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Treasurer's Report

Golf Tournament balance \$18,510.85
 Key Bank checking balance 6,184.03
 Key Bank savings balance 5,404.52
 \$30,099.40

Wow, between the golf tournament proceeds and all of you who were so prompt with your dues, it felt like the money was rolling in! Thank you so much!

The new by-laws state: dues are to be paid no later than the November general meeting.

Active members \$35.00
 Honorary members \$15.00
 Honorary emeritus \$ 0.00

Donations are always appreciated.

Just a reminder that **you can mail your dues:**

Philo
 C/O Cindy Kurtz
 1960 Pyramid Peak Court
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Cindy Kurtz, Treasurer

Work In Progress

Remember, due to major changes in our organization last year, Philo is a "Work in Progress" this year and some things might need changing. The important thing is to recognize that adjustment is needed and do something about it.



Looking For Great Women and Great Ideas

We are looking for a new service to provide for the community in an area of need not currently being addressed. We are also looking for volunteers to form a committee to review the ideas submitted.



We are also considering a new logo for Philo that carries tradition but also exhibits the modern side of Philo. We are looking for volunteers to form a committee to review the submitted designs.

You may submit your ideas or desire to be a part of these committees to any Philo

Mark Your Calendar

Board Meeting

October 1, Trudy's home, 1:00 pm

October 9 Committee Meetings

Food Basket Committee, 6:00 pm

Blood Drive Committee, 6:15 pm

Alternatives to Violence, 6:30 pm

This Month's General Meeting

Tuesday, October 9

Trinity Lutheran Church

Deadline for November Newsletter

October 29

4th Thursday of the month - Book Club

11:30, Circle Moon Coffee Café

Girls' Night Out - November 15

Spring Dinner - Tuesday, May 6th

board member.

Trekking With Trudy



As a qualifier, please remember that I am a math teacher by vocation. If you “trek” an average of 3 miles per hour and multiply that by 60 trekkers, it will give you a total of 180 miles trekked per hour. If you continue at this rate for a duration of 2 hours, you have the 360 miles trekked by Philo members at the September general meeting. Whew, no wonder we were exhausted when we arrived home! And yes, we did have 60 members in attendance at our first meeting of the year. That’s reason to stop, take in the view, and smell the flowers! Awesome!!

There was a tremendous amount of information covered at our lengthy kick-off meeting. Thank you for your input, suggestions, and patience as we started the 2007-2008 year. Please remember to read the Philo Newsletter. If you have missed a meeting, also review the accompanying general meeting minutes.

I want to follow-up on the concern voiced at the September meeting regarding the allocation of donations to the Boys and Girls Club and the Loveland Community Kitchen. (For more information on these organizations and their needs, please refer to page 5 of the April 2007 Philo Newsletter). One of the major reasons for the May donations to these particularly worthy charities was the 2006-2007 board’s concern that the funds in our accounts (as of May) were too high. This would have resulted in too much money being carried over to the next fiscal year, which would be in conflict with our non-profit IRS tax status. However, in reflecting on all of the reasons for the donations and the timing - general meetings ending in April and other activities ending in May – the board should have brought the concern about a “possible” need for these donations to the membership at the April meeting and requested permission to make the donations if necessary. I personally apologize for this oversight. The vote taken at the September meeting assures that in the future the membership will always be informed before allocations of over \$500 are made. The concerns voiced have been addressed, we have learned from this, and direction has been given to future boards.

In addition, last year a new Guidelines and By-Laws committee was formed. This year the committee begins to develop helpful guidelines for the board, liaisons, chairs, and to help provide direction for any concerns that might arise. It was agreed to expand this committee to include several past presidents to provide “strength in history”, and utilize those who have great knowledge and experience.

Trekking Up – regarding the fall agenda

Hope you were able to prioritize your time to include attending the “Support Your Sponsors” event held September 19th. It was an incredibly fun evening. Thank you for showing our Golf Tournament sponsors how much we appreciate their support.

The October 9th meeting is not to be missed! Our 15 new members will perform a skit. Just as new members have done in the past, they will share their time and talents to entertain us. It’s all for fun, so plan to attend.

What a treat!

If you were at the new member meeting on September 11th and left a large water bottle in the meeting room, please call me at 667-1455.



Trudy

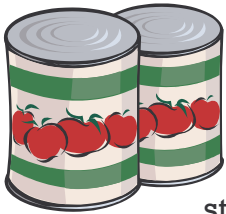
Canned Food Drive

The greatest satisfaction in life is helping others!

Philo's oldest tradition is the delivery of food baskets to the needy during the holidays. To do this, WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP for our annual CANNED FOOD DRIVE, which will be held on **December 14th and 15th** at the First United Methodist Church.

How can you help? You can sign up at our October and November general meetings to:

1. Drive pickups or large vans to move canned food goods from participating Loveland schools to First United Methodist Church on Friday, December 14th.
2. Sort and organize food at the church (Coy Hall) on Friday, December 14th.
3. Help distribute canned goods to the food basket donors on Saturday, December 15th.
4. Pack up leftovers for collection by Larimer County Food Bank on Saturday afternoon, December 15th.



This is a HUGE job but very rewarding. Committee chairs have contacted over 24 Loveland area schools – all are participating in the drive and welcome helping Philo with this important project. It is a lot of fun and a great service to the community. Last year we picked up, sorted, and boxed tons of food. Even after food basket donors took dozens of boxes of food, we still had 4,121 pounds left over for the Larimer County Food Bank.

Susan Linden, Carol Albers, Co-chairs

Guidelines for Giving

Because for the past few years there have been no requests for funds, it was decided last year in the reorganization to take the Guidelines for Giving committee out of committee and place it with the board's responsibilities. However, this year the board was given information regarding a deserving family in great need and we made the decision to help.

This is a family unit of nine with six children in the home full time and one child who arrives for weekends only. The father, who was the main wage earner, became very ill and under the doctor's orders had to leave his job. The mother has an hourly job that brings in only 23% of the household income. She requested help with tuition to receive EMT training and certification. Her goal is to acquire a much better job that is salaried, higher pay, continuing benefits (she presently works at McKee Medical Center), and provide more time to her family (EMTs work three 12 hour days). Since scholarship recipients are not selected until May and this mother needed to begin classes in September it was decided that funds would come from Guidelines for Giving.

Needless to say, the mother was ecstatic and is currently working during the day and training at night. The family still has many needs and is currently searching for other assistance, but Philo members should feel proud that we were able to provide some immediate help to the family!

Lights – Cameras – Action!



Committee Chairs, at the next meeting you will find a camera with your committee's name on the back table. Please pick up your camera and use

it any time your committee is active. Develop and have a CD made so pictures can be sent electronically to MaryAnn Stroub for inclusion in the newsletter or send prints to Doreen MacDonald to be placed in the scrapbook and to be put on a 2007-2008 CD. Doreen will continue to take pictures at all major events, but with more cameramen snapping pictures our coverage will expand.

Girls' Night Out

Remember "**Girls' Night Out**" is **November 15th**, just one week before Thanksgiving, which is the perfect time to start your **Christmas shopping!** We will announce all of the stores at the October meeting. We will also be sending around the sign-up sheet to select your restaurant for the evening. This year's choices include Inglenook, Henry's, Fourth Street Chop House, or Cipoletti's. You will have your choice of either an early or late seating.



For those of you who have not attended before it is a FUN, FUN night and the stores and restaurants return 10% to 15% of whatever we spend to the Philo treasury! This is a great way to do your holiday shopping while supporting local merchants and Philo.

Shirley Lampshire, chair

Alternatives to Violence

As we begin a new year, we look forward to serving our tenant and son. She is in school and will be graduating in seven months. She has stuck to her schedule and is doing what she planned. What fortitude. Her son is doing well also.

There are some needs. Philo members are asked to bring items to the general meetings such as toiletries, cleansers, personal items, soap, shampoo, etc.

McKee Medical Center Emergency Department has also indicated a need for jogging suits for rape victims to wear home.

All donations are of course considered a gift of love.

Our committee will meet at 6:30 prior to the next general meeting. Juanita Cisneros, Eileen Huddle, Sue Park, Kathy Loken -- be there or be square. Additionally we need another committee person due to the resignation of one of our members. Please call with any questions. Evenings are best.

Jan Dougherty, Chair

Philo Resignations

The following resignations were read at the September general meeting; Paula Coony, Ceri Anderson, Missy Yowell, Sherry Burrell, and Cheri Kois. All members should use this information to update your yearbook and committee membership list.



Golf Tournament Update

WOW! What a tremendous success this year's tournament was – great weather, grand turnout, and a wonderful profit! It looks like we will clear **\$10,500.00** and that could not have happened without the help of so many people. (We still have a few bills to pay but this figure should be very close – exact amount to come at a later date.) Whether it was playing golf, working the tournament, taking lessons, or having lunch, Philo members truly supported our big fundraiser. I can't begin to tell you how much all of your help and enthusiasm was appreciated!

A big thanks to the core committee of Kathy Loken, Syd Fancher, Mary K Spangler, Debbie Welzel, and Nelda Peterman. You were a great inspiration to me. Additionally, I want to thank Sharon Peterman, Jane Bock, Marilyn Wiltgen, Phyllis MacCormack, and anyone else who worked the day of the event. Without your help, it would not have been nearly as successful.

Next year we will plan on an even bigger event! **Once again, thank you.**

Diane Meuret, Chair

Welcome New Members

Laura Arace is a stay-at-home mom to six-year-old Tess and four-year-old Paige. Her husband Mark is a sales representative. She enjoys camping, golf, hiking, and reading. Laura has joined Philo for community service and a chance to meet new people.



Johna Cabrera is an occupational therapist and an independent representative for Silpada jewelry. Her husband Anthony is a family practice physician and they have three sons Jordan, Jaxon, and Jarett, ages nine, six, and two. In her free time you can find her running, spending time with family and friends, snow skiing, and of course sharing her passion for jewelry! She has joined Philo for community service and socialization.

Eileen Huddle and her husband Larry are both retired. She has two grown children. Eileen enjoys genealogy, camping, travel, and sewing. She thinks of Philo as a worthy service organization and looks forward to meeting new people and being of service to others.



Sherry King is retired which allows her the freedom to enjoy her hobbies which include boating, gardening, and doing her memory photo albums. Her husband John has a career in counseling. They have three grown children. Sherry has joined Philo to contribute to a worthwhile cause in the community.



Rachel Lane is a certified financial planner. She enjoys golf, skiing, traveling, reading, and learning new things. Her passion is helping others – she has joined the right organization!

Lynn McDonough and her husband David are both retired and have three children. Kelly is 29, Jeanette is 27, and Sandi is 21. Lynn likes to travel, read, and spend time with her family. She likes to volunteer and felt that joining Philo would help her do just that.

Sue Park and her husband Ray are retired. Sue has one grown daughter. She enjoys art, reading, travel, and hiking. She has joined Philo to return to the community some of the benefits and blessings she has received.

Amy Parsons and her husband Jeff are attorneys. They have two young children. Amy wanted to join Philo after Shannon Voggesser showed her what a great organization it is ...great job, Shannon! In her free time, Amy enjoys being outdoors and hiking.

Karen Skillman is a programmer-software analyst. Her husband, Bob, is a fire chief-security and safety manager. They have two grown daughters and two grandsons. Karen enjoys camping, hiking, biking, and

golf. She enjoys spending time with family and friends. She has joined Philo to be more involved in the community, volunteer time and services to others, meet new friends, and spend time with existing friends.



Georgeann Smith is a retired social worker. Her husband, Francis X. Smith is a retired manager for Sears. They have two children, Kevin and Kristy. Georgeann enjoys playing Bunco, her book club, knitting, and volunteering. She has joined Philo to meet new people and to become involved in the community.

Gerri Steinbaugh calls herself a domestic engineer! Her husband, Dale, is a buyer at Excel Energy. They have two sons. Her hobbies are sewing, reading, and card making. She has joined Philo to meet other women and to do good things for the community.

Lara Martinez is a high school math teacher at Loveland High School. She is currently working on her second master's degree in technology. Her special interests are relaxing with family and friends, sports, music, and movies. She enjoys home projects both indoors and out. Laura joined Philo to do volunteer work in the community.

Debbie Netzel is a computer support specialist for Banner Healthcare. Her husband Ken is a mechanical engineer. They have three children. Debbie enjoys tennis, skiing, and watching her kids' sporting events. She has joined Philo because she wants to contribute to the community.

Carly Habein is a restaurant manager for the new Bonefish Grill and her husband, Jared, is a restaurant manager for Red Robin. They have two young daughters, Emma and Grace. Carly enjoys running, skiing, traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends. Philo sparked her interest as a way to expand her volunteer work beyond her daughters' schools!

Donna Showalter is an advanced director with pampered chef. Her husband, Ron, is an air traffic controller. They have three children; Ryan is 21, Kyle is 18, and Tyler is 14. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, reading, cooking, and being active in her church. Donna has joined Philo to meet others and give back to the community.

Amy Hummel, Co-chair

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Non-Philo Sponsored Fundraisers

Although there are many, many worthwhile projects, members are discouraged from presenting non-Philo projects that they may be promoting to the general membership. There is a table available at each meeting where information can be left for viewing. However, the board decided to make an exception at the September meeting and allow the House of Neighborly Services (HNS) to present information regarding their fundraiser.

HNS has been assisting Philo for many years by providing recipient names, verifying those names, and providing any other assistance needed by our Food Basket Matching, Canned Food Drive, and Food Basket Delivery committees. HNS was cut \$63,000 from the original \$90,000. Their budget from United Way is now only \$27,000, so they are in dire need of financial help. They have planned a variety of fundraisers to help fill this gap, and Philo was asked to help with one of these fundraisers.

Philo members are under no obligation to participate. The board felt that at the very least we could assist this community asset by allowing one of their spokespersons to disseminate the information. At the last minute no one was able to speak and since Becky Aldrich is on the HNS Board, she agreed to step in.



SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS

*True friendship brings sunshine to the shade, and shade to the sunshine.
-Joseph Addison*

At the September meeting, it was announced that a sympathy card had been sent to Mary K Spangler for the loss of her father-in-law. Please remember to call the Sunshine committee as you become aware of events in the lives of our members.

Carol Helzer, Chair



The leaves had a wonderful frolic

They danced to the wind's loud song

They whirled, and they floated, and scampered

They circled and flew along

-Anonymous



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Recipes by Request

The Golf Sponsors' Open House held on September 19th was a huge success, and evidently the food, too, was exceptional because there have been many requests for the following recipes.

Warm Chili Dip

2 – 8 ounce packages of cream cheese

1 pound or 12 ounces of hot Italian sausage (Jimmy Dean or Kings)

1 can Rotel original chili (drain)

Brown and drain sausage. Add cream cheese and Rotel chili. Mix together over medium heat until hot (20-25 minutes). Stir occasionally. Serve with tortilla chips or raw vegetables.

Chutney Cheese Spread

1 – 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened

½ bottle Major Grey's Mango Chutney

½ cup salted cocktail peanuts, chopped

½ cup green onions, chopped (include green tops)

Spread cream cheese on serving plate to desired shape and size. Top with chutney, then peanuts, then onions. Serve with crackers.

*You may need to use more chutney, peanuts and onions depending on the shape of cream cheese.

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET????

We are encouraging every member to participate in our **SECRET SISTER** gift exchange. The Philo sisters will have the opportunity to meet a new Philo sister through this activity. At the October meeting we will be passing out the forms to fill out. Please join in the fun! At the November meeting you will receive your **SECRET SISTER'S** name. Bring your Secret gift to the holiday party in December. If by chance you miss the October meeting, simply e-mail or call Joan Putlack or Lori Knedlik and we add you to the list!