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FRIENDSHIP,
AND
PHILANTHROPY

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As the members of the Executive Board sat down to review their accomplishments this year, three words began to emerge: Fun, Friendship, and Philanthropy.

The philanthropy aspect of the year is evident in the pages of this yearbook. Committees, such as Alternatives to Violence and Integrated Early Childhood, stood out as having been very active with exciting new projects. Dine Out With Heart, Golf, and Spring Appreciation committees are exploring fresh approaches as they look ahead.

After the COVID restrictions of recent years, the importance of our social interaction has become more evident. While conducting the business of Philo, we strive to provide more opportunities to get to know each other and foster a sense of belonging. A new feature of the Philo newsletter introduces us to an honorary and an active member each month. Both the public and members-only websites keep us informed with the most up-to-date information about our activities and membership.

As we get serious about our responsibilities, we also take time to have fun. Book Club and Bunco are great examples of extra Philo activities. This year the Sunshine Committee arranged for free tickets to several hockey games. We socialize over snacks before each meeting, sometimes having to be summoned by the gavel more than once. We also find ways to laugh and enjoy one another's company as we work together on our regular Philo activities.

Going forward, recruitment of new members is a focus and attracting younger women is one goal. Philo is looking for new avenues of service and working to project the image of "Fun, Friendship, and Philanthropy."



“So proud of Philo! No matter what happens, we stick together serving the community. We evolve with the changing times.”

**– Nancy Patterson,
Philo member
for 52 years**

CLUB

COMMUNICATIONS



GENERAL MEETINGS

This year we were back to our “home” at Trinity Lutheran Church. We were pleased to resume face-to-face meetings instead of virtual Zoom meetings. Committees met prior to meetings, and hostesses set up an array of delicious snacks for our social time. We enjoyed our social time so much that calling the meeting to order was sometimes a challenge.

Featuring a different committee each month during regular meetings was very informative and gave us a chance to recognize the work of the committee in an entertaining way.

September: The Integrated Early Childhood committee led us in a game of “The Price Is Right,” where we guessed the prices of the school supplies that we donate to the Thompson School District Early Childhood Program.

October: The Golf Committee highlighted its role as our largest fund raiser, having raised \$216,000 for scholarships in the past 17 years.

November: We learned how the COVID protocols changed the roles of two committees. The Canned Food Drive and Christmas Food Basket committees have now merged into the Holiday Giving Committee since the House of Neighborly service has taken over sorting the food and assembling the baskets.

January: The Dine Out With Heart committee outlined the history and future of the fund raiser. Declining participation has required fresh approaches. Learning from last year’s Food Truck Rally, the next DOWH event will rely more on sponsorships.

February: From the Blood Drive committee, we learned that “a blood transfusion is needed every 3 seconds.” A handout dispelled 10 myths about giving blood. Several members shared their personal experiences.

March: A representative of the Loveland Rotary Club's Duck Race committee, dressed in a duck costume, recognized Philo as one of the longest partners in the ticket sales and thanked Philo for its continued support.

April: Kari Clark, director of Alternatives to Violence, spoke about its origins, purpose, and the safe house. She emphasized the importance of the “Fresh Start Baskets” provided by Philo.

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GENERAL MEETINGS Continued...

Significant changes in the by-laws were approved at the November general meeting. They addressed the standards for active membership and the acceptance of new members. Active members are no longer required to attend a minimum of five meetings. Members who are unable to attend regular meetings must still participate on at least one committee and attend major club events. New members may now apply and be voted on at any regularly scheduled meeting. The by-laws were made retroactive to September, allowing for the immediate approval of a new member.

With passage of the new bylaws, we were excited to welcome Mo Ripley, Terri Mulford, and Cindy Noble to Philo membership. Each of the new members jumped in with both feet and have already contributed their expertise and fresh perspective on several committees.

Attendance at meetings was down, but adding the minutes to the newsletter kept the members informed. The newsletter and websites have become key communication tools for those who are not able to attend meetings on a regular basis.



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Newsletter

Chair: Amy Black

Communication is key for any organization to run smoothly, so it's important to have a newsletter that informs its membership!

Each month the newsletter was created online using Canva, a free-to-use online graphic design tool. Updates were gathered from committee chairpersons about a week before putting all the information together in an organized, visually-pleasing format. Florence Doksansky made sure each newsletter was sent to the Philo membership.

The newsletter also plays a role in preserving Philo's history as it records the activities throughout the year, including committee reports, photos, birthdays, and Sunshine notes. The newsletters continue to be available as a resource in the Archives on the Members-Only webpage.



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HISTORY/YEARBOOK

Chair: Linda Stangel

We are history in the making! Years from now, someone will be checking out this yearbook to see what was happening in Philo in 2022-2023. As we discovered in researching for our 100th year anniversary, there are gaps in the scrapbooks and archival materials that cannot be recovered. The efforts and results of many committees go unsung. We need to celebrate the “right now” and recognize our part in Philo’s heritage. A special thanks to Jamie Powell for creating the digital yearbook for 2022/2023.

The responsibility of this committee is to collect descriptions and photos of each committee and bring them to life in a digital yearbook format. The digital yearbook is less expensive and easier to store than scrapbooks and printed copies. A link can be emailed to each member, posted on the public website, and stored in the archives on the Members-Only website, making it easily accessible both now and in the future.

Technology keeps changing, and storage methods have gone from floppy discs to memory sticks to cd’s and now on-line websites. While we will continue to adapt to new technologies, it is still important to maintain our history/information in print. As historian, I collect print copies of the yearbook, handbook and other historical documents (news clippings, brochures, letters, etc.) for storage in our physical archives (Peg Isakson’s garage!).

During the year I am frequently called upon to answer a history question. This year I discovered that Philo has been sponsoring blood drives since 1973. The Rotary Duck Race Ticket sales began in 2006. I have found important documents related to our designation as a non-profit. I can answer questions about membership on lists that I have compiled of members who have joined Philo since the beginning in 1918. It is a challenge and exciting to find an answer buried in the archives.





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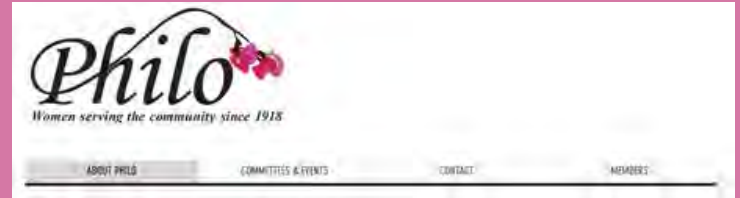
PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITE MANAGEMENT – PUBLIC FACING

Chair: Jamie Powell

All of our work over the last three years to get the website(s) updated and modernized has paid off. Our committees continue to enjoy the convenience of online registration for events like the golf tournament, and scholarship applicants were again able to apply online.

In regard to social media, Philo continues to advertise events and post updates about our work in the community via Facebook. Indeed, things are starting to feel like we're "back to normal" in our operations.



WEBSITE MANAGEMENT – MEMBERS-ONLY SECTION

Chair: Peg Isakson

This year we undertook a big step in transitioning all of Philo's founding, historical and current guiding documents from files of printed paper and scrapbooks to digital files developed with the Word Press platform.

Longs Peak Web Design and Hosting, LLC of Berthoud, CO began (last year) the process of designing, developing and curating a website that would meet the needs of our membership and organization.

Continuing into this year, the previously printed Yearbook (now called the members' Handbook) was developed with these steps:

- A Handbook was posted on the Members-Only web section, which listed Officers, Philo Year Calendar, Birthdays, Membership Info, and By-laws.
- A Membership Directory was designed, using a customized plug-in program.
- A new platform was created for members to sign up for committee participation.
- Wrapping up the year, all historical documents that had been digitally filed in previous hosting, were now curated for new archiving in the Members-Only section.

The Handbook, Membership Directory, and Committees are all available online and can be printed by the members, if desired.

Looking ahead, there will be on-going review of trial platforms with customizing and revisions as necessary. Each Philo year will have updates. Philo is always changing to keep up with the times.

The major take-away from this work is our appreciation to Julie Seat of Longs Peak Web Design, who has saved Philo four to five thousand dollars which can be used for our philanthropic efforts in the community.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY



ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

Chair: Stephanie Butts

Co-chair: Ruth Swanty

The Philo ATV Committee had a very busy and successful year in 2022-2023. Last spring, it was noted that the flower gardens at ATV's Transitional Living Center, located on 8th street in Loveland, had been sorely neglected. The committee procured donated flowers and, in the summer of 2022, cleaned out the front gardens and planted perennial flowers, allowing for a beautiful garden on either side of the entrance. A schedule for weeding and watering throughout the summer was established, and committee members volunteered their time to ensure the upkeep of the gardens.

In August of 2022, ATV requested that the committee help provide "Fresh Start Baskets" to the women and families transitioning out of their safe houses. These baskets provide everyday essentials such as laundry detergent, toothpaste, soaps, sheets, towels, etc. The initial request from ATV was for twenty-four of these "Fresh Start Baskets." Due to the generosity of Philo membership and their donations, the committee was excited to deliver twelve baskets in March 2023. Two Philo members in particular, Eileen Huddle and Florence Doksansky, organized a fundraiser through their local church, asking the congregation to donate items for the fresh start baskets. This allowed the committee to complete the twelve delivered baskets as well as provide a great start in filling the remaining twelve that were delivered in June.



As in previous years, the committee purchased a sidewalk square to the support Pastels on 5th fundraiser held in downtown Loveland benefiting ATV. The committee also volunteered to help with the event again this year on September 10, 2022.

Philo member, Ruth Swanty, hosted a table for the annual Purple Ribbon Breakfast fundraiser held on April 25, 2023. This event features special guest speakers and aims to raise funds to support ATV's mission. The committee pledged to fill a 10-person table and ended up with 12 Philo members in attendance, supporting this great cause.

Partnering with the City of Loveland, the Philo ATV Committee collected donations of toiletries and feminine products for the homeless population in the community. Once collected, these items were delivered to the Loveland Resource Center where they are distributed. This year, the committee was able to deliver two full grocery store bags of these necessary supplies.

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BLOOD DRIVES

Chair: Florence Doksansky

Co-chair: Marge McCoy

Philo has been sponsoring blood drives since 1973. In years past, Philo ran a blood drive through Bonfils. While that is still an option, it meant that anyone who needed blood had to pay \$300 a pint as it was imported from Denver. Remember, often someone needs many more than one pint of blood to help recover from an illness or accident. Garth Englund, with whom we now work, is a local operation and is associated with the UC Health System. Hence when we donate, our blood is used locally and may be given to someone you know!

While donors rest before resuming their normal activity, the Philo Blood Drive committee provides a healthy snack and beverage along with a friendly smile. Since many donors give blood on a regular basis, they see a familiar face each time.

We are grateful to all our donors! Philo women of all ages still are committed to giving!

We are also thankful for our new location at the Grace Community Church. Robin, their administrator, is so very helpful, and we have many donors from that church! They do not charge us for use of their building!

Q: WHAT CAN YOU DO IN LESS THAN AN HOUR THAT SAVES UP TO 3 LIVES?

A: DONATE BLOOD!!!



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INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD

Chair: Debbie Riley

Co-chair: Ruth Sprain

The six members of the Integrated Early Childhood Committee accomplished a great deal over the past year.

In July they purchased and assembled 120 colorful bags of school supplies that Head Start teachers delivered to students during an initial home visit. To supplement the committee's budgeted funds, the "Back to School" clothing drive in September collected funds and emergency items such as socks and underwear. Over 100 items of clothing were donated to the Thompson preschools for a change of clothes when accidents occur.



Play costumes were made from previously purchased materials, and 72 vests were "decorated" for a total of 90 play outfits donated. Many years' worth of collected felt and scrap material were distributed to the preschool staff to supplement their classroom materials.

The holiday book drive collected 65 books which went to the classrooms. In addition, 25 theme books for the Literacy Fair were purchased for each classroom and 19 hardcover books with social-emotional themes were distributed to the centers.



Several Philo members joined the committee members to support the Literacy Fair where we sponsored "Jasbo the Balloon Artist," provided a koala craft, and gave away various literacy-themed articles.

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Dine Out With Heart

Chair: Shannon Voggesser

DOWH is excited to announce our fundraiser for this year. We will be working with Yardhouse Creations to host a corn hole tournament on September 8, 2023. The event will take place at Backyard Tap in Downtown Loveland from 4-9pm (corn hole tournament will be 5-8pm). There will also be 1-2 food trucks (TBD) present for the event.

DOWH received three applicants this year requesting funding and the committee has decided to support all three. The applicants are: KidsPack, Thompson Education Foundation, and Alternatives to Violence. The exact amounts each organization will receive will depend on proceeds earned from the fundraiser.

Stay tuned for more details on how to sign up to participate in the corn hole tournament and how you can purchase your very own personalized corn hole boards!



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HOLIDAY GIVING

Chair of Canned Food Drive: Brianne Smith

Chair of Christmas Food Baskets: Susan Trumbo

The Canned Food Committee partnered with Thompson School District to collect 14,143 pounds of much needed food and deliver it to the House of Neighborly Services. With higher food prices and a lot going on at each of the schools these days, this is an amazing donation. Inflation was high this year, and donations were harder to come by. One teacher told us:

"We only have about 7 full boxes. Not near as much as we had hoped, but I think it is a tough time for families and many are just trying to keep food on their own tables. We actually had several kids ask if they could take some home. Staff brought in food and we allowed the kids to "buy" a can with their Tiger Tickets which they usually use to "buy" rewards and many kids did that. It was a way for them to give back even if their family could not help."

On collection day, the four staff members of the Exodus Moving Company that assisted were absolutely amazing, and we loaded and unloaded the truck in record time! At multiple schools, the kids enthusiastically moved boxes and helped us get everything in the truck. The staff at all of the school was incredibly helpful, and several LDS missionaries met us at HNS to help palletize the boxes.

The Holiday Basket Committee has scaled back in the last few years, as HNS has organized baskets internally. This year the committee donated \$1900 in Safeway gift cards (as raised by Dine Out with Heart), as well as generous gifts of toys from Philo members for the HNS Christmas Store. Karen Vinal and Cindy Kurtz also graciously jumped in at the last minute to deliver HNS baskets to seniors in the community.

Given the high level of overlap between the two committees, in the future these efforts will be merged under one committee - the Holiday Giving Committee.



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WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Chair: Beth Soderquist

18th Annual Philo Women's Amateur Golf Tournament
July 14, 2023
Mariana Butte Golf Course
Loveland, CO

The tournament week included several events on Thursday and Friday.
Thursday, 7/13 Golf Workshop with Marvol Barnard at Mariana Butte Golf Course.
Thursday, 7/13 Opening Reception at Big Fork at the Olde Course at Loveland
Friday, 7/14 Golf Tournament at Mariana Butte Golf Course followed by a reception at Birdies, Burgers and Brews (B3) in the Mariana Butte Clubhouse.
Friday, 7/14 Golf Workshop for girls high school team member by Marvol Barnard at Mariana Butte Golf Course
The tournament festivities were expanded in 2023 to include Marvol Barnard, the LPGA Professionals National President. Marvol was a guest speaker at our events and provided instruction for workshop participants. Janet Yoder, and Nancy Mabson, LPGA Professionals in Colorado joined Marvol for the workshop.

Here is some additional information regarding Marvol Barnard.

Marvol Barnard

Marvol is the LPGA Professionals National President, leading an organization of over 1,800 passionate LPGA members in teaching and growing the game of golf. Marvol is a member of the PGA of America, and has served on PGA committees, Boards, and growth-of-the-game initiatives. Marvol is a highly sought-after speaker in the golf industry, and has presented seminars on marketing, brand awareness, and speaks frequently on the benefits of taking up the game of golf. Marvol teaches in Southern Arizona, where she has a thriving clientele of golfers of all ages and abilities. Specializing in golf coaching, she takes golfers on a journey of discovery and possibilities as they develop their skills in the game. She especially loves bringing new women into the game of golf, and hosts golf events, schools, and learning experiences for female golfers. In her spare time, Marvol has pursued her lifelong love of learning in attaining recent Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Public Administration and Organizational Leadership at Northern Arizona University. She and her husband Sam live in Green Valley, Arizona.



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GOLF TOURNAMENT Continued...

On Thursday, July 13, 2023, we held 2 events. There was a golf workshop held at Mariana Butte Golf Course. Three LPGA professionals, Marvol Barnard, Janet Yoder, and Nancy Mabson provided instruction to 15 registered participants. In the evening an Opening Reception was held at the Olde Course at Loveland. We had around 60 guests for light appetizers. Big Fork did a wonderful job. We also held an on-line auction of 10 items, primarily golf foursomes. The action raised \$2700.

The tournament was held on Friday, July 14, 2022 at Mariana Butte Golf Course. A luncheon was held afterwards at Birdies, Burgers and Brews (B3) in the Mariana Butte clubhouse. There were 124 registered participants for the tournament. This resulted in 31 teams playing in the Scramble format. This is the largest participation we have ever had in the history of the tournament. It was a shotgun start at 7:30. We awarded prizes for 3 flights, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We used Golf Genius to put together the pairings, score cards and cart signs...as well as player lists needed the day of the tournament. The committee started setting up at the tournament site at 5:00 am. We had around a twenty Philo members volunteer to assist with the registration process. In 2024...we will make sure that the registration line is a straight line and will result in the attendees exiting off the stairs on the west side of the patio.

We had around six male volunteers help to put golf clubs on the carts. This worked very well. There were approximately 24 gift baskets and other prizes donated by Philo members and members of the community. The foursomes from several golf courses were used for the auction. We used 6 of these prizes for the Opportunity drawings on-site that day. The other baskets and prizes were used for Door Prizes that any participant could win. This was a huge success due to our generous Philo members. Next year we will request a form to be filled out by the individual/group donating a basket. This should include the name of the basket, who donated it, contents of the basket and the value. We will also ask our members to bring a completed and wrapped basket. We were able to store the baskets on-site the evening before and this was a great help!

We started the day with a snack bag for each participant. This included a granola bar, snack, trail mix, bottle of water and an apple. Lunch was served around 12:30 pm at Birdies, Burgers and Brews. We chose a BBQ lunch of chicken, brisket, potato salad and fruit salad. It included lemonade, ice tea, cookies and brownies for dessert. Photos were taken of each group and provided to the team captain on the tee box. We used multiple photographers on four holes taking photos as the players come as well as a traveling photographer. There were beautiful floral centerpieces on the tables. The flowers were all donated by Rowe's Florist and were assembled by Lori Smith. The participant gift was a Wine/Beer glass with a golf cart design made by Abode Gifts.

Tournament preparation: The committee consisted of only eight members. In 2024...we need more members to spread the workload.
Beth Soderquist, Cindy Nobel, Eileen Huddle, Kris Martin, Jan Lanting, Kathy Loken, Lori Smith, Carol Watt

This year we used a new approach to obtaining sponsorships. The following information was sent to our members in March in order to have them assist with the sponsorships. We are making some changes to the tournament and sponsorships this year and we need your assistance.

We are asking all of our members, Active, Honorary and Emeritus to make commitment to support the Philo Scholarship Fund by supporting the Golf Tournament fundraiser. We are asking every one of you to support this important event in one or more of the following ways.

1. Obtaining a Hole Sponsorship for \$1000. Or any other amount. More on the Fundraising Efforts below.
2. Donating to the Golf Tournament/Scholarship Fund yourself.
3. Donating a Gift Basket (you may do this with a friend also.)
4. Volunteering to help the day of the tournament with Registration, Hole sitting or Ambassador on the course. (Volunteer descriptions are listed at the end of this email.)
5. Attending the Opening Reception at the Olde Course on Thursday, 7/13.

Fundraising Efforts - We are going to change how we do some fund raising. Our goal for this year is \$25,000.

First, we are going to work towards getting a "Hole Sponsor" for all 18 holes. We would ask for a \$1000 donation. (For an additional \$400, they will be provided a foursome for the tournament). We ask all of our members to assist with this effort. Additional sponsorship letters went out in March 2023. In 2024, we will send these out at in November/December 2024 timeframe. Approximately 50 sponsorship requests were sent out. We received 34 donations in addition to a donation by the Philo book club. We received over \$24,000 in sponsorship money. Including the membership in our sponsorship quest was a tremendous success.

We did not take payments on-line for our registrations. This did not seem to be a problem. Save the Date emails were sent out in the spring and registration opened in April. A Master Registration list has been maintained and we e-mailed registration forms to everyone on the list. There are many more pieces to the organization of the tournament as well as more lessons learned. These are documented in the Golf Tournament Notebook. A final reconciliation with the Philo Treasurer was completed at the end of July 2023.

The tournament was a tremendous success!

We raised \$31,000 to be given to the Scholarship Committee to distribute to recipients.



SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

“OUR RECIPIENTS ARE PURSUING TRAINING IN COSMETOLOGY, AGRI-BUSINESS, AERONAUTICS, TEXTILE DESIGN, AND HEALTHCARE.”

SCHOLARSHIP

Chair: Janice Marchman

The Scholarship committee is responsible for awarding monetary scholarships to students graduating from schools in the Thompson R2J School District or adults residing within the TR2J district boundaries. Our funds support vocational/technical training, and students must be accepted into a certificate or 2-year degree program. The scholarship funds are raised by Philo's highly successful Golf Tournament and additional member donations.

The committee meets early in the year to create a plan to promote the scholarship opportunities. We contact schools and community resources to explain our scholarship and provide them with flyers that include instructions for accessing application materials.

This year Scholarship Committee received five applications and awarded five scholarships. Scholarship amounts varied from \$2,000 to \$3,000, depending on how committee members rated their application and interview responses. Our recipients are pursuing training in cosmetology, agri-business, aeronautics, textile design, and healthcare. This spring the committee discussed and scored the application materials and then used Zoom to interview the applicants and learn more about their career plans. Each applicant had an interesting story to share about their journey so far and their hopes for the future. Common themes among the applicants were being self-sufficient and pursuing careers that they will enjoy and that will also be of service to others.

The committee held a wrap-up meeting in early June to discuss the lessons we learned and how we plan to go forward in the next year. Philo awarded the first scholarships in 1971. We recognized that, over the years, the process of applying for scholarships has changed for high school seniors. We are researching a program through the Thompson Education Foundation that may provide us with a more effective way to reach graduating seniors. We also agreed that we need to improve our strategies to reach out to non-traditional age potential students using community resources and more frequent contact with vocational/technical education providers.

Being able to support students as they pursue their educational and career dreams is an incredibly gratifying experience! The committee thanks our Philo sisters for their amazing efforts that make it possible for these students to reach those dreams!

SPECIAL

RECOGNITION

Loveland Strategic Partnership: “60 Years Celebrating Seeds of Innovation”
Philo recognition, Oct. 8, 2022

Live Loveland hosted “60 Years Celebrating Seeds of Innovation” at the Forge
Campus (former site of Hewlett-Packard) on October 8, 2022.

Live Loveland presented Community Champion Awards,
and Loveland Philo received one for service to the community for over 100 years.



Pictured left to right: Cecil Gutierrez, former mayor of Loveland, Rita Harden, Judy Gangle, Nancy Patterson, Florence Doksansky, Kathy Wright, Director of Live Loveland and former Philo member, and Diane Meuret.

FUND

RAISING

RAISE RIGHT

Chair: Peg Isakson

Philo members again put their purchase power to use in buying Raise Right cash/gift cards for personal use or to give as gifts. In previous years this project was named ShopWithScrip, from the same company based in Michigan, and is often used by schools for fundraising.

In addition to individual member purchases, \$2,000 worth of Safeway gift cards were purchased. Funds came from Philo individual members and from Philo's Dine Out With Heart committee. The Safeway cards were given to The House of Neighborly Service for distribution to needy individuals or families at holiday time.

Rebate income to our Philo General Fund totaled over \$700 for the year!

Thank you to each Philo member who participated in either the fall or the spring Raise Right shopping event. Thank you to the organizing committee: Marge McCoy, Carol Reiser, and Peg Isakson

ROTARY DUCK RACE TICKETS

Chair: Carol Rieser

In May of 2006, Janice Farley and Betty Brammer organized the first "Philo Duck Race Project," partnering with the Loveland Rotary Club to raise money for our programs. Philo has been selling tickets ever since and retains 80% of our ticket proceeds to support Philo's general budget. Rotary uses its 20% to fund scholarships and literacy programs in the Thompson Valley School District.

After maintaining comparable sales during the pandemic, this year's ticket sales did not live up to expectations. Beginning in January, members purchased tickets at Philo meetings, and a few members mailed checks to purchase them. Mass emails were sent numerous times as reminders. Although this method has been successful in the past, the committee will re-evaluate the procedure for the coming year.



SOCIAL

ACTIVITIES

SUNSHINE

Chair: Cindy Kurtz

The Sunshine committee was busy this past year communicating with members in times of sadness and celebration.

Several cards of congratulations and condolence were sent out, our floral wreath was displayed at celebration of life services, and calls were made for assistance, as needed. Members contributed food at the memorial services for Anne Anderson and Kay Robinson.

An idea came forward to implement some social activities to create camaraderie outside of normal Philo events. We scheduled a tour of a WWII museum in November. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and we had to postpone. We will be rescheduling that event for this fall. We were able to secure free tickets for three Eagles Hockey games. Many members took advantage of this opportunity. I'm hoping to score more tickets for this coming season.

We would also like to implement other activities for this next year. Be watching for fun outings.



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HONORARY

Chair: Rita Harden

This year three people became Honorary Members of Philo, with 15 years of service. They are Natalie Parker, Judy Grommon, and Peg Isakson. Kathy Leonard, with 35 years, became emeritus. The honorary membership is now at 81.

Sadly, we lost three members this year: Anne Anderson in August 2022, Kay Robinson in November 2022 and Mary Schacht in January 2023. Anne had been our longest serving member with 67 years of membership. Kay had been a member for 27 years and Mary, 36 years.

At the October gathering of the honorary members, Myrna McIntosh was recognized as our oldest living member, with 60 years. It was good to have Myrna in attendance to be recognized.

We continue to have two social gatherings a year and enjoy having the time to recall memories of participation in the various committees and activities of Philo. Many of the honorary members remain active, attending meetings and serving on committees.



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HOLIDAY PARTY

Hostess: Ruth Swanty and the Executive Board

The Holiday Party of 2022 was a big success. We had about 30 members attend. There was plenty of good food to eat, thanks to the attendees bringing a dish each, and plenty to drink, thanks to the executive board members providing beer, wine, hard seltzers and sodas.

Following the fellowship and feasting, there was an exciting and competitive ornament exchange. Everyone who participated went home with a different ornament from the one they brought.

I was happy to host thereby providing a place for Philo sisters to gather and celebrate the holiday season. The bonus is that my home was clean and decorated by mid-December, and I was able to relax a bit before our family celebration of Christmas day.



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SPRING APPRECIATION

Chair: Jeanne Findley

“Golden Girls—thank you for being a friend!”

The Spring Dinner was a huge success! After our plans encountered many challenges, we hosted an evening full of fun and laughter! The committee hosted a pot luck dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church with 39 ladies (and one handsome man—Terry McIntosh).

Our new officers were inducted, new members initiated, committee chairs recognized and a warm applause of gratitude to our outgoing president, Judy Gangle.

Entertainment for the evening was PHILO Bingo with prizes awarded to the winners.

It was a wonderful evening celebrating our accomplishments over the past year and our sisterhood created by Philo.



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BUNCO

FUN - one of our goals!

Playing Bunco is a fun game that requires minimal attention span. We support each other as we count our successful rolls of dice each turn.

The highpoint is Friendship. It is a very welcoming situation to get to know each other, laugh, and share what Philo sisters are working on (philanthropy).

The delicious potluck and a Bunco game is the backdrop for supporting sisterhood growth in Friendship. New members have found it a way to get to know sisters, and potential members have enjoyed learning about Philo.





MEMORIAM

Anne Allison Anderson, a longtime resident of Loveland, passed away on August 23, 2022 at the age of 93. Anne was born in Moscow, ID on May 13, 1929 to John and Ruth Howard. She spent her early years in Moscow, ID, and Salt Lake City, UT. Her family moved to Boulder, CO, where she graduated from Boulder High School and later the University of Colorado. After World War II, her father was deployed to Italy and the family relocated to Rome.

She loved learning the Italian culture and language as she explored and adventured through Europe by rail with her sisters Jane and Sally. It was there that she met her future husband and lifelong love, Fred Anderson, who was stationed in Germany and happened to be on leave in Rome. She later married him on April 22, 1954. They were partners in love and life for 57 years. Anne and Fred were a team during his political career.

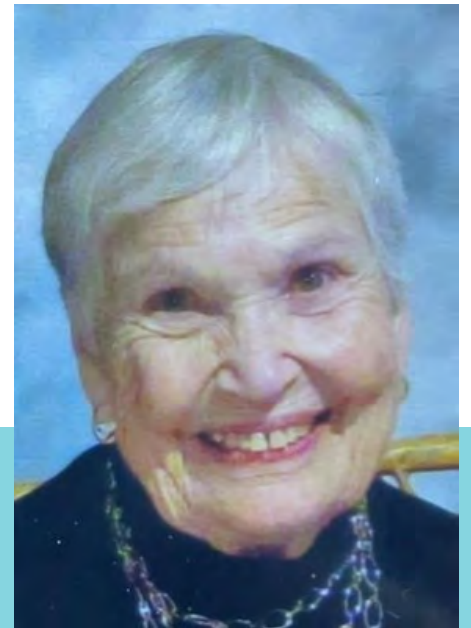
Anne's smile led the way. She never met a stranger, and never forgot a name. She could always find someone she knew in common with a new acquaintance. After Fred passed, Anne moved to Hillcrest, where she became an honorary ambassador, showing new residents the ropes and helping them adjust to their new surroundings.

Her faith and her church, Trinity Lutheran, were at her core. The choir held a special significance, as she sang and rang the bells for over 40 years before retiring just this year. She was an avid reader her whole life, belonging to three different book clubs. She never read a book she didn't love. Anne became a golfer later in life and spent summers enjoying the links with many different groups. She and Fred shared many travel adventures together-river cruises and even a trip to Antarctica. They enjoyed following their grandkids' adventures and exploits through the years.

Anne was a volunteer at heart. She served on the United Way board, Foothills Gateway, Philo, McKee Foundation, and Loveland Loves to Read, for years. Anne and Fred were instrumental over four decades in supporting many local charities including the House of Neighborly Service and Project Self Sufficiency, as well as volunteering for many other organizations and providing community service.

She is survived by her four children, Todd (Susan), Mark (Rona), Eric, and Kathryn (Bassam); seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. Her husband Fred, sisters Jane and Sally, and great grandson William preceded her in death.

Anne is remembered by all who met her. Her huge smile and gift of conversation made for many friendships wherever she went.

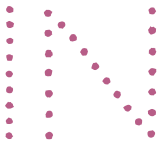


**ANNE ANDERSON - MEMBER SINCE
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"IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO BECOME A CLOSER FRIEND OF ANNE'S IN HER LATER YEARS AS WE DROVE TO BOOK CLUB AND PHILO EVENTS. HER LOVE OF GOD AND MAN, HER WISDOM, HER HUMOR, HER INSIGHT - HER WHOLE SELF WILL BE WITH ME ALWAYS." - MARYANN LANE

"ANNE ANDERSON WAS A TRUE ROLE MODEL FOR MANY WOMEN BESIDES ME. HER INTELLECT AND ENTHUSIASM FOR LIFE WAS INSPIRING. HER SMILE WAS INFECTIOUS AND SHE WAS TRULY INTERESTED IN WHAT OTHER PEOPLE HAD TO SAY. I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF OUR TIMES TOGETHER IN PHILO AS WELL AS ROTARY WITH OUR HUSBANDS. I SEE HER SMILING FACE ON MY BOOK MARKER AND THINK OF HER EVERY TIME I OPEN A BOOK." - SYD FANCHER

"ANNE WAS A FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS! HER BOUNDLESS ENERGY, LOVE AND SERVICE TO THE LOVELAND COMMUNITY WAS HER TRUE SELF! SHE WAS ALWAYS POSITIVE, NEVER BELITTLED ANYONE OR ANYTHING! SHE WAS A ROLE MODEL TO ALL! AND WILL BE SADLY MISSED." -- PAT FARNHAM



MEMORIAM

Kay Elaine Robinson, beloved wife, mother, and community member, age 71, of Loveland, passed away suddenly and very unexpectedly from a pulmonary embolism on November 22, 2022. Her loss will be felt in the numerous communities she enriched with her spirit of kindness and generosity over many decades in Loveland and around the country. Kay was born to Wilson and Hilda (Floom) Rothermel on January 4, 1951 in Canton, Ohio. She graduated from Central Catholic High School in Canton, Ohio (National Honor Society, President of Future Nurses Club) and Massillon City Hospital School of Nursing in Massillon, Ohio.

She found fulfillment as a Nurse Practitioner in the Hematology-Oncology Clinic of Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio and then showed her adventurous side by working as the Charge Nurse in the Neurological-Medical unit of Central Middlesex Hospital in London, England - using this opportunity to explore several countries in Europe.

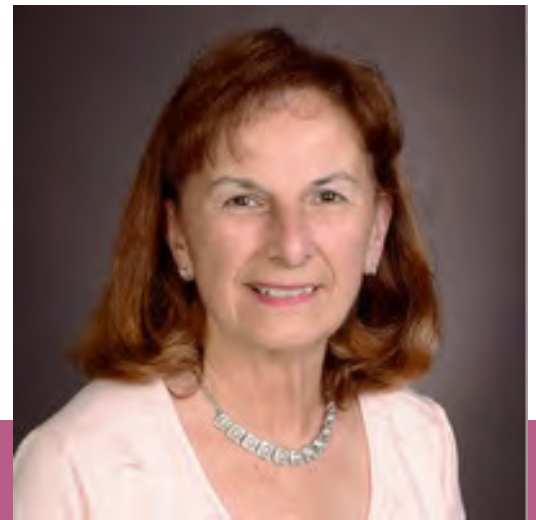
She married Craig Robinson in 1977 and moved to Loveland, Colorado where she worked in Pediatrics practices and in a Hematology-Oncology clinic. Kay raised two wonderful children, Brittany and Patrick on their acreage in the foothills west of Loveland.

Kay was a Hospice volunteer, active member of Philomatheon Club and PEO FL (flower sale leader), and volunteered at Safehouse for Battered Women. She served as an Elder of the Buckhorn Presbyterian Church in Masonville, and as the Parish Nurse at First United Presbyterian Church in Loveland.

She loved snow skiing, hiking, gardening, and getting together with her friends to play Bridge, Bunko, or Rummikub. She loved garage sales and bargain hunting - always on the search for the perfect gift her friends didn't even know they wanted - at a bargain price, of course. Kay was known for her Chokecherry jelly, which she gave away to friends or donated to organizations for sale. She nurtured 3 pairs of collies and numerous cats over the past 33 years. Kay also raised chickens - including her favorite, Molly, who let Kay hold her - and gave away the eggs. When asked if they could buy her eggs, her reply was "my girls aren't that way!"

Her favorite saying was "Be Kind", and she was always looking for ways to help out others - driving someone to a medical appointment, bringing friends into a residence home to play bridge with a fourth friend, or supplying wheelchairs and walkers to people after medical procedures. Kay thoughtfully curated an amazing community - always seeking to bring people together, to truly listen to them, and to bring them joy. These acts brought fulfillment to her life. She has done so much for so many others.

Kay is survived by husband Craig, daughter Brittany, son Patrick and wife Roxanne, sister Joyce and husband Michael, brother Rodney and wife Patricia, brother William Sammons and wife Tracy, sister-in-law Alicia Meyer and husband James, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister Gail.



"KAY AND I BONDED OVER HOLE SITTING AT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT, SO WHEN MY SUNSHINE TEAM WAS ASKED TO MAKE REFRESHMENTS FOR A FUNERAL SERVICE, I WAS HAPPY TO MAKE THEM BUT COULD NOT ATTEND THE SERVICE. I CALLED KAY AND ASKED HER TO STOP BY MY HOUSE TO PICK UP SOME CUPCAKES I BAKED. I LEFT THEM ON A SMALL TABLE RIGHT NEAR THE FRONT DOOR. KAY CAME IN, WALKED RIGHT PAST THEM, AND HEADED TO THE KITCHEN. WHEN SHE DID NOT SEE ANY CUPCAKES, SHE NOTICED A BOWL OF EGGSHELLS THAT I SAVED FOR MY HUSBAND'S GARDEN. KAY SAW THEM AND THOUGHT, "WELL, NO CUPCAKES, BUT SHE LEFT ME SOME NICE EGGSHELLS FOR MY GARDEN"! OF COURSE, SHE SAW THE CUPCAKES ON THE WAY OUT AND TOOK THEM TO THE SERVICE. I LAUGHED WHEN I THOUGHT HOW LIKE KAY TO FIND SOMETHING POSITIVE IN ANY SITUATION!" -- JUANITA CISNEROS

"I ASSOCIATE KAY WITH THE SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE OUTLETS OF LOVELAND. SHE WAS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE FROM 2015 THROUGH 2018. AS AN ADDED INCENTIVE TO PURCHASE TICKETS, KAY ALWAYS HAD A SUPPLY OF HER CHOKECHERRY JELLY. THE ONLY CAVEAT WAS A PROMISE TO RETURN THE EMPTY JAR. I STILL HAVE AN UNOPENED JAR IN MY PANTRY. A STONE INSCRIBED WITH HER FAVORITE SAYING, 'BE KIND,' SITS BEFORE ME ON MY DESK, A GIFT FROM HER MEMORIAL SERVICE." - LINDA STANGEL

"KAY AND I JOINED PHILO TOGETHER IN THE FALL OF 1995, AND OUR NEW MEMBERS' PROGRAM WAS ABOUT COOKING. WE LOOKED SO CUTE WEARING OUR OLD-FASHIONED APRONS, HOLDING OLD COOKBOOKS AND DRESSING UP LIKE FAMOUS COOKS SUCH AS BETTY CROCKER. AT ONE OF THE LAST MEETINGS THAT WE WERE TOGETHER, SHE MENTIONED THAT WE WERE THE ONLY TWO ACTIVE MEMBERS FROM THAT 1995 GROUP. SHE WAS SUCH AN INSPIRATION TO ME FOR HER CARE AND LOVE OF FAMILY, FRIENDS AND HER NURSING CAREER." - STEVIE BENKENDORF



MEMORIAM

Mary Claire Schacht, 83, of Loveland, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2023. Mary was born on March 19, 1939 in Butte, Mont. to Andrew and Ruth (Barrett) Kehoe.

She graduated from Butte Central High School in 1957 and went on to attend nursing school at Carroll College in Helena, where she earned her degree in 1961.

She would eventually move to Denver, where as a labor and delivery nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital she met her future husband, longtime Loveland OB-GYN Dr. Frederick Schacht Jr.

Fred and Mary moved to Loveland in 1969, where together they built his medical practice and raised their family. Mary was active in several charity organizations, including Loveland's Philomathean Club, and volunteered in many different capacities, her caregiving work with Pathways Hospice being one of the most impactful.

Mary's family owned a men's clothing store during her childhood in Butte – Kehoe's Hat Box – and she carried on that family tradition and love of fashion, collaborating in operating a boutique in downtown Loveland in the 1980s.

Mary was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church from the time she arrived in Loveland until her death, rarely missing a week of mass.

She is survived by her son, Kent Schacht (Courtney) of Garrison, N.Y., and daughter Heidi Schacht of Loveland; granddaughters Tyler and Riley Schacht and grandson Hudson Schacht.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Fred, as well as her parents and brothers Andrew and David.



"MARY WAS A 47-YEAR MEMBER OF PHILO. I REMEMBER WORKING WITH HER AT THE SANTA SHOP, HOUSED IN THE CLUB ROOMS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK. AT 4TH AND LINCOLN. SHE WAS A QUIET, GOOD-NATURED PERSON, WHO PREFERRED TO BE A WORKER THAN IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION. WE SHARED MANY STORIES AS WERE BOTH PREGNANT. OUR DAUGHTERS WERE BORN JUST A FEW WEEKS APART." -- RITA HARDEN

"MARY SCHACHT WAS A SMALL PETITE WOMAN WITH A GENEROUS HEART. HER QUIET PERSONALITY FOUND HER WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES. HEALTH CONCERNS AND THEN COVID KEPT HER FROM BEING INVOLVED; THOUGH SHE NEVER MISSED A CHRISTMAS PARTY OR SPRING DINNER. MARY WAS AN INSPIRATION AS A DEVOTED MOTHER TO A CHILD WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. HER SACRIFICE AND PERSEVERANCE HAVE PROVIDED HEIDI WITH A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT." - KATHY LOKEN

"MARY WAS THE SWEETEST LADY I HAVE EVER KNOWN! GENTLE, QUIET, AND UNASSUMING, MARY WENT ABOUT HER LIFE LOVING HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, NEVER CRITICIZING OR QUESTIONING ANYONE OR ANY EVENT - SHE WAS AN AMAZING PERSON!" - PAT FARNHAM