

2020-2021 Philo Board of Officers

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Share Your News!

Since we are unable to meet right now, the newsletter is an important part of our communications! Please share your news as requested below; I will respond to each submission to let you know I received it. If you don't receive an email back from me, please reach out to me to confirm that I received your email. I look forward to serving you in the year to come! Danita

Please submit your news as follows:

Subject line: put Philo Newsletter Submission

Format of submissions: Attached as a word document

Photos: Attached as a jpeg

Send your submission to: danita@slacolo.com

2020 Deadline for submissions

19-Sep
24-Oct
No newsletter
12-Dec
23-Jan-21
20-Feb
20-Mar
24-Apr
No newsletter

Newsletter Month

Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun, Jul, Aug

Philo President

RITA'S WRITINGS

We are living in a different time. New words are part of our everyday vocabulary---social distancing and COVID 19. Part of the norm is masks, frequent hand washing, and small group gatherings only. Thus, things for Philo must be different too. The golf tournament has been cancelled, as well as the Sept. 12 rescheduled "Spring Dinner." Our top priority is to make the necessary adjustments to keep us all well and safe.

The new board is off and running to keep our organization going. Communication will be important, so we are all informed. The newsletter will be crucial to accomplish this goal. Each chairman will be sending a monthly report via the newsletter. Any announcements will also be in the newsletter. If you know of a member that does not have a computer to get the email, please make them a copy.

Dues are our main source for the club operating expenses. Please get your dues in by making out a check to Philo, and in the memo line, write 'DUES.' Mail to: Philo PO Box 484, Loveland, Co 80539

Members \$50.00 Honorary \$25.00 Emeritus: Dues are optional, but donations are welcome

The board will be looking at holding general meetings on a month to month basis, keeping you informed through the newsletter. As a 50 year member of Philo, I know the remarkable energy, commitment and creativity of the members of this organization. We can continue to make a difference in this community, even in a difficult time.

I will close with a quote from Mr. Rogers: The greatest gift you ever give is your honest self.

Rita Harden



Scholarships

The Philo Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the results of our 2020-21 Scholarship Awards

We are pleased to have given \$12,500 this year. These scholarships are given for vocational/technical schooling only. The applicants varied in monetary amounts and educational pursuits. This year's scholarship recipients included students pursuing an Associate in Applied Sciences in Welding Technology, a Cosmetology Certificate, a Degree in Agriculture Communications, AAS Degree in Nursing and a Surgical Technician. We take great pride in offering these scholarships to deserving individuals from the Berthoud and Loveland community. There will be scholarship information and applications on www.philoloveland.org starting next January 2021. Please make sure that anyone interested applies.

Mary Starck, Chair
Philo Scholarship Committee

Welcome to our new members!

Amy Black - Ryan Carlson - Mary Denning - Marcia Hale - Megan Mahaffy - Danita Nixon - Christine Greene
Tina Wagner - Dana Weiss



Thank you for including me in this impactful organization. My name is Dana Weiss. I was born in Loveland, at the old hospital, and have lived in Larimer County ever since. I am married to John, a professor at C.S.U., and we have two daughters, Rachel (19) and Allison (17). I have been privileged to serve schools by owning a yearbook business through Jostens for 26 years. My husband and I are also planning to open a Woodhouse Day Spa in Old Town Fort Collins next spring... covid willing! My family, dogs and businesses keep me very busy, but when I have free time, I enjoy entertaining, baking, reading, biking and skiing. I am very excited to give back to the community through Philo.

Dana Weiss

My name is Tina Wagner. I am a proud Colorado native! I was born and raised in Denver and attended CSU in Ft. Collins. My husband (Jay) and I have two children, Wade (30) and Kylie (26), both of whom live in Denver. While raising our family, my husband's work (commercial construction) moved us to Stevens Point, WI, Grand Forks, ND and Bettendorf, IA. We moved back to Colorado in 2015 to be close to our children and our extended families.

I have been working in the funeral industry since 2009 and find it to be a very rewarding business. I am currently the General Manager at Resthaven Funeral Home and Memory Gardens in Ft. Collins (between Ft. Collins and Loveland). In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with family, golfing and reading.



Tina Wagner



Amy Black

My name is Amy Black, and I'm excited to be a new member of Philo. As I was growing up in Loveland, I saw all that Philo did for our community because my mom, Debbie Boose, was a member for many years. I live in Fort Collins with my husband, Todd, and our two children, Ellie and Ryan. Ellie is a part of the class of 2020. She was set to attend the University of Portland in the fall, but plans changed due to Covid so we'll get her at home for a few more months. Ryan is a sophomore at Fossil Ridge High School where he is passionate about football. Todd works for HP, in our home office for now. I work for Jostens Yearbooks with another new member, Dana Weiss. In my free time, I enjoy reading, watching movies, playing tennis, skiing, and traveling. I taught third grade for several years before I had kids so I'm excited to be on the Early Childhood Committee where we can have a positive impact on the young learners. It's wonderful to be a part of a group of dedicated, caring women. I look forward to getting to know other Philo members as we make a difference in our community.



Christine Greene

My name is Christine Greene. I am a native of Northern Colorado and I am excited to join you as a new member of Philo. I am a licensed massage therapist and I own two businesses in Fort Collins. I am a mother of two wonderful teenagers. My son was the recipient of the Philo Scholarship this year and we are beyond grateful! I enjoy connecting with women in the community, reading, paddle boarding, golf and traveling. My family is all local and it is a priority of mine to give back to the community I grew up in and am raising my children in. I look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you all! I am on the Alternatives to Violence committee. Thank you for the opportunity to give back and forge new and lasting friendships.

My name is Danita Nixon. I was born into a Navy family – my dad is a Colorado native, so when he retired from the military, we settled on the family homestead in the Poudre Canyon. I went into the Navy out of High School and spent ten years serving as an Intelligence Specialist. I spent twelve years homeschooling my two children, and the next twelve years after that trying to figure out what I wanted to be if and when I grew up. I guess I'm a late bloomer...at 52 I finally found my calling. I started a business serving older adults (and those who care for them). I help them safely and successfully age in place, transition into senior living, and help them find the right local resources to meet their specific needs. Because I wasn't busy enough, I started the senior focused THRIVE Local Magazine. Producing the magazine month after month is truly my joy!



Danita Nixon

My husband and I transplanted to Loveland four years ago from Aurora so we could be closer to our five grand-children. I feel at home for the first time in my life; Loveland is a very special place to live. I am thrilled to be a part of Philo; an organization so rich in history and service! Thank you for welcoming me into the fold – I look forward to getting to know each one of you!



Megan Mahaffy

Hello! My name is Megan Mahaffy and I currently live in Berthoud with my wife and our two kids. Sawyer is newly adopted and we are beyond excited to have him in our home permanently. His sister joined our home in June and is a foster child, but we're hopeful for her adoption next year. I teach 2nd Grade and am beginning my 5th year teaching. I love to read, travel, and spend time with my family!



Mary Denning

I am originally from Wisconsin and moved to Loveland in 1970 when I was nine. I like to think of myself as a Loveland native. I have 4 brothers (3 older than me) and two sisters (one older than me) with a 14 year age difference between the oldest and I. We always lived out in the country. I didn't appreciate it then but I sure do now and there are many days I wish I was living in that quiet countryside again.

I'm happiest when I am being creative, problem solving or making something. Working with wood is my favorite especially re-purposing or building furniture but so is remodeling a home. I do like educating and teaching women and girls how to use tools and how to make simple repairs to their home, it gives them a sense of accomplishment. I so enjoy seeing their eyes light up and the smiles on their faces, instantly feeling self-worth and empowered.

Alternatives To Violence

This year's Pastels on 5th will certainly look different but it is still happening! For those of you who are not familiar with the event, Pastel's on 5th is a fundraiser for Alternatives to Violence that features local artists who create INCREDIBLE sidewalk chalk art via sponsorships from the community. Artwork will be created and displayed on 5th Street and the Foundry Plaza in Downtown Loveland. Philo has sponsored an art square again this year, and ATV committee members will volunteer to help monitor the event entrance and exits. **Please wander around downtown from 3pm -7pm on September 12th to enjoy the beautiful artwork and support ATV!**

Event Schedule:

7a-9a Artist Check in

9a-3p 5th Street Closed for Sidewalk Chalk Art

3p-7p 5th Street open for spectators (with monitoring of entrance and exit)

Special thanks to Eileen Huddle for donating furniture to a past ATV client who recently acquired housing. ATV is so grateful that Philo ladies are always thinking of ways to help the organization and their clients!

Looking ahead - ATV Committee members will be hosting a **Supply Drive for the ATV Safehouse in October**. We're still figuring out the details of how to gather the supplies - but feel free to start setting aside cleaning products, hygiene products, paper goods, etc. For a list of currently needed items, visit: <http://alternativestoviolence.org/help-us>

More details to come in the October Newsletter!

Sincerely,

Jamie Powell & Ruth Swanty - ATV Committee Co-Chairs

Sunshine Committee

Birthdays for August

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| Natalie Parker | 1 |
| Phyllis McCormick | 3 |
| Nancy Roe | 5 |
| Kathy Leonard | 6 |
| Carol Watt | 8 |
| Gerry Henderson | 10 |
| Debbie Riley | 10 |
| Jeanne Westermann | 11 |
| Stevie Benkendorf | 14 |
| MaryAnn Lane | 14 |
| Jeanie Findley | 15 |
| Mary K Spangler | 17 |
| Sue Taigman | 18 |
| Kandi Smith (LOA) | 21 |
| Becky Aldrich | 22 |
| Carol Rieser | 25 |



Birthdays for September

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| Gretchen Bennett | 1 |
| Eileen Huddle | 1 |
| Lina Anderson | 9 |
| Danita Nixon | 11 |
| Elise Carver | 16 |
| Jamie Powell | 17 |
| Patti Gabelman | 19 |
| Barbara Gieseey | 21 |
| Lorie Smith | 24 |
| Marne Engelking | 26 |
| Karen Pielin | 26 |

Card sent to Sharon Hogan on her daughter's illness.

Card of well wishes sent to Stella Taylor.

We are glad to welcome back from a leave of absence: Lorie Smith

Nine new members are celebrated elsewhere in this newsletter.

The following members have sent in their resignations over this past year:

Kathy Carroll, Aimee Dannels, Jan Dougherty, Gerta Fereday, Cindy Glass, Phyllis Polucha, Jennifer Swanty, Pam Stevens, Stella Taylor, and Kathleen Warton

The following members have asked for leave of absences for 2020-2021:

Diane McInturff and Kandi Smith

We wish all of these members the very best in the coming years!

Please send any Philo needs – happy or sad – to your Sunshine Committee.

Call or email us with your needs or celebrations.

Respectfully submitted:

Chair – Florence Doksansky – fdoksansky44@gmail.com or 970-663-1264

Co-chair – Cindy Kurtz – ckurtz@thegroupinc.com or 970-962-6832



Dine Out With Heart

Despite these uncertain times, the Dine Out With Heart committee is dedicated & we've begun planning for our upcoming fundraising event scheduled to take place March 1-14, 2021. Normally we take the summer off after our busy spring, but there are still small tasks that need to be taken care of that make a big difference.

We understand that there may be some hesitation in making financial commitments at this unprecedented time for many businesses and households. We also know that more than ever, many families in our community are especially in need of assistance and may find themselves without the means to put food on their tables. This being said, we are committed to continuing our efforts to raise funds in support of local non-profits that assist with food insecurity, especially for local children and seniors.

A critical part of this effort, especially if restaurants find themselves unable to provide traditional dining services next spring due to COVID-19, is funding offered by our sponsors. Our committee is discussing ways to acknowledge that we appreciate their support. We are currently seeking and welcoming any amount of sponsor donations, keeping in mind that if a physical event is not possible, we are happy to offer options to those who would still like to participate in some way.

We are looking for ways to be flexible and open to feedback and suggestions. Currently, we're reaching out to businesses and personal contacts to request either a tentative verbal agreement to partner with us or a financial donation that will contribute towards our next event - whatever that may look like.

We'd also like to ask all Philo members to help out with this effort as possible - your assistance is requested in getting the word out in the upcoming months. Do you have individuals or businesses you think we should contact about sponsorship and/or small donations to enhance our fundraising? Let us know if you'd like to share this information whether it's your neighbors, friends, coworkers, family, or if you would personally like to join us with your own financial contribution. We are working hard to keep the community more informed about Philo and DOWH and your help is very much appreciated.

It is an honor to be associated with such a wonderful organization that works so hard to help our own community with their basic needs to be successful.

Thank you,

Stacey Kersley & Jamie Powell, DOWH Co-Chairs

For more information about any of this, please contact Stacey at skersley@gmail.com

Rotary Duck Race Ticket Sales



Linda Stangel, Chair 2019-20
Barbara Giesey, Co-Chair 2019-20

We reached our sales goal!!!!

Thanks to all who purchased Rotary Duck Race tickets. Those of you who responded by phone and mail after the shut-down made all the difference in reaching our goal. Special thanks go to Sandy Roorda (5), Jan Frame (3), Anne Anderson (2), Marthann Dahlen, Pat Farnham (2), and Marge McCoy (2) for purchasing more than one set. Honoraries purchased 28 sets (way to go!!!!) while active members purchased 32.

Fortunately, the Rotary was able to print the Duck Race tickets early this year. Philo was then able to begin sales in January instead of March, giving us the head start that we needed to meet our goal.

We sold 60 sets (7 tickets each) and collected \$1200. Philo keeps 80% of that for a total of \$960 to add to our income for club operations.

Looking forward to January 2021, please help Carol Rieser, chair, and Barbara Giesey, co-chair, to surpass this year's sales. We can add \$1000 to Philo's budget with the sale of 63 sets of tickets—just 3 more than this year. If you were unable to participate this year, please consider setting aside \$20 to purchase your tickets in the coming year.

Blood Drive

It is still another loss to Covid-19. We have been unable to use the First United Methodist Church. At this time, our November blood drive is in doubt, but we will know more later and get any update out to membership.

For those of you who are regular donors (bless you!) Garth Englund Blood Center is open by appointment for donations.

Mary Bergstrand



Golf Tournament

It was with much regret that we had to cancel this year's golf tournament due to many Covid rules and regulations.

Fortunately, we have many generous sponsors that really understand the underlying reason for the tournament and that is for scholarships. Therefore, most have chosen to let their money be forwarded to the scholarship committee this year despite no tournament.

We will be back! The tournament for 2021 has been scheduled for June 28, 2021 at The Olde Course.

Cindy Kurtz
The Group Inc

Words of Wisdom: Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

ONE: *Don't miss the boat.*

TWO: *Remember that we are all in the same boat!*

THREE: *Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.*

FOUR: *Stay fit. When you're 80 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.*

FIVE: *Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.*

SIX: *Build your future on high ground.*

SEVEN: *For safety's sake, travel in pairs.*

EIGHT: *Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.*

NINE: *When you're stressed, float awhile.*

TEN: *Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.*

ELEVEN: *No matter the storm, there's always a rainbow waiting.*