

# PHILO NEWSLETTER

## Mark Your Calendar

General Meeting  
**November 12 @ 7 pm**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
3333 Duffield Ave.  
Loveland, CO

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

November hostesses: Carol Rieser, Peggy McGlynn, Sarah Percha



## November 2024

## Share Your News

For future reference, here are the deadlines for submitting content to the monthly newsletters. *Please submit to [philopublicity@gmail.com](mailto:philopublicity@gmail.com).*

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
December	None
January	December 21
February	January 25
March	February 22
April	March 22
May	April 19

# SAVE THE DATE- HOLIDAY PARTY!

Our annual holiday party will be on **Tuesday, December 10**. We are still in need of a hostess so if you'd like to volunteer your home, please let a board member know. Thank you!

## Officers

- President:** Ruth Swanty - [ruthswanty@gmail.com](mailto:ruthswanty@gmail.com)
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a beautiful autumn we are having!! November is the month that celebrates Thanksgiving. There are plenty of ways that Philo gives to our community, a community that is forever thankful. By volunteering on a committee and helping with the projects of the committee such as: purchasing Raise Right gift cards, Duck Race tickets, and peaches to name just a few, Philo is able to carry out our mission to support charities and educational needs. I feel that we are making good choices and the right decisions, yet remaining flexible as we move toward the future.

I am thankful that life's circumstances brought my family to Loveland and eventually myself to Philo. Philo makes me feel useful and appreciated. I hope you feel this way too.

Have a very happy Thanksgiving!

See you on November 12th.

Ruth Swanty, Philo President



## KING SOOPERS REWARDS

Do you or anyone you know shop at King Soopers? If so, are you aware that anyone can designate a portion of the money spent there to go directly to Philo? It's super easy and a great way for our organization to raise money. For every \$1 spent, King Soopers will designate a portion to be paid directly to Philo every quarter. I couldn't find the exact percentage on their website, but Philo has been receiving a check for about \$150 per quarter with only about 20 participants currently enrolled. Just think what the potential might be if we can get more Philo members, friends and family to designate Philo as the recipient of their community rewards!

If you have a King Soopers card or account, you can enroll on-line or through the app if you have it downloaded on your phone. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm happy to help!

Thank you!  
Peggy Pellizzari  
Philo Treasurer



# LAST CALL FOR DUES!



According to our Philo by-laws, all dues need to be paid no later than the November meeting and that's coming up in just a few weeks! (November 12th.) Active dues are \$50, honorary dues are \$35 and although our Emeritus members are not required to pay dues, we truly appreciate any donation that comes our way.

You can pay by check, cash, Square or Zelle. (We are offering Zelle for the first time!) I will be at the November meeting to process a Square payment or you can log into our website at <https://www.philoloveland.org/members> and click on the appropriate link to pay. We do charge a \$2 service fee for payments made via Square to cover the processing fees they charge us. (Zelle doesn't charge so it's a really great alternative!) If you want to pay via Zelle, the email address to use is [philogeneralz@gmail.com](mailto:philogeneralz@gmail.com)

Checks can be dropped off at the meeting or sent through the mail to Philo, PO Box 484, Loveland, CO

As of the writing of this article, we still have 8 active members and 26 honorary members who have not yet paid. That represents over \$1300 that we are counting on to balance our budget. Please plan to take care of this on or before November 12th!

Thanks!

Peggy Pellizzari

Philo Treasurer

## HOLIDAY GIVING



The TSD canned food drive begins November 4th, 2024. Food will be collected with Exodus movers on December 6th. We are looking forward to sharing this resource with the House of Neighborly Services as they stock up for the holidays.

**At this November meeting we will be collecting toys and activities for kids ages 0 to 18.** The donations will be given to House of Neighborly Services' Christmas store so parents can select a gift for their child. We will also be donating gift cards for Christmas baskets for seniors and families in need.

Thanks,

Brianne Smith, Chair

# INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD

The committee, with the help of a few volunteers, manned the sensory bottle station at the school district's Hugs Family night. The staff and families were very appreciative. The Board approved the committee's request to fund 18 sound canceling headphones for the preschool classrooms for the special funds account. These will assist the students to remain calm in overwhelming noisy environments. They can be used preventively or to assist a student once behaviors escalate.

The book sale will return at the November meeting and will open at 6:30. Come early, bring your donations and be prepared to shop and chat over the selection of good reads. Our profits support the purchase of books for the preschoolers. This year we were able to provide a hardcover book to each Head Start student, and we will be giving away books at the Literacy Fair.

Debbie Riley, Chairperson



# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee is gearing up in an effort to better promote our unique scholarship more widely and to continue streamlining our process. We are pleased to announce that the Board has approved an increase to the individual maximum award, from \$3000 to \$5000. This is a result of the highly successful Golf Tournament fundraising, and a positive reaction to the increasing cost of higher education. Thanks to the Golf Committee's amazing fundraising skills and successful Golf Tournament along with additional donations, we have \$46,000 to award in individual awards, varying from \$500-\$5000 per school year and we truly appreciate being able to share these generous monetary scholarships to help others.

We are looking for strongly motivated applicants with financial need who reside within the geographic TSD area of Loveland/Berthoud that have been accepted in an accredited program to be completed in 2 years or less offering technical, vocational or associate's degrees, or certificates for the 2025-2026 school year.

Last year, we partnered with the Thompson Valley Educational Foundation to alert students to the availability of our scholarships. We also continued to reach students via TSD school counselors, Cheeks Int'l Academy of Beauty, FRCC, IBMC, Aims, & Thompson Valley EMS, just to name a few. This increased our application numbers, and we will continue to contact and work with dozens of these organizations to get the word of this great opportunity in our community. **Thanks to each of you for sharing new contacts, community resources and ideas to help us reach more graduating seniors and non-traditional students!** We'll also work closely with a few groups such as 4H High Country Handiworkers & CNAs looking to advance their careers with further training.

**We continue to welcome your suggestions - we can never have too many contacts for organizations that would be a good fit for our scholarship.** That's how we continue to help those who can really use it like this past year's eight recipients. The Scholarship Committee was able to award \$24,000 after reviewing applications and conducting interviews with each applicant. Interesting stories were shared about their journeys so far and their hopes for the future where common themes were being self-sufficient and pursuing careers that they will enjoy while also being of service to others by pursuing training in cosmetology, automotive services and engineering, and as a paralegal. Being able to support these students as they pursue their educational and career dreams is an incredibly gratifying experience! The entire Scholarship Committee thanks our Philo sisters for their amazing efforts that make it possible for these students to reach those goals - **THANK YOU!**

**Please send suggestions to [philoloveland.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:philoloveland.scholarships@gmail.com)**

Maureen Reilly, Chair

# GOODBYE FROM MARGE MCCOY

This is a sad farewell to all my Philo Sisters, I have enjoyed all the friends I have made in this group and will cherish all the memories I have. I have been in Philo for only 9 short years and have helped in different things and am happy I was able to contribute to the club. My new address when I get settled will be 3004 Rose Petal St., Bakersfield CA 93311-2974.

I will miss you all.

Marge

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT CINDY KURTZ



Dear sisters in Philo, it is an honor to be asked to share my personal story in this spotlight. I have been a proud Philo member since 2001. Honestly, I didn't realize it has been that long. I am a huge fan and believer in the many missions of Philo. I'm happy that we are involved in a wide variety of activities. This way we can really engage the treasures and talents of this group of diverse women.

For the most part I grew up in Loveland. My family moved here in 1970. Like many families at that time my mom worked at HP and my dad at Kodak. A fun fact, my first teacher when we moved here was Rita Harden. I was in second grade. Another Philo connection was that Jan Frame and her husband Bill were our next door neighbors. She babysat me, I babysat her kids and the tradition continued for a third generation.

I had a very enjoyable career selling real estate. I began my career in Colorado Springs where we lived briefly. In 1995 we moved back to Loveland and I worked at The Group, Inc. for 25 years. While I'm still licensed, I am a referral agent at the Group and count on my son and son-in-law to handle my past and current relationships regarding real estate with the same care and concern I did for all those years.

For fun I love to golf. I get out as often as possible. My mantra is if it's 38 degrees and sunny, it's good enough to golf. I also love to travel. Whether it be with the travel trailer with my husband Bill or somewhere abroad with my sister, I'm ready to go. Next up for me is Greece and Croatia in 2025.

My biggest pride and joy are my kids and grandkids. I have one daughter, Amy and one son, Matt. They have blessed us with 7 grandchildren and another coming in November.

I love the energy and momentum that Philo is exuding right now. Let's keep up the good work ladies!!

Kind Regards,  
Cindy Kurtz

# OCTOBER MEETING 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 October 8, 2024, 7:00pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Ave Loveland Co

Doors were opened at 6:00pm for committees to meet and IEC also set up their book sales.

Doors opened at 6pm for committees to meet

**Board Members present:** Ruth Swanty, President; Lori Smith, Vice President, Eileen Huddle, Secretary; Carol Rieser, Past President

**Absent:** Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer; Amy Black Corresponding Secretary

A motion was moved by Carol Reiser to approve the September 10, 2024 General Meeting minutes and seconded by Melissa Rutt and unanimously approved.

Thank you to hostesses, Barbara Giese, Kathy Loken, Judy Gangle, and Carol Warner – for a beautiful Halloween setting with an array of delicious snacks.

Ruth Swanty announced the need for hostesses for January and April. Immediately volunteers Lindsey Smith, Peg Isakson and Cindy Noble came forward for January 14. Also for April 8, Terry Diamond, Kathy Fetzer, and Melissa Town volunteered.

**Treasurer's Report-** Carol Rieser reported in Peggy Pellizzari's absence.

**General Fund \$10,669.42 Peach Sales \$5,819.74 Savings Account \$20,004.67 Golf/Scholarship \$50,616.23 with \$46,000 earmarked for scholarships**

1. Announcement was made that dues are due and to please submit your dues as soon as possible.
2. The Bylaw revisions were reviewed. Cindy Noble moved to approve the Bylaw revisions and seconded by Florence Doksanski and unanimously approved.
3. Due to our successful fundraising, there is extra money in the Special Fund that is available to the committees to use for committee projects or expenses. There is a deadline of Nov 5th for requests for extra funds. Knowing those amounts will help in determining how much of the \$20,000 in the "Special Fund" can be used in other areas. As an example, IEC has been approved by the board for \$403.00 to purchase 18 Sound Cancelling Headphones as requested by the district.
4. Scholarship committee requested that awards be increased to \$5000 from \$3000. This request has been approved by the board.
5. Upon receipt of a "proposal of support" from "The Landing", there will be discussions whether to adopt The Landing as a new committee for Philo. If it is approved, Philo will establish a committee to organize and operate this committee. Ruth Swanty is working on getting a date for a representative from "The Landing" to come and speak about this program to our membership at our general meeting in November. The mission of The Landing is for a safe and supportive space for youth experiencing homelessness or crisis situations in the Northern Colorado region. The shelter will provide temporary housing, basic needs and access to resources to help young individuals get back on their feet. In addition, The Landing will offer overnight shelter and provide daily drop-in times to gain access to services, programming and other needs. The Matthews House in Ft. Collins is the parent company to The Landing. R2-J District donated the building for The Landing.
6. Book sales will take place again next month for IEC.
7. Newsletter deadline is October 19th.
8. Committee reports...

# OCT. MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

**Golf Committee (Cindy Noble)**...started planning for the 2025 Golf Tournament early since many business start early to give their donations. Bottle Pull is a new fund raiser for the Golf Committee -- \$20 apiece on Wednesday night. The Philo members are asked to donate wine or other liquors. Also, we are requested to donate wine corks that will be used for decoration. On Wednesday evening before the tournament, the bottles will be anonymously sold for \$20 through a drawing of winning tickets.

Holiday Giving Committee – Brianne Smith, chairman of Canned Food Drive. The Committee is trying to get schools enthused about giving to the drive. Since food prices have risen there is less interest. Exodus trucking is again volunteering to pick up the collected foods from the schools on Nov 6. The committee is considering doubling the amount of each gift card to give to HNS. It is exciting to know Loveland High School will be participating for the first time in the Canned Food Drive. At the November General Philo meeting, the committee will be collecting toys for ages 0-18 for Christmas.

**ATV** – Thank you to those who brought items for ATV Fresh Start Baskets.

**Raise Right** – Jeanne Findley announced that since Marge McCoy will be moving to Bakersfield, CA soon the committee needs someone to take her place. The Raise Right Cards will be delivered at the December Holiday Celebration.

Jeanne Findley encouraged all the ladies to get a mammogram and shared that since Mary Voggesser is just now finishing her radiation treatment for breast cancer, Jeanne Findley and Mary Voggesser are wanting to help raise awareness for getting a mammogram and they are volunteering to take any of the Philo members to their mammogram appointment. Plus afterwards they will go to lunch together.

**New Member – Carrie Warner** was welcomed to Philo. Kathy Loken is Carrie's sponsor.

**Terri Dimond** announced that on Saturday, Nov 2, 1:30pm she will have "The Real Women Party" to celebrate 20 years of "Real Women" at her house to celebrate being a woman. Come dressed in your "real women" attire. Food and Drink is all provided. Terri's address is - 4834 Malibu Dr, Berthoud, CO 80513

**IEC** -- Family Hugs Night – Thursday, Oct 10 to make sensory bottles (glue, water, glitter) – 2 volunteers were needed at 3:30-6:30pm at Stansberry Early Childhood Center.

Kathy Loken – expressed a special thank you to Marge McCoy who is moving to Bakersfield, CA – Marge has always been willing and ready to help in many areas of Philo activities and has shared a special friendship with Philo.

9. Raffle drawing – beautiful flower arrangement donated by Lindsey Smith won by a lucky Philo member and in a 2nd drawing Kathy Loken won a gift card from Raise Right.

10. Next meeting November 12

Meeting adjourned at 7:51

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Huddle, Recording Secretary



# SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Happy Birthday to all our lovely Philo sisters who have a birthday this month!



11/1	Melissa Town
11/2	Melissa Rutt
11/4	Stacee Kersley
11/5	Terri Dimond
11/5	Peggy Pellizzari
11/5	Odile Lynch
11/6	Judy Quadhamer
11/11	Cindy Kurtz
11/13	Betty Brammer
11/14	Kathie Lizardi
11/15	Toni Wallace
11/20	Brianne Smith
11/22	Sue Lussenhop
11/28	Lisbeth Sethre

Please let us know of any information worthy of a card or help for our members.

Mary Voggesser, Chair  
Diane Meuret, Vice Chair



*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*