



Philo Spring Appreciation Dinner

The Spring Dinner Committee is making plans for this year's dinner and we assure you that it will be FUN!! Further details will be announced at the March 11th general meeting. Just a reminder – as you may have noticed in the Mark Your Calendar Column – the dinner will be on **May 6th** which is the first Tuesday in May. Our usual meeting date is the second Tuesday of the month, so please take note that this is a change. We hope it will work for everyone, and we look forward to seeing you on May 6th.

Gerry Henderson, Chair, Marne Engleking, Co-Chair

Social Committee Features Guest Speaker for March Meeting



Hey Ladies!! Ever wonder what to do with all of those tiny items you have collected while on vacation? Well, do we have a solution for you!! At the March meeting the entire membership will be treated to an "after the vacation/memory bookmaking" demonstration with local artist, Marcy McKenzie. She will give us ideas, show her beautiful books, and help us realize what can be done to keep a lasting memory alive by creating a travelogue. Marcy uses various mediums such as watercolor, fabric, metals, and decoupage – just to name a few! You absolutely, positively will not want to miss this opportunity to "see" out of the box. A special thanks to Dottie Childers for recruiting Marcy. We can't wait – see you there.
Joan Putlack, Chair

Committee Sign-Ups

Committee Sign-ups for next year will take place before and after the March and April meetings, and at the Spring Appreciation Dinner. Remember we have new requirements on which committees you have to volunteer for each year.



Mark Your Calendar

Board Meeting

March 3, Trudy's home, 1:00 pm

This Month's General Meeting

Tuesday, March 11
Trinity Lutheran Church



Meetings on March 11

Garage Sale Committee, 6:00
Spring Appreciation Dinner Committee, 6:00

Deadline for April Newsletter

March 24

4th Thursday of the month - Book Club



Blood Drive

April 15

Spring Dinner

May 6th (note this is a first Tuesday)

Trekking With Trudy



As I reflected over the celebration for Philo's 90th birthday, I realized just how much I both appreciated and admired the effort put forth by our social committee as well as the generosity of our gracious "hosts" and golf tournament sponsors from King Auto, Russ and Pam Kennedy and their able assistant Kimmi. It was truly a wonderful evening and I was so impressed by the great attendance of Philo members, their significant others, family, and friends. What a fitting celebration for an outstanding organization! I couldn't help but think of those members who have served before us these last 90 years! Just imagine how many women that is and even more overwhelming, stop for a moment and think of all the families and individuals that have been touched by Philo's caring presence through the years.

This has led me to think of our current honorary members and their continued commitment to Philo. The Honorary Membership is a very strong contingent of Philo and holds a vast amount of expertise and experience for our organization as well as knowledge of Philo's history. We have many honorary members that still participate as chairs, co-chairs, liaisons, committee members, or accept board responsibilities. I applaud those who still find the time and make it a priority to assist our newer members wherever they can. Like our active members, honoraries working on committees do the same work, provide the same energy, have an equal voice, and possess a wealth of information. I encourage more of our honorary contingency to consider signing up for honorary slots, or contact Philo members to volunteer throughout the year. We estimate sign-up slots from past participation but please know that there is always room for one more at committee sign-up as well as anytime throughout the year. I THANK our Honoraries for all they do. I also THANK those honoraries who can't help in this way but still support our efforts through their generous donations.

The Spirit of Philo continues,
Trudy

Blood Drive

The last blood drive was held on Tuesday, February 19th and netted 81 units of blood. We tried the new time frame which started at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 4:30 p.m. We asked for comments about the new times and were given several negatives. It seems that some of our faithful donors are unable to attend because of the earlier closure. We will hold the April 15 Blood Drive using this same schedule and then make a decision whether to keep the new times or return to the original schedule.

Everyone looked spiffy and cute in the newly stenciled Philo aprons! Feel free to ask for the aprons for you next committee event.

Marthann Dahlen and Juanita Cisneros, Co-Chairs

Logo Search

At February's meeting, members had the opportunity to vote on all of the logo submissions. We have narrowed the field to three new logos - there was a tie for second place. You also have the option of casting a vote for our current logo. Please vote - your input is important! The ballot for these finalists is included at the end of this newsletter. A logo will be chosen at

the March meeting. If you wish to e-mail your ballot, it must reach Trudy no later than March 10th.

Spring Garage Sale

The 4th Annual Philo Spring Garage Sale will be held on either **April 19th** or **April 26th** at First Congregational Church, 8th and Lincoln Avenue (across from Safeway). The hours of the sale will be 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the confirmed date. At 1:00 we will offer remaining items for free to the various churches and agencies in town – as well as individuals. At 3:00 p.m. we will haul any remaining items to places such as House of Neighborly Services, Habitat for Humanity, and Goodwill. Committee members please plan to meet prior to the March 11th meeting at 6:00. You will be selecting your assignment at this time. In the past years, the garage sale has contributed at least \$1000 toward Philo's general fund. The expectation is that all members will participate in some manner. A clipboard will go around at the meeting offering opportunities to help at this event.

Denise Olson, Chair

Reminders

- Please turn in your completed questionnaire about the New Service Project Search at the March meeting (this was emailed to all members in January).
- Please bring your completed and signed "Photography and Disclosure of Information Form for Website" included in the February newsletter to the March 11th meeting or mail the completed form to:
Michaele Gillette
2509 Glen Isle Drive
Loveland, CO 80537

Web/Circulation Editor

We have filled the Layout Editor and Content Editor positions. We are still looking for someone to work in the new capacity of WEB/CIRCULATION EDITOR. This position's job description includes:

- Arranging updated information to be sent by contact person to Craig Robinson, our Web Page Originator and Technician. Updated information and respective contact person includes the Yearbook/Computer Tech., Philo Brochure/Publicity Chair, current 2 forms of Philo's newsletter (members only and sanitized version), Layout Editor, and Committee information/respective Chairs, etc. (one time contact – 1 hour total)
- This person will be responsible for mailing newsletters to those members who do not have access to the internet (approximately 12 people), and also use established guidelines to work on sanitizing past newsletters and sending them to Web Tech. to be displayed for public viewing. (8 times throughout the year – 30 minutes per time to mail out 12 newsletters and approximately 45 minutes per past newsletter for sanitizing)
- This person will be responsible for mass e-mailings to send information to membership on an urgent basis as needed. (1 hour to initially set up e-mail addresses and 15 minutes to mass mail information each time that it is necessary)

Philo Book Group

The book group meets at 11:30 a.m., usually on the fourth Thursday of the month. We meet at the Circle Moon Coffee House which is across Cleveland from the downtown Safeway. New members are always welcome. If you have questions, please call Susan Linden at 667-5812.

The 2008 Selections

- March 27th *Halfbreed* by David Halaas – the story of George Bent, the son of trader William Bent and his Cheyenne wife, Owl Woman.
- April 24th *The Poe Shadow* by Matthew Pearl – a historical thriller set in 1849 after Poe's death.
- May 22nd *The Pale Blue Eye* by Louis Bayard – an award-nominated mystery thriller set in 1830 with Edgar Allan Poe as a cadet at West Point.
- June 25th (month may change depending on availability of the library book group bag) *Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen – acclaimed literary novel of quirky characters and a satiric look at American life.
- July 24th *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien – 1990 finalist for both the Pulitzer and National Book Critics Circle award. Fiction that reads as a non-fiction collection of short stories about things U.S. soldiers carried in Vietnam.
- August 28th *Restless* by William Boyd – a pedestrian Oxford student and teacher finds out that her aging mother was a spy in WWII and then is herself drawn into intrigue and danger.
- September 25th *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak – a tale told by Death of a young girl whose life is punctuated by the books she steals.
- October 23rd *Astrid & Veronica* by Linda Olsson – a story of two neighbors in Sweden that is marked by lyrical prose and expert rendering of the themes of heartbreak and loss.
- November 20th *The Last Mrs. Astor* by Frances Kiernan – a biography of the charming New York society maven and philanthropist.
- December 18th Salad luncheon and selection of 2009 books. (no book discussion)

Sunshine and Showers

The world goes up and the world goes down,
And sunshine follows the rain;
And yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown
Can never come over again.

-Charles Kingsley

Upon the death of Martha Olander, a former Philo member, cards were sent to her family. A card was also sent to Joan Swan following the loss of her brother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of these families.
Carol Helzer, Chair

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FINALISTS – of Logo Submissions

Select 1 – indicate your preference by voting for **ONE** Logo.



Bring your ballot to March 11th General Meeting

OR

e-mail your ballot to trudy_eckhardt@msn.com

NO LATER THAN MARCH 10TH

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