

Philo News

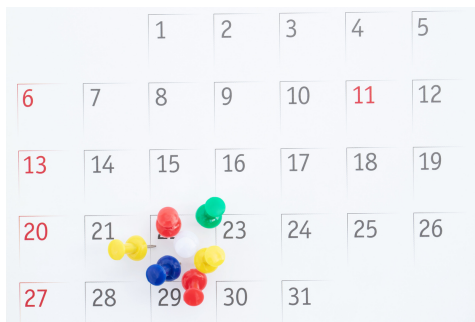
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Meeting
March 12 @ 7 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
3333 Duffield Ave.
Loveland, CO

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

March Hostesses: Ruth Swanty, Eileen Huddle, Melissa Town, Tammy Kreger

April Hostesses: Judy Gangle, Brianne Smith, OPEN



SHARE YOUR NEWS!

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

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
April	March 23
May	April 20

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



Officers

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- Vice President:** Ruth Swanty - ruthswanty@gmail.com
- Corresponding:** Florence Doksansky - fdoksansky44@gmail.com
- Secretary:** Eileen Huddle - elhuddle@gmail.com
- Treasurer:** Peggy Pellizzari - peggy_loveland@comcast.net
- Past President:** Judy Gangle - jjgangle@yahoo.com



President's Message



What a great meeting we had last month! The room was full and there was a lot of activity ranging from book sales, charms, and necklaces available to purchase and Duck Race tickets. The energy was wonderful to experience. There are even more activities for next month's meeting and social activities in between! Three new members were voted into membership. To date fourteen new members have joined Philo. I am very happy to see Philo membership increase and welcome the energy and talent of our new members.

As mentioned at the meeting, there will be two board positions needing to be filled next year: vice president and corresponding secretary. To be considered for an officer position, a member should have been in Philo at least two years. Terms of office shall be for one year, with responsibilities beginning in June. Please submit your interest to one of the board members to be considered no later than the end of March as we will vote at the April general meeting. Installation of officers will take place at the Spring dinner in May.

Next month committee signup sheets will be available. PLEASE make sure you sign up for the committee you want to serve on next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rieser, Philo President

Rotary Duck Race

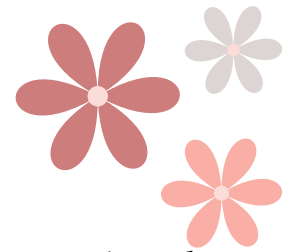
Thanks to all who have purchased tickets! They will continue to be on sale through the May meeting (7 tickets for \$20). Remember, you may have friends and family that would like to purchase them. Please check with them. Let's make this a banner year for ticket sales!

If you are unable to attend meetings and would like to purchase tickets, please call or text me at +19794844300.

Judy, Chair person



Spring Dinner



Dear Philo Sisters,

Our annual Spring dinner will be May 14th, 6:00pm at our regular meeting place, Trinity Lutheran Church.

“Spring Fling” is the theme, so consider wearing pastel colors. It will be a potluck dinner with dessert and drink furnished. Sign up sheets will be available at the March and April general meetings.

Please plan to enjoy an evening with your Philo Sisters, good food, fellowship time, the installation of new officers and a new members welcome.

Rita Harden
Spring Dinner Chairman

Raise Right

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

February 20th we had a very successful Blood Drive with all 20 slots filled with donors.

One of our faithful donors sends blood donor jokes which I'm sharing here. "Always give 100%, except when giving blood!"

Next drive is May 21st and we already have many of the slots filled. Thank you to 8 Philo members and friends who gave! You are all true blessings!

Florence Doksansky, chair Blood Drive Committee



Alternatives to Violence

ATV's goal for this spring is to fill another 12 Fresh Start baskets for Alternatives to Violence. Please review the list below of items we include in each basket. Bring donations to our meeting or contact Lorie Smith (970-227-5111 or Lorie.smith@me.com) to have your donation picked up. Thank you for helping victims of abuse in our community get a fresh start!

Lorie Smith

Wish List for Fresh Start Baskets

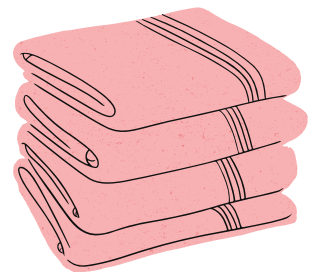
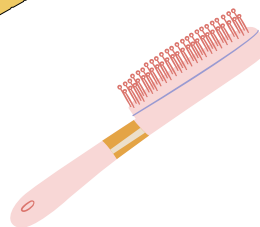
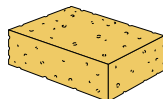
“Fresh Start Baskets” provide household items to help ATV clients get started in a new home. Any of these items are most appreciated.

- Dish Soap for hand washing dishes (medium sized)
- Kitchen Towels and cloths
- Cleansers for kitchen, bath, or all purpose (medium sized)
- Small pack of sponges
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Soap - powder, detergent sheets, or liquid – medium sized
- Twin Sheet set
- Bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths – sets of 2 would be great!
- Toilet Paper
- Hand/Body Soap – can be bar or liquid
- Hairbrushes/Combs
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Sanitary Products – pads or tampons

Philo members:

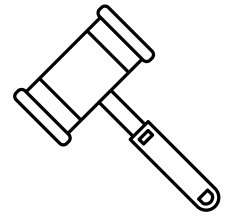
There are some special needs for individuals starting over that are not on this list. Gift cards to Walmart or a grocery store (but not restaurants) would be very much appreciated and would help meet those needs. Please consider purchasing those gift card through the Philo Raise Right program. Philo receives a percentage return on those cards. ATV Fresh Start recipients will be able to use those cards for their special needs (diapers, formula, grocery basics, etc.)

Contact Lorie Smith lorie.smith@me.com or Ruth Swanty ruthswanty@gmail.com with any questions.





Online Auction



Hearty Thanks to everyone who has brought in donations for the Philo Friends & Family Online Auction, which will go live the last week of March and end on April 4th.

Please be sure to encourage your nation-wide friends and family to log in to beanandbean.hibid.com at the end of March to preview the items Philo members have donated. We'll soon have a flyer ready for you to email and to post on Facebook, announcing the Auction dates.

Many members have followed some of the public online auctions that have taken place and have seen how exciting the online auction can be when the bidding goes live.

We have some dates when you can bring in more donations. Those dates are March 2nd, March 7th, March 9th, and March 14th, from 10 to 2 each day. Deliver your items to the East door at Rocky Mountain Antiques/Bean Auctions, 3816 W. Eisenhower.

If you have jewelry items to donate, you are also welcome to bring them to the Philo meeting on March 12th.

Please contact Dona Menzies 970-481-4923 or dmenzies123@gmail.com if you can volunteer to help on any of those days, or if you would like help delivering your items.

Thank You for your lively interest in this fundraiser for the Philo organization and service projects.

Dona Menzies
Peg Isakson



Integrated Early Childhood

Thank you for continuing to bring and buy books! This has been a wonderful fundraiser for our committee and will help with our efforts to promote literacy in the preschool. We will hold the sale once more this year in April.

The committee is always looking for new members who have a soft spot for supporting preschoolers. Our projects include assembling back to school bags for Head Start students, assisting with several family events, and supporting the classrooms and teachers with materials.

Debbie Riley
Chair

Welcome New Members!

Good day Philo Club,
Here is a list of our new members so far this year. Hopefully you will get to meet them, either on a committee, during an event such as golf or at a social gathering. If you come across an unfamiliar face, introduce yourself and welcome a new friend.

Peggy McGlynn
Sarah Percha
Kathy Roberts
Vicky Boroughf
Melissa Rutt
Melissa Town
Jane McKinstry
Tammy Kreger
Anne Phelps
Carol Booth
Christel Wagonmaker
Tara Hunter
Odile Lynch
Lindsey McLellan

Submitted by Ruth Swanty, Vice President



Minutes

PHILO MISSION STATEMENT. The Philomatheon club of Loveland is a women's organization that supports charities and educational needs in the Loveland/Berthoud communities.

PHILO GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Ave Loveland, CO

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 7:00pm;

Doors were opened at 6:00pm for committees to meet and Early Childhood book sales began at 6:30.

Board Members present: Carol Rieser, President; Ruth Swanty, Vice President; Judy Gangle, Past President; Florence Doksansky, Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Huddle, Recording Secretary

Absent: Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and Introduction of Philo board members.
2. Thank you to hostesses: Peg Isakson, Florence Doksansky, Mo Reilly,
3. Approval of minutes from January 9, 2024 – Motion by Cindy Kurtz, seconded by Lori Smith to approve the January 9th minutes which were unanimously accepted.
4. Committee Spotlight – Alternatives to Violence (ATV) - Lorie Smith shared how the ATV committee works with Alternatives to Violence. Ways the ATV services the Loveland Community includes helping anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or human trafficking. The ATV committee takes donations and puts together Fresh Baskets for ATV clients, helps at Pastels on 5th which is a fund raiser for ATV, takes care of ATV's front garden during the spring and summer and with a table sponsor Philo supports The Purple Ribbon breakfast which offers an opportunity for those attending to donate to ATV's program. This year it will be held on April 23 at Embassy Suites in Loveland.

5. General Business:

- Treasurer's report....

General Fund = \$12,294.48

DOWH = \$1,059.88

Golf/Scholarship = \$38,066.40 of which \$35,500 is earmarked for scholarships

Savings = \$13,166.79

-**Presentation and vote of prospective new members...** Odile Lynch (sponsor Terri Dimond), Lindsey McClellan (daughter of Lori Smith) and Tara Hunter were prospective new members and voted unanimously to join Philo.

- **Committee lists for sign-ups is being worked on.** Committee sign up will begin in March. Chairs of committee need to let Carol Rieser know who will be Committee chairs for 2024-2025

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6. Old business:

- **Online Auction** – Peg Isakson – Now collecting stuff to auction off at Bean & Bean. Request that things you want to bring to sell be family oriented. March 14 is the last day to drop off the donated auction items.

7. New Business:

- Board positions will change in May. Open board positions to be filled are Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. Please let a board member know if you would like to serve on the board.

8. Committee announcements

- **ATV** – Lori Smith requested the membership take a look at the Fresh Start Baskets as to what donations are needed. Carol Booth will be the Philo table host for the Purple Ribbon Breakfast on April 23. She is looking for attendees from Philo to fill 2 tables of 10 for the event.

- **Blood Drive**- Florence Doksansky – Schedule is full

- **Golf Tournament**– Beth Soderquist -- Donations for baskets and will be put together by the committee. Sign ups at table at meeting. Bring scratch tickets by March or April used to create bird house and a golf cart and used as prizes at the Golf Tournament.

- **Holiday Giving** – no report

- **Integrated Early Childhood** – Debbie Riley thanked everyone for bringing books, but also a reminder to buy books. The charms are still available – profit on the charms is \$700+. Loveland Coffee Shop is selling the charms. Literacy Fair – April 18

- **Raise Right** -- Jeanie Findley – There will be an opportunity in March and April to purchase gift cards again in the spring with most of the same vendors. Cards will be available at the May Spring Dinner.

- **Rotary Duck Race** – Judy Gangle – Tickets are for sale for \$20, a pack of 7 tickets.

- **Scholarships** – Sue Taigman – Now Part of the Thompson Educational Foundation with hopes of bringing in more applicants. Applications due March 3. Asking Philo to help to promote the scholarship by notifying possible prospective scholarship applicants.

- **Sunshine** – Cindy Kurtz has been sending cards for sad situations. Putting together a tour of Jane Dedecker's art studio. Will have a free-will offering at the tour located at the Corner of 8th St & Taft, Feb 24, Sat 10:00am.

-**Spring Dinner May 13** – The theme is Spring Fling and suggesting everyone dress in pastel colors. It will be Potluck at our normal Tues General Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church.

-**Terri Dimond arranged for some Together Time at Grimm Brothers** for a fun social time, Tuesday Feb 20 at 4:00pm. The location is in Building B of the former H-P campus. The bowling alley gathering was a fun social time together in January. To receive a text about other Fun Gatherings let Terri know at 303-884-1366.

9. Reminders:

March Newsletter deadline is February 20th .

Next general meeting will be March 12, 2024.

Hostesses for the March meeting: Ruth Swanty, Eileen Huddle, Melissa Town, and Tammy Kreger –

10. Door Prize Drawing – Winner was our newest Philo member Lindsey McClellan
The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm – Respectfully submitted by Eileen Huddle.



Sunshine



About 20 of our members gathered on February 24 for a tour of Jane DeDecker's studio. What a fun event! Thanks to Cindy Kurtz for organizing.



We celebrate the Philo sisters who have birthdays this month:

- 3/2^K Janice Marchman
- 3/4 Ruth Swanty
- 3/6 Joan Putlack
- 3/12 Helen Wilson
- 3/18 Dottie Childers
- 3/22 Anne Phelps
- 3/25 Susan Trumbo
- 3/29 Vickie Boroughf
- 3/31 Joyce Kaufman



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.

