



PHILO NEWSLETTER

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The Secret Pal Caper

Wow! Did we ever get a big response for secret pals. We have over 40 members who will be enjoying a secret pal this year.

Those who are participating, please bring a gift (not to exceed \$10) for your pal to the February general meeting. This gift should be brought in a brown paper bag with an attached nametag (folded so no one knows who your pal is). Place your gift on the decorated table when you arrive. If you are unable to come to the February meeting, please be sure someone brings your gift. Board members will be doing the deliveries.

If you are participating, but do not receive your gift, most probably the person who had your name could not make the connections. Please let a board member know so that the exchange can take place at a later time.

We will continue secret pals during March and April and the activity will culminate at the Spring Dinner when we reveal ourselves. In March and April do whatever you would like for your pal. Perhaps you might drop some hints as to who you are. This will be great fun!!

We will all be looking forward to the moment of truth in May when we find out – **WHO IS OUR SECRET PAL?**

**Special Valentine Program
Don't miss it!**



**Our own Sharon Sheets
will entertain us!**



*Angel For My
Secret Pal*

*This gift is for my
secret pal*

*to brighten up her day
and perhaps it makes her wonder
how this angel came her way.
Don't forget your Valentine Secret Pal!*

Mark Your Calendar ✓

Board Meeting, February 9, 1:30 PM
Doreen MacDonald's house

February 13 Committee Meetings
Spring Dinner Committee, 6:00
Prospective New Member Orientation, 6:00
Integrated Early Childhood Committee, 6:00
Scholarship Committee, 6:30

This Month's General Meeting
Tuesday, February 13
6:40 refreshments, 7:00 meeting
Trinity Lutheran Church

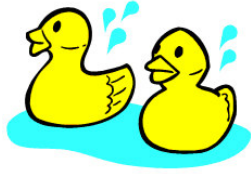
Blood Drive, February 20



Garage Sale, April 14

Take Your Mark, Get Set, Duck Race!

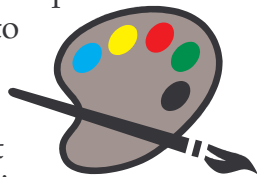
Start talking up the event and sales now for Philo's Two Month Duck Race fundraiser- we will be selling tickets during March and April only. The Rotary Club uses their proceeds to purchase new hardback dictionaries for each third grader in the Thompson School System. Philo uses our profit to help with the projects we sponsor – each \$5 ticket returns an amazing \$3.25 in profit. Tickets will be available at the March general meeting with all money due at the May Spring Dinner. This is such an easy way for our group to make money. We are asking that **everyone** give their support, both by buying and selling. **Someone will get lucky and it could be you!**



Betty Brammer, Chair

Are You Interested in a Family Portrait?

Margie Ellis, a 2006 Scholarship recipient who is studying to become an art teacher, shared some of her wonderful work with us at the January meeting. She is extremely talented with faces and portraits. If you are interested in having your portrait or your family portrait drawn, Margie can do amazing work from a photograph. You may contact her at (970) 663-2522.



Thank you to everyone in Philo for helping this talented woman achieve her dream.

Missy Yowell, Chair

A Note From Doreen

A special “thank you” to the 50 members who braved the frigid weather to attend the January meeting. We had the privilege of hearing from two of our scholarship recipients who reminded us that Philo is a great organization and because of your hard work their lives are enriched. Thank you!

It is time for Philo to begin preparation for next year. If you are interested in becoming a board member or chairing a committee, please let me know. It truly does give you the opportunity to see how Philo functions. The sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting, so begin now to decide where you will contribute.

There will be another orientation for prospective new members at 6 PM before the February general meeting. Sponsors, it is very important that all prospective members attend. If you know someone who is interested in Philo, please encourage them to come to the meeting.

I am looking forward to February because I know “love will be in the air.”

Doreen

2007 SHARP Schedule

Philo is again coordinating the Loveland Police Department Sexual Harassment & Rape Prevention (S.H.A.R.P.) women's self defense classes. The schedule for the 2007 classes is:

February 24	8 AM – 5 PM
May 21 and 22	6 PM – 10 PM
July 21	8 AM – 5 PM
September 17 and 18	6 PM – 10 PM

Cost is \$10.

For registration information call (970) 962-2679 or email santos@ci.loveland.co.us

Amy Hummel, Chair

Committee News

Garage Sale 2007

Time to begin looking for the perfect items for this year's **Philo Garage Sale** which will be held on **April 14th** at the First Congregational Church - 800 North Lincoln Avenue. Item drop-off will be on Friday, April 13th starting at 8 AM. We will let you know when we have decided on the closing time for drop-offs. There will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting for those people who wish to be involved – please bring your calendars and help make this a BIG money maker. Thank you!

Sarah Long, Chair

Blood Drive

We are trying something NEW this year. It seems at times we are over-staffed in some areas, so we have deleted one aid position and one canteen position. We've replaced those positions with "baked goods." We have been relying on Bonfils to provide cookies/crackers etc., however they are facing budget cuts and the assortment is getting noticeably leaner. Therefore, by signing up for "baked goods" you don't need to work a shift at the Blood Drive, but plan instead to drop off 2 dozen bars or cookies between 11AM and 2PM. This will help Bonfils and thrill those donors who enjoy homemade goodies!

Blood Drive Committee members, call sheets will be passed out at the February meeting. Please don't forget to make your calls and return the sheets (with notations) to me at the Blood Drive or mail them to me.

See you **February 20** at the Blood Drive!

Debbie Welzel, Chair

Food Basket Matching 2006

This year the House of Neighborly Services facilitated the delivery of holiday food baskets to 696 recipients. Liz Sethre matched 375 of those baskets, Philo Food Basket Matching Committee matched 176 and HNS took care of the rest. This Philo service project brings love and goodwill to over 500 needy people and provides another year of cheerful Christmas giving for hundreds of donors.

The Matching Committee received \$1990 in donations, which funded the 48 baskets that your Philo Food Basket Committee then purchased and delivered.

Solicitations were sent to a mailing list consisting of many current and past Philo members, along with previous donors, organizations, and churches. One in five Philo members responded to the mailing. Two in five responded to a phone tree. Thank you all!

Becky Aldrich, Chair

Integrated Early Childhood



A big thank you goes out to Kay Robinson for the awesome "goody-bag", and to Michaele Gillette for making the cutest scrub tape!

We will meet at 6:00 pm on Feb. 13th before the general meeting. It is very important that all members of the committee attend. We will be decorating 20 book bags and discussing (and organizing for) what needs still to be done for each of our schools.

Joan Swan, Chair, Nicole Whitenight, Co-chair

Committee News, cont.

Honorary Get-together

It's time for the February Honorary Gathering
Mark your calendars, ladies

"Meet and Eat, Fun and Food"
Dorothy's Catering
February 24, 2007 9:30 A.M.
\$5.00

All honorary members are encouraged to attend
this fun event.

Ann Anderson, Chair



Scholarship Committee



William Shanahan is a scholarship recipient for 2006. He is going to Aims community college and studying Criminal Justice to become a Police Officer. He hopes to serve us in the Loveland Community when he has completed his schooling and training. Will is a 27 year old Army Veteran.



Margie Ellis has completed her schooling at Aims Community College with Philo's scholarship award. She is completing her degree at CSU to become an art teacher.



SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS

Even with all the snow, we still have so much sunshine and that's something many areas of our country lack. Congratulations to Ceri Anderson as she takes over the Presidency of the Mountain View Rotary Club. Stevie Benkendorf and Myrna McIntosh were recently honored in the Reporter Herald for their work with the Read Aloud Loveland Program. We know how much our members do for Philo, but it is also great to see the influence and contributions being made in the community.

Stay happy and healthy. Spring will come!

Kay Robinson, Chair

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