered dietitian, who consulted in the field periodically until 1997. She then began working in container design at Gulley's Greenhouse, retiring in 2005. She and her husband John, broker and owner of Prudential Rocky Mountain Realty, have three children – Sarah, Michael and Allison. DeeDee's hobbies and interests include family, gardening, reading, being outdoors, and walking and hiking with John and Madison, their Golden retriever.

Board Meetings 2005-2006

The Board meets each month at Dorren's home, 2045 Sitka Ct.

September 11, 2006 12:30

October 9, 2006, 12:30

November 1, 2006, 9:00 am

Officers and Past and Present Chairpersons Get-Together this Summer



Back - Betty Brammer, Nancy Roe, Toni Wallace, Cincy Kurtz. Front - Gerry Henderson, Jan Wilson, Anne Anderson, Kathi Wright and Juanita Cisneros

Report Of Honorary Philo Doings For 2005-2006

Co- Chairs Jan Wilson and Anne Anderson, with the help of our committee, Myrna McIntosh, Nancy Patterson and Rita Harden, put together three really fun gatherings for our potential seventy members. We always seem to enjoy eating when we do things together, so on October 12th, we had a luncheon for about 25 of us at Trinity Lutheran Church, in the atrium. We had wonderful salads contributed by those who attended, and lots of good, funny and otherwise, Philo stories from days of yore.

On February 11th, we met at Dorothy's Catering on First Street for a Saturday brunch. Once again, we had around twenty-five attending, with festive Valentine decorations and lots of talk.

Sally Moninger offered her home to us for a summer gathering, so we planned July 10th, when her husband, Bill, was riding his bicycle with his friend and Philo husband, Charles Peterman, from Astoria, Oregon to Wausau, Wisconsin. This time, it was wine and munchies in the afternoon. Sally's beautiful (and cool!) home was perfect for the occasion, with lots of room for all 27 of us. Our star guest was Lois Nicholson, a past president of Philo, who will be 100 in November and is still going strong. We were honored that she and her care-giver, Joanne Seal, were able to be there.

The process that we go through to accomplish our get-togethers is as follows:

1. We meet with our committee and decide what sort of party we will have
2. Decide the date and place
3. So far, Jan has written invitations to each individual, a successful way to achieve a good attendance.
4. All help with those who need rides, decorations, etc.
5. Any help requested by the Philo board, or committees needing extra people are advertised at these meetings; however, the main purpose is simply to have fun and see those we enjoy being with.

Jan Wilson, Anne Anderson



Back Row left to Right: Georgia Christopher, Lis Sethre, Pat Farnham, Barb Worden, Sally Moninger, Heather Brown, Mary Jane Trethewey, Julie Mahffey, Mary Nemeth, Nelda Peterman; Middle row: Kathy Leonard, Anne Anderson, Laverne Macy, Marilyn Pyle, Doreen MacDonald, Marilyn Heth; Myrna McIntosh, Lola Johnson, Jan Wilson, Bretty Brammer, Linda Anderson, Ann Moore, Georgia Torson



SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS

The Sunshine Committee is ready to go! We hope each of you has had a good summer. In addition to myself, Kay Robinson, as Chair, and Carol Helzer, as Co-Chair, we have two active members on our committee, Jeanne Findley and Sharon Petersburg.

The function of our committee has been expanded. We will continue to send cards and try to keep the membership informed concerning celebrations, illnesses, and deaths. As always, we need your input. In order to better serve our members' needs, such as when meals are requested, we are dividing the membership into small teams. Each team will have a leader. As a need arises, I will call a team leader and she will activate her team for that occasion and then I will go on to the next team for the next request. This will be more fully explained at the September meeting. We will also list the teams and team leaders. This process has been successful in other groups and we hope it will be a good addition for Philo.

Over the summer the following cards were sent: a sympathy card to the family of Patsy DeGood, to Mary Vogesser and family on the death of her father, and to Lori Knedlik on the death of her nephew. Thinking of you/get well cards were sent to Sandy Roorda and Dave Mathias. A note of encouragement was sent to Lola Johnson as she runs for a School Board position.

Congratulations to Stevie Benkendorf on the August 22nd birth of a new grand daughter who has been named Megan Stephanie (after grandma!). Her parents are Paul and Sharla Benkendorf.

And, a great big congratulations to Karen Sanders whose identical twin grand daughters were born recently in Portland. They have been named Amelia Ann and Gwentyth Lynn and are the children of Karen's son.

As you become aware of events in the lives of our members, please call me at 970) 667-0993.

Happy fall to all,

Kay Robinson, Chair, Carol Helzer, Co-Chair



BIRTHDAYS

June -

Joyce Mathias	6-1
Karen Leu	6-1
Nancy Guffey	6-2
Gay Sennett	6-8
Susan Linden	6-11
Lola Johnson	6-12
Linda Stagel	6-14
Deedee Warnock	6-15
Clare Skolnick	6-20
Corinne Adams	6-21
Mary Nemeth	6-21
Jan Frame	6-25
Rae Jean Sendek	6-25
Janice Farley	6-27
Michaele Gillette	6-27

July -

Marsha Reed	7-1
Judy Lenz	7-3
Sue Wall	7-10
Glenna Bliss Cook	7-10
Heather Brown	7-13
Shirley Hogan	7-15
Myrna McIntosh	7-16
Missy Yowell	7-16
Elaine Persichitte	7-19
Trudy Eckhardt	7-25
Jan Wilson	7-27

August -

Phyllis McCormack	8-3
Nancy Roe	8-5
Lori Finnick	8-6
Kathy Leonard	8-6
Ann Moore	8-8
Gerry Henderson	8-10
Jeanne Westerman	8-11
Cynthia Johnson	8-12
Stevie Benkendorf	8-14
Mary Ann Lane	8-14
Jeanne Findley	8-15
Mary K. Spangler	8-17
Karen Scheck	8-18
Becky Aldrich	8-22

September-

Gretchen Bennett	9-1
Vicki Moehling	9-1
Kathi Wright	9-4
Linda Anderson	9-9
Patty Byers	9-12
Sherri Frank	9-16
Denise Olson	9-16
Barbara Gieseey	9-21
Pam Pellizzari	9-22
Marne Engelking	9-26
Mary Ladd	9-26
Karen Pielin	9-26

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