

Philo News

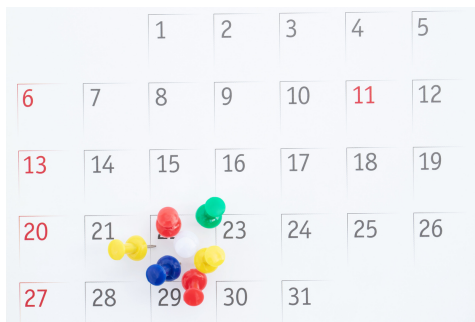
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Meeting
February 13 @ 7 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
3333 Duffield Ave.
Loveland, CO

Facility will open at 6 p.m. for committee meetings.

Feb. Hostesses: Peg Isakson, Florence Doksansky, Mo Reilly

March Hostesses: Ruth Swanty, Eileen Huddle, OPEN



SHARE YOUR NEWS!

For future reference, here are the deadlines for submitting content to the monthly newsletters.

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
March	February 17
April	March 23
May	April 20

Send to philopublicity@gmail.com;
Call Amy Black at 970-412-0250 with any questions.



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President's Message



Burrr!!!! The cold snap we recently had has been a rude awakening to winter! I hope everyone has stayed warm and healthy. Just like weather changing, there are a few things changing in Philo too.

First, we have done away with the name tags that you attached to lanyards. Everyone should have a metal magnetic name tag (if you need one, please let a board member know). You are expected to use that name tag from now on. However, please remember to sign in when you arrive at the general meeting.

The other change is that the Philo board voted to allow the DOWH committee to disband, the DOWH committee recommended this. The DOWH account has a balance of a little over \$1,000. This money will be used as seed money for another committee to start up which is yet to be determined. Members are asked to come up with fund raising suggestions for a cause to benefit Larimer County residents and present them to the board for consideration. Please contact any of the Philo board members with your ideas.

Thank you to all our committees and members who work hard to carry out our mission to support charities and educational needs in the Loveland/Berthoud communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rieser, Philo President

Duck Race Tickets for Sale

Thanks to all who purchased Rotary Duck Race tickets at our January meeting. We will be selling them through May. 7 tickets for \$20. This is a major fund raiser for our general fund which supports multiple committees. Please encourage family, friends and neighbors to purchase a packet or two to support Rotary and Philo.

Judy Gangle, chair



Integrated Early Childhood

The Book Exchange is back! Return all those books you have read and restock. There is still a lot of winter ahead of us so come and find some new reading material. This has been a great fundraiser for us and the table will open at 6:30 for your browsing and sharing your favorite titles with others.

The committee is still selling charms and are looking for businesses where we can place them on consignment. If you have any personal contacts, please let me know. They would make a great Valentines Day or Mother's Day gift and I will have some available at the meeting.

Debbie Riley, Chair



Raise Right is Back!

Hey, ladies! Get your gift card list ready! We will be taking orders at the March and April meetings. Remember, Philo gets a rebate from each card sold AND there's no activation fee for Visa.

Gift cards make great gifts! Mother's Day. Graduation. Birthdays. Remember, we can use them for our everyday shopping! It's a win for Philo!

Please see Marge McCoy, Peg Isakson, or Jeanne Findley at March and April meetings to place your order.





Blood Drive

BLOOD DRIVE ON FEBRUARY 20TH

Time: 9AM - 3PM

Place: Grace Community Church, just off 14th st. (402), west of 287

Appointments or Questions: Florence Doksansky, 401-524-0772, call or text!
fdoksansky44@gmail.com

Remember our favorite line:

"What can you do in less than an hour, and save up to 3 lives?

GIVE BLOOD!

Thank you



Scholarship

Just a friendly reminder that the 2024-2025 scholarship application is live & available for applicants to submit. Please see the flyer below - print them up and take them to any meetings, organizations, places of business, or individuals you think might be interested or helpful in reaching potential applicants. You can also share the flyer on your own social media, including Facebook - visit the Philo Facebook page to share our posts: <https://www.facebook.com/lovelandphiloclub/>

For more information or to apply, visit

<https://www.philoloveland.com/scholarships> or access it via the QR code on the flyer. Both methods will direct applicants to our application for non-TSD students or the TEF website for TSD students. Either way, the process is similar and the submission deadline is March 3, 11:59pm.



Scholarship Opportunity

We are looking for applicants who:

- Reside in the geographic Thompson R2-J School District
- Have been accepted into an accredited technical, vocational, associate, or certificate program (two years or less) for 2024-2025
- Are strongly motivated to complete their training
- Have demonstrated financial need for a scholarship for tuition

**Applications due by:
March 3, 11:59 pm**



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Examples of scholarships awarded include (but not limited to) training in careers in health, business, paralegal, cosmetology, automotive repair, retail merchandising, childcare professionals, and police/firefighting professions.

For more info or to apply visit
www.philoloveland.org/scholarships

Alternatives to Violence

The ATV committee was able to deliver 10 Fresh Start baskets to ATV on Wednesday, Dec 13. We will be asking for items for Fresh Start baskets this spring.

We were also able to deliver hygiene items to the City of Loveland center serving the homeless on October 26. If you have sample size items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc please bring them into our meetings and we'll gather them up until we have enough to drop off again.

Lorie Smith, Chair



Lorie, Eileen and Ruth



ATV staff person with donations

History/Yearbook

I hope that you have had an opportunity to review the 2022-2023 Philo Yearbook. Besides the email attachment you received, it is available on the philoloveland.com website. It will also be preserved in our Philo archives on the Members Page for reference in the future. Although we are not offering print copies, you may print all or parts on your own.

Special thanks to Jamie Powell for taking a collection of text files and photographs and creating a beautiful yearbook.

Creating the digital yearbook is a group effort. As editor, I depend on committee members to provide photos and details about their projects. I will be contacting committee chairs for the written descriptions of their activities. I encourage everyone to consider themselves yearbook photographers. Photos should be sent to philopublicity@gmail.com with a note in the subject line to identify it as a yearbook submission.

I have a special request. You may have noticed that in the “In Memoriam” section, I have included personal tributes from Philo sisters along with the obituaries. Sadly, we have already lost four members this year: Joyce Mathias (1971), Marilyn Heth (1971), Joyce Cauffman (1979), and Lynn Hendrickson (2022). Please consider writing a brief tribute—a couple of sentences remembering this person. Send your thoughts to me at LindaStangel@gmail.com.

Linda Stangel, Chair

Philo Book Group

The Philo Book Group met at Susan Linden's home in December to enjoy a soup and salad luncheon and together select books to discuss in 2024. The schedule is listed below. The regular monthly meetings are at Zion Lutheran Church on the last Thursday of the month. The meeting room is open at 10 for visiting and the discussion starts at 10:30.

New Philo members are welcome to visit and join the book group. Many of the current members are not longer active Philo members, but almost all met through Philo activities. For more information, call Susan Linden at 970-667-5812.



Philo Book Group 2024



Jan 25, *Book Woman's Daughter*, Mary V
Feb 29, *Covenant of Water*, Helen
Mar 28, *Lessons in Chemistry*, Susan
Apr 25, *Good Night Irene*, Debbie
May 30, *Spare*, Jane
June 27, *West with Giraffes*, Carol H
July 25, *Little Fires Everywhere*, Diane D
Aug 29, *Alice Network*, Mary Ann
Sept 26, *Nature of Fragile Things*, Diane M.
Oct 31, *Sisters in Law*, Marthann
Nov 21, *First Ladies*, Gerry
Dec 12, Book Selection & Luncheon

Zion Lutheran
10:30

“Show and Tell with a Twist”

Philo Friends & Family Online Auction

March 25 - April 4, 2024

Elementary teachers and parents of young children, you might remember “Show and Tell” time during a school day. It was part of the daily routine where the student with an item to show the class would develop oral language skills and the class would learn to listen and ask wise questions. But also, the class would get to know each other’s interests so it was a “getting to know each other” time as well.

As one of those retired teachers, I’m really “tickled” to hear Philo friends chat about the items they might donate for the Philo & Friends Online Auction. Every item has a story, and you have a generous story regarding your donation of an item that someone else could enjoy.

This is a reminder that you have several documents available to you with details about the suggested types of donations, as well as the time and place for donations, from February 15th through March 15th.

The What, When, and How To articles have been distributed at Philo meetings, with more to come at the February meeting. The articles are on our website: www.philoloveland.com – go to the Members Only section. You are also welcome to call Dona M., 970-481-4923 (dmenzies123@gmail.com) or Peg I., 970-227-7127 (pegisaksonphilo@gmail.com) with your questions. We truly enjoy hearing your stories and helping with your “show, tell, and ask!”

Be sure to tell your friends to register online at <https://beanandbean.hibid.com> and start bidding for items on March 25th, with the bids closing on April 4th and items picked up or mailed by closing of the day on April 6th.

Peg Isakson
970-227-7127



Active Member Spotlight

Terri Dimond

"Events in one's life seem to form who they are. Which ones are the most significant in the journey are always a question. Each person has a story. Philo is a group of women with their individual stories, and a heart to assist others in writing their stories. The wide variety of services rendered by Philo and the longevity of its success motivated me to join. Relationships are vital in living a meaningful life. Having women with like intentions for service and love of their community around me; helps me be healthy, happy, and wise. Don't laugh. I'm serious. Women like Philo women are virtuous women, not only impacting the community but impacting each other. Events in your life have made you. Treasure the friendships we create with our time together and realize the difference Philo makes in the lives of others."

Emeritus Member Spotlight

Jeanne Findley

Just realized that I've reached emeritus status in Philo! 35 years of friendship and service in this amazing organization. So many wonderful memories have been made and continue to be made with these spectacular women.

Over the years, I've served on numerous committees as well as President. Each committee brought about new opportunities to serve our community and gain new friendships with my Philo sisters. I've said many times that some of the friendships I've made would never have happened without Philo. Philo brings women together from all sectors of our community to serve the needs of our community.

I retired after 34 years in education (teacher, district administrator, high school principal). For the next several years, I worked for the Institutional Review Board for UCHHealth for cancer and cardiac research. I represented the 'patient' and reviewed all research—ensuring that the protocols were written in terms understandable for non medical people. Enlightening, interesting, and challenging.

My husband and I have four children and 14 grandchildren ranging from 18 months to 22 years. Every Tuesday is 'grandparent's day'—sometimes we have two kiddos and other times we might have eight come for the day or drop in for lunch for those who drive! To date, we've never lost one—haha! We enjoy attending our grandchildren's activities, golf, and travel (where's the next beach or concert?).

Philo has been wonderful to me and my family—these are my 'peeps'! Forever grateful!

Minutes

PHILO GENERAL MEETING -January 9, 2024, Trinity Lutheran Church Loveland, Co
Board Members Attending: Carol Rieser, President, Ruth Swanty, Vice President; Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer; Florence Doksansky, Corresponding Secretary; Eileen Huddle, Recording Secretary, Judy Gangle, Past President

AGENDA:

1. **Welcome and thank you to hostesses:** Vickie Boroughf, Karen Vinal and Beth Soderquist

2. **Approval of minutes from November 14, 2023** – Marge McCoy made a motion to approve the November general meeting minutes, seconded by Jeanie Findley and was unanimously accepted.

3. **Committee Spotlight:** Duck Race Ticket sales – Judy Gangle reported that one of the goals of the Rotary Club now is to give computers to all R2-J elementary school students. Today Philo members can purchase 7 tickets for \$20 for the Duck Race in August. \$680 was raised last year from the Duck Race ticket sales and used for the Philo General Fund. Rotary gives Philo 60 % of Philo ticket sales.

4. General Business:

-Treasurer's report -- General Fund = \$11,630.47, Savings = \$13,164.34, Golf/Scholarship = \$41,231.72 of which \$35,500 is earmarked for 2024 scholarships, DOWH = \$1,059.88.

-Presentation of prospective members...Welcomed guest Lindsey McClellan (daughter of Lorie Smith). Prospective members Carol Booth sponsored by Florence Doksansky and Christel Wagonmaker sponsored by Cindy Noble. Philo members voted to unanimously accept Carol and Christy to join Philo.

-Reminder that Philo membership “dues are due”...

-Ruth Swanty – read an article from an archived December 10 issue of Reporter Herald that 50 years ago Philo members ran a Santa Shop to provide toys to children in Loveland.

5. Old Business

- Peg Isakson and Dona Menzies coordinate the Fund Raiser for the Bean Auction which is coming up in April, 2024. Profits will go to General Fund. If leaving town contact Dona Menzies if transportation is needed to get items to the auction house. February 15, 2024 begin delivery of items to Bean Auction building. March 15, 2024 is the last date to deliver items to the Bean Auction building.

6. New Business:

-DOWH committee – The Philo Board voted to allow the DOWH committee to disband. Times have changed and the fund raiser just wasn't working anymore. The DOWH balance of \$1000 will be seed money and available for another committee to be formed. Philo members are encouraged to bring any new idea to the board for approval. Many thanks to the DOWH committee for all their work in the past.

7. Committee Announcements:

-ATV – Lorie Smith... announced that the ATV committee delivered 10 full baskets in December. The committee also manages the flower beds in front of the ATV office in the summer. A new list of items needed for baskets will be available soon. Some Philo members church's may also be willing to donate to the ATV baskets.

- **Blood Drive** –Florence Doksansky Feb 20 next blood drive

- **DOWH** - Disbanded

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- **Golf** – Beth Soderquist announced that the Golf committee is full. New members interested in joining the Golf committee will be used as volunteers at the Golf Tournament. Beth has received donations from Mary Kay for bonus packs for the 2024 Golf Tournament. Invite all Philo members to bring a scratch ticket of any value to the February meeting to be used for a scratch ticket tree for the auction. Marvol Barnard is returning to the tournament this year. Members are welcome to donate baskets to be used for the gift baskets.

- **Holiday Giving** – No report

- **Integrated Early Childhood** – Ruth Sprain reported that the committee owes a big thank you for over 100 hats and mittens collected. Profit from the charms sold = \$636. Thank you to R&B Architects who donated money to be used for children's books. Reminder that the Book sale will be available at the February Philo meeting. Philo members are invited to bring books to sell as well.

- **Raise Right** – Jeannie Findley reported the sales brought in \$622 profit. Another gift card sale will be available in April.

- **Rotary Duck Race** – Judy Gangle could use more help on the committee.

- **Scholarships** – Stacey Kersley reported the committee is hoping to reach more students to apply for scholarships. Flyers are available to give out at churches, work, etc to alert students of the possibility of receiving \$500 - \$3000 scholarships. Will soon go through the process of interviewing those students applying.

- **Sunshine** – Cindy Kurtz sent a sympathy card to Lin Stokes at the loss of her long time partner. The tour of WWII museum was attended by many Philo members and guests. Cindy Kurtz is putting together a tour of the Jane Dedecker studio for Philo members.

- **Editor, Linda Stangel** finished a beautiful 2022-2023 Yearbook – She invited members to send her pictures and articles for the next yearbook.

- **February Newsletter deadline is January 20th.**

General meeting will be February 13, 2024 w/Hostesses Peg Isakson, Florence Doksansky and Mo Reilly

Florence Doksansky – had correspondence from Kids Pak who was so thankful as they received a donation which provided 1200 meals, ATV so grateful to receive \$1500 and Thompson Education Foundation was very grateful for Philo's donation of \$2000.

Feb 1 – Cindy Noble reminded all that **Bunco Group** will meet 1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:00. Another great way to get to know people.

Bowling with Terry Dimond – she needs to know who can bowl at the Summit (by Nordy's)

Door Prize Drawing was won by Dona Menzies

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm -- Respectfully submitted by Eileen Huddle



Sunshine



Hopefully this newsletter finds you all recovering from the business and chaos that the holiday time often brings. Unfortunately for several of our members this time was also impacted with sadness and loss. Cards of condolences or well wishes were sent to our Philo sisters this past month. Sympathy cards were sent to Lin Stokes at the loss of her life partner, Ramon Lara, Toni Wallace at the passing of her mother and Diane McInturff at the loss of her life partner, Barry Floyd. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time. A card of get well encouragement was sent to Sherry King as she recovers from hip replacement surgery.

We celebrate the Philo sisters who have birthdays this month:

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2/16 Dona Menzies
2/21 Florence Doksansky



Remember that your Sunshine teams are ready to celebrate your joys and help with your woes. Feel free to contact either Cindy Kurtz at 970-962-6832 or ckurtz1962@gmail.com or Amy Black at 970-412-0250 or blackamyb@hotmail.com. Please let us know of any information worthy of a card or help for our members.

HAPPY
Valentines
DAY

Decorative elements including a pink flower and two pink hearts.