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A Note From Doreen

Fifty-seven members attended the February meeting and it appeared everyone had a blast opening their "secret pal" presents. Please plan to continue your little gifts for March and April.

Philo continues to grow and shine in the community. It is a healthy club with hard working and caring members. Thank you. In March we will announce the names of new members. They have attended orientation and are ready to be a part of our organization. I am also happy to announce that we have a slate of officers for next year.

Some changes are being proposed for Philo. We will be discussing these in March and April, so please try to attend the meetings and help shape the future.

Unfortunately I will miss our next meeting, as I will be in Dublin celebrating with my nursing school friends who live in Ireland.

Happy St. Paddy's Day! See you in April.

Doreen



Much Excitement at February's Meeting

Doreen was surprised by a singing valentine!

Don't forget your Secret Pal in March!



Lin and Nita with their secret pal gifts



Board Meeting

March 5, noon

April 6, 1:00 noon

Doreen MacDonald's house

March 13 Committee Meetings

Spring Dinner Committee, 6:00

NO Scholarship Committee

This Month's General Meeting

Tuesday, March 13

6:40 refreshments, 7:00 meeting

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 10 Committee Meetings

Chair/Co-Chair Materials Exchange Meeting,

6:00 PM

Scholarship Committee, 6:30 PM

Garage Sale, April 14

Blood Drive, April 17

April Newsletter Deadline

March 26

Duck Race Ticket Information

Duck race tickets were given to members attending the fun February meeting. Many members paid for theirs and returned stubs that very evening. Others have mailed money and stubs to me. Many thanks!

All other tickets were mailed via snail mail. Please send any sold tickets with checks payable to PHILO along with your stubs to:

Betty Brammer
2518 Empire Avenue
Loveland, CO 80538

And then, you may check this obligation off your "to do" list!

We will also be open for business at the March general meeting. See you there. Again, Rotary and Philo thank you!!

Betty Brammer, Chair



Nancy and Betty are just ducky at February's meeting!

February Blood Drive

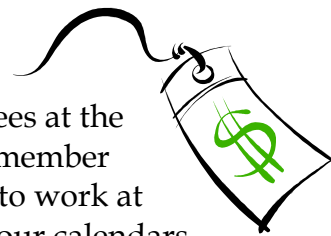
The February 20th blood drive netted 99 units of blood and 6 deferrals. To date, Philo has helped Bonfils Blood Center collect 25,998 units of blood which could have save 78,000 lives! What an amazing statistic. Bonfils is deeply appreciative of our sponsorship. The next drive will be April 17th.

Debbie Welzel, Chair



Garage Sale Update

We will be signing up for garage sale committees at the next meeting. Please remember that we are all required to work at this fundraiser - bring your calendars so that you can choose a date and time that works for you.



The garage sale will be much shorter this year. We will be having drop-offs at the First Congregational Church starting at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 13th and ending at 5:00 PM that afternoon. The actual sale will be held from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 14th. After clean up, our job will be finished!

For anyone needing help, there will be a committee to transport items to the church. Postcards asking for donations will be handed out at the March general meeting for members to give to neighbors and friends who might be interested in donating items.

Thanks in advance for all of your help!
Sarah Long, Chair

Wonderful Honorary Gathering

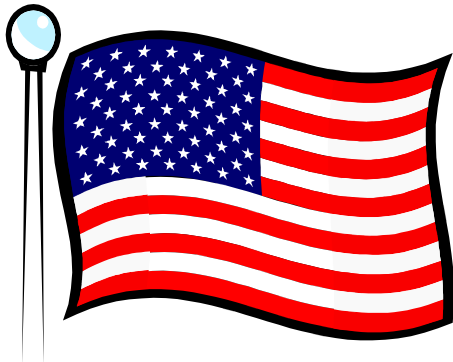
The Academy Awards should check with our Honorary gals if they want to have a great party and bring out the well-dressed celebrities. The Honorary party was held on February 24th at Dorothy's catering. Gloria Grotzinger was the consensus "hottie" in her first ever pair of jeans. We had lots of fun just talking and answering questions about the memory tables prepared by Jan, Rita, and Anne.

We always have such a good time and hope that even more of you can attend Myrna McIntosh's Garden Party on June 19th. We will have more information later.

Anne, Rita, and Jan

Alternatives to Violence

Welcome to the United States!



On Wednesday, January 17th, our new guest "Mary" became a citizen of the United States. She stood with 279 others from 67 countries and was naturalized! Doris ("Mary's" friend) says the excitement still shows in her face today. "Mary," who is in her third week of beauty school, received a title grant of \$17,000, (the total cost for her schooling), and will begin paying it back after she graduates and finds a job. The repayment price will be \$97/month.

A little satisfying tidbit about her husband...he was deported back to the United States from England. "Mary" was a bit concerned about this, and did have to face her fears when she ran into him at *Chucky Cheese*. However, since then, he has left her alone and is living in Denver. For those of us who are a bit cynical - he is flat broke and without a job - there is some justice after all!

Currently, Alternatives is training a new person to take over "Mary's" case. As soon as I know for sure who that person is, I will let everyone know. Oh, one more note of thanks to every one of you who help make our apartment for "Mary" possible. You ladies are truly amazing and caring women - you make this world much better for people like our "Mary".

Thank You!!!

Cheri Kois, Chair

Reminders

- ❖ There is still time to turn in the names of perspective new members. Please do so at the March meeting.
- ❖ Chairs, please remember to pick up the 2006-2007 Committee Report form at the March meeting. Fill it out and return it in April or at the end of your term.
- ❖ Don't forget your secret pal in March and April. How about a St. Paddy's card? Please put **both first and last names** on anything you are giving.



At our February meeting we all enjoyed a wonderful mini-Valentine's Day Concert by Philo's own Sharon Sheets and her accompanist, Carita. It set the mood for a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you Sharon!

Test your knowledge – how much do you know about St. Patrick, the man around whom we base our celebration of St. Patrick’s Day? Bring your answers to the March general meeting – **prizes!** (we’ll print the answers next month for those of you who can’t attend)

1. **Why is the shamrock associated with St. Patrick?**
 - a. He had three sons
 - b. He is said to have used it to explain the Trinity
 - c. It represents the three wise men
 - d. It is an Irish national symbol
2. **According to his ‘Confessions,’ St. Patrick was ashamed of his:**
 - a. Tendency to lie
 - b. Poor Latin vocabulary
 - c. Fear of snakes
 - d. Lack of zeal in praying
3. **What religion were the Irish before Patrick converted them?**
 - a. Jewish
 - b. Zoroastrian
 - c. Pagan
 - d. Deist
4. **Why is St. Patrick’s Day celebrated on March 17th?**
 - a. It was his birthday
 - b. It was the day he arrived in Ireland
 - c. It was the day he drove away the snakes
 - d. It was the day he died
5. **How did Patrick first get to Ireland?**
 - a. He went on a trip with his parents
 - b. His storm-tossed boat accidentally landed there
 - c. He was kidnapped by marauders and sold into slavery there
 - d. He was on a Christian mission
6. **A famous prayer attributed to St. Patrick includes which lines?**
 - a. I arise today/ Through God’s strength to pilot me...
 - b. May the road rise up to meet you
 - c. Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me
 - d. Both a and c
7. **In Latin St. Patrick (Patricus) means:**
 - a. Honest
 - b. Brave
 - c. Noble
 - d. Handsome
8. **St. Patrick’s Cathedral, where it is said that St. Patrick baptized converts, is in which Irish city?**
 - a. Galway
 - b. Belfast
 - c. Cork
 - d. Dublin
9. **When he was first in Ireland St. Patrick spent six years as:**
 - a. A preacher
 - b. A shepherd
 - c. A sailor
 - d. A farmer
10. **A biographer of St. Patrick sees him as a mystic because the saint:**
 - a. Had visions in his sleep
 - b. Heard voices
 - c. Saw visions while awake
 - d. All of the above





SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS

How wonderful to have sunshine and be able to see our lawns and driveways!!!! Spring is in the air and my tulips are starting to push through the moist soil.

Our sympathy goes out to Dona Menzies on the sudden death of her father. On a happier note, we have learned that Mary Nemeth and Dave Mathias, husband of Joyce, both received good health reports.

Kay Robinson, Chair

BIRTHDAYS

March

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

*May you always have work
for your hands to do*

*May your pockets hold
always a coin or two*

*May the sun shine bright
on your windowpane*

*May the rainbow be certain
to follow each rain*

*May the hand of a friend
always be near you*

*And may God fill your
heart with gladness to cheer
you.*

Old Irish Blessing



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