

# PHILO NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024

## Mark Your Calendar

General Meeting  
**October 8 @ 7 pm**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
3333 Duffield Ave.  
Loveland, CO

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

October hostesses: Barbara Giese, Kathy Loken, Judy Gangle

November hostesses: Carol Rieser, Peggy McGlynn, Sarah Percha

## 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
November	October 19
December	None
January	December 21
February	January 25
March	February 22
April	March 22
May	April 19



## Officers

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



Greetings Philo Ladies,

Welcome to October, with shorter and cooler days. The Philo committees will be hard at work this month with their variety of duties. We had a successful Palisade Peach sale, sold necklaces or charms and sold used books starting in August through September. Not to mention how well our golf tourney went.

We recently participated in Pastels on 5th as part of Alternatives to Violence support. Now we need to support The Raise Right gift card sales and get signed up for the King Sooper grocery store rewards program. All of this benefits our organization so that we can support other organizations that provide much needed services.

Sadly, we have recently lost two members; Shirley Hogan and Elaine Persichitte but happily gained two new members. Welcome Vicki Gunlock and Carre Warner!

See you on October 8th.

Ruth Swanty, Philo President



## DUES ARE DUE



It's that time of year again where we all need to pay our annual dues to Philo. Dues this year remain the same. 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 not be at the October meeting to take payment by Square. However, anyone on the board can collect your check or cash or you can log into our website at <https://www.philoloveland.org/members> and click on the appropriate link to pay via Square. 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 80539.

A reminder that the deadline to pay dues is by the November meeting (November 12th).

Thanks in advance for taking a moment to get your dues taken care of. It makes my job a lot easier if everyone can submit their dues on time.

Thanks!

Peggy Pellizzari  
Philo Treasurer



# BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive is November 19th right before the holidays when again blood is very needed.

Contact Florence Doksansky to sign up or with any questions:  
[fdoksansky44@gmail.com](mailto:fdoksansky44@gmail.com) or 401-524-0772.

## HONORARY



**Save the date – Oct.24, 2024, at 4:00PM.**

Peg Isakson has graciously opened her home to us for an honorary gathering. Look forward to seeing all of you.

I will send an email later in October with details.

Rita Harden, Chair

## INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD

Thanks to everyone who participated in the September book sale. The sale will return in November. Remember, when you buy a book, you are giving a book.

We will have the necklaces and the helping hands charm available at the October meeting. It is never too early to start your holiday shopping.

October 10th is our first evening event for preschool families at Stansberry Early Childhood Center. We will be sponsoring the construction of “sensory bottles”. Extra hands are needed to assist with this activity. If you would like to see the committee in action, contact Melissa Rutt. I promise it will be fun!

Debbie Riley  
Chair



# GOLF TOURNAMENT

## Celebrating Our Lead Sponsors for the 20th Anniversary Celebration and Golf Tournament!

We are thrilled to announce Adams Bank & Trust as a Lead Sponsor, joining High Country Beverage, for our upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Golf Tournament this June. We deeply appreciate their generous commitment to our mission of promoting trade and vocational education.

Their support is crucial to the continued success of our programs, and we are grateful for their partnership in helping us make a lasting impact on our community.

Thank you, Adams Bank & Trust and High Country Beverage, for investing in the future of our skilled workforce!

Cindy Noble, Chair

Melissa Town, Co-Chair

Vicki Boroughf, Co-Chair



## HOLIDAY GIVING

The Holiday Giving Committee is currently contacting schools and laying the ground work for the canned food drive. The food drive will run from November 4th to December 5th, with Exodus moving helping to collect and deliver the food to HNS on December 6th.

The Holiday Giving Committee will be collecting toys for the HNS Christmas Shop at our November meeting. Keep your eye out for sales! **Please plan to bring a gift for a child (infant to 18) for donation in November!**

Brianne Smith, Chair

# ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

Pastels on 5th was a great success, raising over \$50,000 for Alternatives to Violence. Philo sponsored a square for artist Jemma McDonald who dared to create Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice..... We also shared a booth with ATV, sold our silver necklace/charms and shared information about our organization to interested attendees. Thank you to Carol and Brian Booth, Jan Frame, Terri Mulford, Eileen Huddle, Jane McKinstry, Odile Lynch and Brianne Smith for your time representing Philo at the event!

Lorie Smith, Chair



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## PEG ISAKSON



Thank You, Board, for asking me to send my info for Spotlight in our newsletter. I'm happy to share. It's heartwarming to be part of a wonderful group of women with a fulfilling mission and rich century-old history in our community.

I've learned much about the history of this organization through work on publicity, digital and social media project committees and serving as secretary and treasurer on the Board. It's been fascinating to read through 105 years of yearbooks, minutes and financial reports, learning about the work of committees. Friends Karen Sanders and Shirley Lampshire were neighbors and previous members of Philo. They asked me to join about 16 years ago. I wasn't sure I had the time to participate because I was traveling weekly for Scholastic, Inc. at that time. My husband encouraged me to join so I would make friends in our new move from Boulder to Loveland. I'm so glad I did!

As for my "story," I come from a Swedish farming community in Illinois, learned to drive with a tractor, had my sights on teaching in the big city of Chicago, came to Colorado when my husband was drafted in the Army and kept teaching every year. We raised two wonderful boys, now with wonderful wives and wonderful grandkids.

I've been a teacher from age 16 through 80, when I finally retired as a literacy consultant in Thompson District. I began at 16 by teaching Sunday School, taught various grades and special classes in public schools and universities, consulted in literacy for school districts, Indian reservations, native villages, and youth detention schools (alternatives to prisons). I've been blessed to travel and work with teachers for Scholastic, Inc. and their literacy programs. I love to read books, play cards, study music and musicians, and to keep learning digital skills with the Americorp Digital Navigators at our Public Library.

Philo is a giving, loving organization with very broad shoulders where we support each other as well as the community. I've appreciated the like-minded friends, and the variety of choices to participate as we reach out to work together and be helpful to others.

Ahhh, Family, Friends, Faith, Education, Non-profits, and Jazz – they Keep me Keeping On!  
I appreciate each one of you!

Peg Isakson

# SEPT. 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 September 10, 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.

**Board Members:** Ruth Swanty, President, Lorie Smith, Vice President; Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer; Amy Black, Corresponding Secretary; Eileen Huddle, Recording Secretary, Carol Rieser, Past President

### **AGENDA**

A motion was moved by Judy Gangle to approve the April General Meeting minutes and seconded by Melissa Town.

1. Thank you to hostesses: Carol Rieser, Jan Frame, Mary Voggesser and Marthann Dahlen –
2. Recognition and thank you to outgoing Past President Judy Gangle and Corresponding Secretary Florence Doksansky ( 4 years )
3. Introduce new Philo board members, Lorie Smith – Vice President, Amy Black – Corresponding Secretary.
4. Committee Spotlight – Golf Committee Chairman Cindy Noble introduced her Leadership Team including Melissa Town and Vicki Boroughf. Beth Soderquist gave a report of the golf tournament and recognized some of the scholarship sponsors. With \$46,000 earmarked for scholarships there will be larger scholarships given this next year. The 2024 Golf Tournament is set for June 13 – and Wednesday June 11 will include food, fun and an auction at High Country Beverage who is donating the liquor and the site. An admission charge of \$20 will be charged to attend. The money from the tournament will all go to Scholarships. The Golf Committee will give \$5000 from the Wednesday event back to Philo. They want at least 20 baskets for the auctions on Wednesday night and also at the golf tournament. This is the 20th year for the Golf Tournament. Philo members were invited to donate baskets or containers for the auction baskets.

### **Treasurer's Report – Peggy Pellizzari**

General - \$10,336.57

Peach Sales (DOWH) - \$5819.74

Golf/Scholarship- \$50,616.23 (\$46,000 is earmarked for scholarships)

Savings - \$20,002.17

1. Three new forms are available on Members Only website; "Special Funds", "Reimbursement" and "Financial Hardship" were explained to Philo members and encouraged to use as needed.
2. Zelle which has no fees is now available for dues payment which need to be paid by November. \$50 active members and \$35 for honorary members. Members may also pay with Square \$52.00 active members \$37.00 honorary members. Checks or cash are also accepted to pay dues.
3. Review and approval of the budget. A "Special Fund" of \$20,000 was added to the Savings Account and it was noted that we need to spend some of these monies. An Ad hoc committee that recently met will be investigating causes and non-profit organizations that have to do with hunger insecurity could be a possible recipient of funds. Also noted that ATV and Early Childhood can use more funds and a special funds request form is available for these committees if there is a need for more money. Kathy Loken would like Philo to expand the scope and add another organization that we would support year after year as a standing Philo committee.  
Beth Soderquist moved to approve the general budget and seconded by Jane McKinstry with unanimous approval.

# SEPT. MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

## **New Members – Lorie Smith**

Carrie Warner – Sponsor Kathy Loken – Carrie comes with a lot of experience and a generous heart. President Ruth Swanty asked for a vote in favor of Carrie as a new member – approval was unanimous.

Vicki Gunlock – Sponsor Terri Dimond – Vicki is a kind sensitive and generous lady and was very community involved in Ohio. President Ruth Swanty asked for a vote in favor of Vicki Gunlock as a new member – approval was unanimous.

One application for LOA was accepted for Stacy Kersley as she is moving to France to live for about a year. Her LOA will start October 25th.

## **General Announcements**

1. King Soopers Rewards sign-up was encouraged. Peggy Pellizzari can help members get signed up. Philo receives a reward check every quarter from King Soopers. Only 20 Philo members are signed up and others were encouraged to sign up for Philo to receive rewards from shopping at King Soopers.
2. Committee chairs “Meet and Greet” will be moved to one hour prior to the September General Meeting 2025. This meeting gives a smooth transition from past Chairs to new Chairs. Ruth Swanty has a pink Chairperson Guide that has needed information for all the committee Chairs. Contact Ruth if you haven't received one.
3. If your committee has an event submission for the yearbook, please send the information and pictures to Carol Rieser ([rieser.2529@comcast.net](mailto:rieser.2529@comcast.net)).
4. Amy Black read correspondence received.
5. RaiseRight order forms were handed out by Jeanne Findley which can be returned to her in September and October.
6. Lorie Smith was excited that Philo members picked up slips for donations to ATV at the meeting this evening. The committee needs to fill another dozen baskets and each slip of paper represents items that are needed to fill more baskets. Bring those contributions by the October or November meetings. ATV is restricted with some items that they can buy, but gift cards from Walmart can be given to clients.
7. Pastels on 5th this Saturday has more artists. We were encouraged to attend Pastels on 5th and find the Philo Square that we sponsor. Philo also has a booth with Philo brochures and will sell the charms with the proceeds going directly to ATV.
8. Mary Voggesser of the Sunshine Committee reminded all to let her know if something is needed because of illness or just a cheer-up.
9. Debbie Riley with Early Childhood needs help with the project where kids make sensory bottles.

The winner of the drawing after the Philo meeting was Melissa Town who won a RaiseRight card.

Peggy Pellizzari shared that the Philo website was hacked and a new password will be sent out through email. User name is lavender.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Huddle, Recording Secretary



# SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We'd like to wish a very happy birthday to those Philo sisters celebrating this month.

10/2	Rita Harden
10/5	Peg Isakson
10/7	Marge McCoy
10/8	Gwen Denton
10/8	Sandy Roorda
10/9	Terri Mulford
10/22	Lynn McDonough
10/25	Sherry King
10/25	Joyce Krantz
10/30	Nancy Patterson
10/31	Juanita Cisneros



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

Mary Voggesser, Chair  
Diane Meuret, Vice Chair

