

Philo News



Spring is on the way and so is the "Spring Fling."

A night of celebration and socializing as sisters with a common goal---helping a community.

Our annual Spring dinner will be held at our regular second Tuesday night of the month, **May 14, 6:00PM** at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Please bring either a main dish, salad or side dish (6-8 servings) to share. Drinks and dessert will be furnished. Member milestones, installations of officers, and new members will be formally welcomed as part of the program. Please consider wearing a **pastel color**.

IMPORTANT: WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!!!!

Rita Harden

Officers

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President's Message



This will be my last submission for the newsletter as your president. I'm sad to see it end and want to thank everyone for the honor of serving you in this capacity. I've enjoyed getting to know many of you better and to hear firsthand about the workings of your committees and the amount of time and effort that goes into your committee's involvement to support the mission of Philo. You all do amazing work.

This has been a year of growth for Philo; in new members and in creative fund-raising efforts and social engagement. I have to say that it has been a very fun year for me. Thank you!

As a reminder, if you haven't signed up for a committee or to be a meeting hostess, the sign-up sheets will be available at the Spring Dinner.

When I transition to being your past president, I leave you with a fun, strong board to lead you next year. I wish you all a very safe, healthy, and fun summer. See you all in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Rieser, Philo President



Blood Drive

The next Philo Blood Drive is May 21st from 9am-3pm at Grace Community Church.

There are two morning slots open at this time.

If you would like to donate, please contact Florence Doksansky at 401-524-0772
Or fdoksansky44@gmail.com

Thank you very much!!



Scholarship



The Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that we have made our final decisions for this year's scholarship funds and we're in the process of notifying all recipients.

The process this year was a bit different as we partnered with the Thompson Education Foundation (TEF) to try to reach more Thompson School District (TSD) students, while simultaneously accepting applications via our website from non-TSD students. We interviewed all but one of our non-TSD applicants and 3 of the 12 TSD applicants.

Thanks to the Golf Committee's amazing fundraising skills & successful Golf Tournament in 2023, along with additional donations, we truly appreciate being able to share these generous monetary scholarships to help others and each recipient will be receiving their requested amount.

This year, the Scholarship Committee will be disbursing \$24,000 after reviewing applications & conducting interviews with each applicant. Interesting stories were shared about their journeys so far & their hopes for the future where common themes were being self-sufficient & pursuing careers that they will enjoy while also being of service to others by pursuing training in accredited programs to be completed in 2 years or less offering technical, vocational or associate's degrees, or certificates for the 2024-2025 school year. We will also be working with the Golf Committee to help honor these individuals at the Golf Tournament in a few months. This year's scholarship recipients are:

- Alicia Martinez, attending Front Range Community College to pursue being a Paralegal Associate/Victim Advocate, will be awarded \$3,000
- Carson Holmes, attending WyoTech to pursue an Automotive degree w/ a specialty in chassis fabrication + ASM & Street Rod, will be awarded \$3,000
- Michael Dohn, attending Front Range Community College to pursue being a Counselor providing mental health services for children/elderly/substance abuse, will be awarded \$3,000
- Melissa Castillo, attending Avila's Barber School to pursue a full Cosmetology and Barber license, will be awarded \$3,000
- Paxton Valentine, attending Cheeks Cosmetology School to pursue a full Cosmetology license, will be awarded \$3,000
- Jaden Jorgenson, attending Front Range Community College to pursue being a mechanic and eventually in the aviation field, will be awarded \$3,000
- Connor Jorrisen, attending Western Nebraska Community College to pursue being an Automotive Engineer, will be awarded \$3,000
- Jo-Jo Beets, attending IBMC to pursue a full Cosmetology license, will be awarded \$3,000

Being able to support these students as they pursue their educational & career dreams is an incredibly gratifying experience! The entire Scholarship Committee thanks all of our Philo sisters for your amazing efforts in supporting this cause that makes it possible for these students to reach those goals - THANK YOU!

Alternatives to Violence

Below you will find a photo with our lovely Philo ladies and Kari Clark, Executive Director of Alternatives to Violence, at Zion Lutheran Church. The church is a great help to Philo in gathering contributions for the Fresh Start baskets given to ATV clients heading out on their own.

Lorie Smith, Chair
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Fresh Start Baskets for ATV

Philo
Ministry of Alternatives to Violence



Items for ATV clients moving into their first apartments

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY ITEMS

- Dish soap
- Cleaning solution/ wipes
- Kitchen towels and dish cloths
- Laundry Soap

BATH AND BEDROOM ITEMS

- Shampoo/ Conditioner
- Twin Sheets
- Toilet / bath cleaning supplies

OTHER OPTIONS

- Hand/ body soap
- Gift cards
- Sanitary products
- Paper towels
- Toilet Paper
- Hair brush and comb
- Bath towels and washclothes

 **TAKE A PICTURE! KEEP THIS LIST WITH YOU AS YOU SHOP! THIS IS AN ONGOING SUPPLY DRIVE THROUGH OUT THE YEAR**

Integrated Early Childhood

This year's activities are winding down now that the Literacy Fair event with the Thompson School District was held on April 18th. Over 220 families participated as we sponsored the very popular make your own balloon animal and author/illustrator Mark Ludy. Members also contributed to craft supplies and Terri Dimond donated over 100 books from her own collection to match the books we collected through our own Anne Anderson Memorial Book Exchange. We were not only able to give books to the preschoolers, but also their siblings. We will continue to collect gently used books so keep collecting preschool picture books as well as any chapter book suitable for an elementary student.

We will continue to have charms or charms and necklaces available to members at the May 14th meeting or anytime upon request for \$20.00. Mother's Day is May 12th and they would also make great graduation gifts, a gift to a new mother or to honor a dedicated teacher. The unique design can mean many things to the giver and recipient such as giving you a big hand, as you leave my hand or hand in hand with love. Before May 12th, contact Debbie Riley at (970) 800-3346 and after that date, Terri Dimond at (303) 884-1366 to purchase these beautiful charms.



History/Yearbook

The Making of the Yearbook

As I retire from creating and editing the Philo Yearbook, I would like to encourage someone to step up as chair of this committee. In case I have made it seem harder than it looks, I would like to describe the process.

Throughout the year, I familiarize myself with the club's activities using the minutes, newsletters, and meeting spotlights. I take some photos, but rely on committee chairs to submit photos. These are forwarded to PhiloPublicity@gmail.com to be stored in a Google drive.

Also, I try to find a unifying theme to tie all the articles together. So far, we have had "The Year of COVID," "Better Together," and "Fun, Friendship, and Philanthropy." The bulk of the work takes place in April, May and June after the committees have completed their responsibilities. At that time, I request that the chairs send me a summary of their activities for the year. Many times, that is simply updating a previous newsletter submission and incorporating the theme. Generally, the summaries require very little editing.

Since I have established a table of contents, the next step is to plug the articles into a Word file. That is then forwarded to someone who will format the content in a final form, adding photos and graphics. You have seen the magic that Dana Weiss and Jamie Powell have used to create such beautiful yearbooks.

Philo has such a rich history, and each new year is as important to preserve as the past years. Please consider signing up to produce the 2024-2025 Philo yearbook.

Linda Stangel, Chair



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: April 9, 2024 - Time: 7:00pm

Doors will be open at 6:00pm for committees to meet.

Attending: Carol Rieser, President; Ruth Swanty, Vice President, Judy Gangle, Past President, Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer, Florence Doksansky, Corresponding Secretary, Eileen Huddle, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

AGENDA:

1. **Welcome and Introduction of Philo board members.**

2. **Thank you to hostesses:** Judy Gangle and Brianne Smith, Ruth Sprain who brought snacks.

3. **Committee Spotlight** – Golf committee chairs, Cindy Noble and Kathy Loken spoke about the Thursday Night event before the Golf Tournament with Marvol where there will be lots of good food and many nice baskets that will be auctioned off for a fundraiser. A person only needs to bring a credit card to the auction. The clinic with Marvol is fabulous and the golf tournament is a wonderful fundraiser for scholarships. At the meeting tonight Terri Mulford won the drawing offered by the Golf Committee.

Summary of the Online Auction, Peg Isakson and Dona Menzies shared that there were bidders from California to Minnesota as well as from our own local people and also shared fun comments from the bidders. Brian Bean is willing to do another auction for Philo next year. The Philo Board will decide when to repeat another auction activity. After paying HiBid their fee, \$4538.02 was the profit gained from the auction. The Philo Board will make the decision about how to allocate the money to the committees which is to be used in the community.

4. **General Business:**

-**Approval of minutes from March 12, 2024** It was moved to approved the minutes by one of the Philo members and seconded by Lorie Smith.

- **Treasurer's report:** General \$12,862.08 Savings \$13,170.97

Golf \$58,108.41 (with \$38,800 set aside for this year's scholarships) DOWH \$1059.88

Accounting books will close on July 31. Any general expenses need to be turned in to Peggy Pellizzari by the end of June.

- **Introduction of prospective Philo member** – There have been 17 new Philo members join this past year including a new member Kathy Fetzer a friend of Terry Dimond. All Philo members voted in favor of Kathy joining and she was unanimously accepted. Unfortunately Stephanie Butts is resigning for the time being. Anne Phelps will be resigning as she is moving back to Denver.

-**Committee sign up lists available,** active members need to sign up for 1 committee. The committees still needing help are Yearbook, Early Childhood, Spring Dinner, and Publicity.

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-**Spring Dinner, May 14** will be a potluck, sign-up sheets are available on the tables this evening.

5. New Business:

At the May Philo Spring Event the officers for 2024-2025 will be inducted. A motion made by Mo Reilly and seconded by Cindy Kurtz to accept the slate of officers for 2024-2025. Officers for 2024/2025 will be: President – Ruth Swanty, Vice President – Lorie Smith, Treasurer – Peggy Pellizzari, Recording Secretary – Eileen Huddle, Corresponding Secretary – Amy Black, Past President – Carol Rieser

6. Committee Announcements --

- **ATV** – Lorie Smith visited with the committee about spending \$732 from the ATV fund. It was agreed to use some of the money for gift cards, plants for the front of the ATV office, and Fresh Baskets. Thirty six Philo members will be at the Purple Ribbon Breakfast. Looking at Pastels on 5th to be a good way to promote Philo at a booth. During 2 weeks in April Florence Doksansky, Susan Linden and Eileen Huddle are coordinating with Zion Lutheran Church a drive for ATV basket donations.

- **Blood Drive**—Florence Doksansky reported only 2 slots open for the blood drive on May 21 The Blood Drive dates are all set for the coming year.

- **Golf** – See above Committee Spotlight notes

- **Holiday Giving** – Brianne Smith will begin planning with the Holiday Giving committee in August.

- **Integrated Early Childhood**—Terri Mulford reported that there was \$63 profit from the book sale at this meeting. Literacy Night is held at Stansbury April 18...when parents come with kids to enjoy pizza, balloons, and books which are given to the children. There will also be a book author at the event. Reminder that charms are available for sale at this evening's Philo meeting.

- **Raise Right** – Jeannie Findley asked that gift card orders be turned in at this meeting. Gift cards will be delivered at the May Spring Dinner.

- **Rotary Duck Race** – Still have 14 sets of tickets for the Duck Race. Judy Gangle will also have them available to buy at the May Spring Dinner.

- **Scholarships** –Ruth Sprain reported the Scholarship committee has completed 7 interviews and 2 more on Wednesday this week. Some of those interviewed are in their 30s and some are high school seniors.

- **Sunshine** – Mary Ann Lane's funeral will be this Thursday. Contact Cindy Kurtz for rides.

7. Reminders: May Newsletter deadline is April 20th

> Next meeting will be our Spring dinner May 14, 2024 at 6:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.

> For Terri Dimond's Together Time all Philo members are invited to text Terri with your cell phone number to be added to her contact list. Every Together Time is open to friends as well. The next gathering is at Justine's Pizza, April 14 at 4:00 -- text Terri to RSVP.

8. Door Prize Drawing - Odile Lynch was the lucky winner of the door prize.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Huddle, Recording Secretary



Sunshine



As the spring season brings sunshine and beauty, I'd like to spread some warmth over the family of Joan Putlack. Joan's husband Ron passed away on April 10th. A card from Philo was sent to Joan and her family. A celebration of life open house will be held at Joan's house on May 26th.

We would like to wish many Philo sisters *happy birthday* for May and the summer months.



MAY

- 05/01 Tammy Kreger
- 05/02 Marthann Dahlen
- 05/05 Kathy Matsunaka
- 05/05 Billie Jo Downing
- 05/07 Gay Ann May
- 05/10 Karen Bruner
- 05/17 Judy Gangle
- 05/24 Kathy Fetzer
- 05/25 Mary Voggesser
- 05/27 Peggy McGlynn
- 05/27 Coleen Ligothe
- 05/29 Ginger Shearer
- 05/30 Kathy Roberts
- 05/30 Jan Lanting

JUNE

- 06/01 Karen Leu
- 06/02 Nancy Guffey
- 06/08 Gay Sennett
- 06/11 Susan Linden
- 06/14 Linda Stangel
- 06/20 Judy Grommon
- 06/21 Corrine Adams
- 06/21 Beth Soderquist
- 06/25 RaeJean Sendek
- 06/25 Jan Frame
- 06/25 DeeDee Warnock
- 06/27 Janice Farley
- 06/29 Karen Vinal
- 06/29 Maureen (Mo) Reilly





Sunshine



JULY

07/01 Marsha Reed
07/12 Glenna Bliss-Cook
07/13 Heather Brown
07/15 Shirley Hogan
07/16 Myrna McIntosh
07/19 Elaine Persichitte
07/25 Trudy Eckhardt
07/25 Lindsey McLellan



AUGUST

08/01 Natalie Parker
08/03 Phyllis McCormack
08/05 Nancy Roe
08/06 Kathy Leonard
08/08 Carol Watt
08/10 Gerry Henderson
08/10 Debbie Riley
08/11 Jeanne Westermann
08/14 Stevie Benkendorf
08/15 Jeanne Findley
08/17 Mary K. Spangler
08/18 Sue Taigman
08/22 Becky Aldrich
08/25 Carol Rieser

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.

*Have a great
summer!*

