

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Mark your Calendar

General Meeting
April 14 @ 7 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
3333 Duffield Ave.
Loveland, CO

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

April hostesses: Jane McKinstry,
Lindsey Smith, Susan Keil



Share Your News

Deadlines to submit information for future newsletters:

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
May	April 25

Please send your submissions to philopublicity@gmail.com. Thanks!



Officers

- President:** Lorie Smith - lorie.smith@me.com
- Vice President:** Terri Mulford - mulfordterri@gmail.com
- Recording Secretary:** Ruth Sprain - rsprained@comcast.net
- Treasurer:** Peggy Pellizzari - peggy_loveland@comcast.net
- Corresponding Secretary:** Amy Black - blackamyb@hotmail.com
- Past President:** Ruth Swanty - ruthswanty@gmail.com

President's Message

I'm writing this after getting home from a 45-minute walk in 20-degree weather. Later this week, it's supposed to get close to 90. What a strange spring we are having!

So, I'll adapt—digging through closets to gather my warm-weather gear a month or two earlier than usual. Of course, I fully expect I'll be reaching for hats and mittens again before summer officially arrives.

Adaptability is such an important quality—whether we're dealing with Colorado's unpredictable weather or the changing needs of our community.

I hope you'll join us for our April meeting, where we'll learn about (or be reminded of) the long history of Philo and how we've continually adapted to changing times. It's important to stay grounded in our long-standing values so that, as we evolve, we don't leave them behind: Friendship, Service, Love, Harmony, Kindness, and Forbearance—all in service of our community's charitable and educational needs.

At the same time, we know we must find new ways to live out those values. I've received so many texts, emails, and calls from members sharing thoughtful and creative ideas about how Philo can continue to fulfill its mission. I'm excited to see what will come from our conversations and planning in the years ahead.

Happy Spring!
Lorie



Golf Tournament

Supporting Trade & Vocational Education is NO GAMBLE!

The **2026 PHILO Golf Tournament** will be held **Friday, June 12** at Mariana Butte Golf Course. All proceeds benefit PHILO's trade and vocational scholarships awarded each year to students within the Thompson School District and the Loveland/Berthoud area.

As we celebrate our **21st Anniversary**, our theme is **Blackjacks & Birdies!** The day will be filled with golf, food and drinks, prizes, favors, and plenty of fun. Tournament drawings will feature fabulous baskets, and participants can purchase tickets for chances to win.

Our **online auction** will open June 5 and close June 10. All PHILO members will receive the bidding link to share with friends and family.

We hope every PHILO member will participate! Here are the ways you can get involved:



Four-Person Team — \$750 (register by May 1)



Hole Sponsorship - \$1000

- Showcase hole at the tournament
- Invitation to the Sponsor Appreciation Event on June 10



Hole PLUS Sponsorship - \$1,500

- Showcase hole at the tournament
- One four-person team entry
- Invitation to the Sponsor Appreciation Event on June 10



Online Auction donation - \$100+

- Donate an item for the online auction.
- Contact Vickie Boroughf (970-590-3818) for a list of suggested items.



Tournament Drawings Donation - \$50-\$100

- Donate an item for the tournament drawings
- Contact Vickie Boroughf (970-590-3818) for needed items.



Philo Patron - \$100 - \$999

- Make a support gift to the event.

If you would like to volunteer on tournament day, please contact Melissa Rutt or Terri Mulford. Thank you for your support in making our annual signature event as special as ever. Together, we continue to make education possible — and that's always a winning hand!



Rotary Duck Race

Every year Philo takes 50 sets of 7 Rotary Club Duck Race tickets to sell January through May. We retain 60% of the funds for our general fund and 40 goes back to Rotary. This helps fund ATV and IEC. It is also an opportunity for you to win prizes. 1st prize is \$1000, 2nd is \$500, and 3rd is \$250, along with a variety of gift cards. Please check with neighbors and friends to see if they are interested. We still have 23 sets available at \$20 each. Hope you purchase a winning set!

Thank you,
Judy Gangle, chair

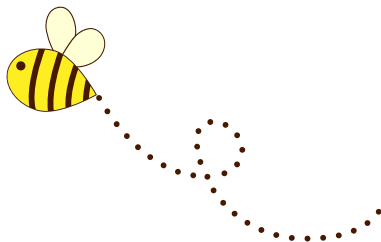


Integrated Early Childhood

We'll be having a special sale before and after the April meeting to sell our "Helping Hands and Heart" charms sale. These are sterling silver charms with silver chains that are perfect for Mother's Day gifts, Teacher appreciation gifts, Graduation gifts, or for yourselves!

They cost \$25 for the charms/chains or \$15 for the charm with black cord. All proceeds go to the IEC committee for early Literacy projects. Thank you all for your support.

Thanks,
Melissa Rutt, Chair





The cost of the dinner is still being finalized. A separate email will be sent out soon with more details. Stay tuned!

Raise Right



Spring has sprung and RAISE RIGHT is here!

We will be taking orders for Raise Right gift cards at the Tuesday, April 14 meeting. We can accept cash, check, or Venmo. I'll use my Venmo account and write Philo a check on your behalf.

Gift cards will be given to you at the Spring Appreciation dinner in May.

**Reminder that proceeds from Raise Right sales provide base funding for our committees.*

Get your orders ready!
Jeanne Findley, Committee Chair

Alternatives to Violence

ATV Purple Ribbon Breakfast seats are still available at our Philo reserved tables if you haven't signed up yet.

April 22 at 7 am Loveland Embassy Suites

Email Carol Booth at: caroljanz@frii.com - **no later than April 1.**

If you cannot attend but would like to make a donation, make checks payable to Alternatives to Violence and mail to:

Carol Booth
4935 St Andrews Ct
Loveland, CO 80525
by April 4



Thank you for taking a stand against domestic violence!

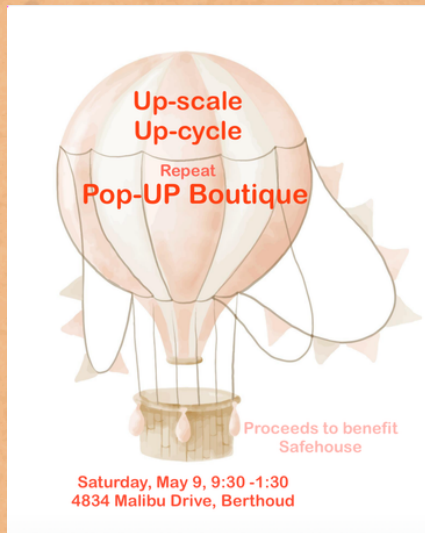
We will still be collecting items for Fresh Start Baskets at our April meeting. Thank you for your generosity!



Items needed for Fresh Start Baskets

- Dish soap for hand washing dishes (medium sized)
- Kitchen towels and dish cloths
- Cleaners for kitchen, bath, or all purpose (medium sized)
- Small pack of sponges
- Paper Towels
- Laundry soap – powder or liquid (medium sized)
- Twin Sheet sets
- Bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths – sets of 2 would be great!
- Toilet paper
- Hand/Body soap – can be bar or liquid.
- Hairbrushes/Combs
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Sanitary Products – pads or tampons
- Lotion

Bulletin Board



Contact Terri Dimond if you'd like to donate items for this sale:
dimondtlt@gmail.com

Bunco

We play the first Thursday of the month at 6 pm at various members' houses. See below for more information.

Contact Dona Menzies at dmenzies123@gmail.com to get your name on the Bunco list.



March 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 MINUTES

Meeting held at Trinity Lutheran Church 3333 Duffield Ave Loveland, CO on **March 10, 2026** – 7 pm. Doors were open at 6pm for committees to meet.

Attending Officers: Lorie Smith, President; Terri Mulford, Vice President; Peggy Pellizzari, Treasurer; Ruth Sprain, Recording Secretary; Ruth Swanty, Past President.

AGENDA:

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

A **thank you** was given for refreshments served by our hostesses Terri Johnson, Debbie Riley, Jan Lanting, and Melissa Town.

Our Guest Speaker: Carol Booth introduced Rose Marie Massaro from Alternatives to Violence.ATV had a great year, especially with the remodeling of the Safe House and the increase of ten beds. The security doors were redone, and a staff bathroom was added. New community partners were added for children's activities and moving. Rose Marie thanked Philo for the Fresh Start baskets and the \$1,000 donation which helped them meet their goal for Colorado Gives. For 2026, ATV has fewer federal grants coming in.

The Purple Ribbon Breakfast is April 22. Two speakers from Colorado will talk at the breakfast.

Over time, the clientele has become more diverse with female, male, and LGBT clients. Some clients even come with pets, so local shelters help provide care for these animals.

If members would like a tour of the facilities, please let Lorie Smith know .A tour can be arranged.

Introduction of new members / guests. Janet Warren was introduced by Terri Mulford as a woman interested in membership.

Approve the minutes of February 2026. Florence Doksansky moved, Melissa Town seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Peggy Pellizzari

Savings: \$16,688.11

Peach Sales: \$319.74

Golf Scholarship: \$45,192.65

General Fund: \$11,129.35

Business

1. Committee sign-ups- Sign-up sheets were available on a table.
2. Proposed By-law changes review/ approval- Lorie went over the changes in the by-laws. The by-laws had been emailed to all members prior to the meeting.
Motion: That the changes are made to the by-laws. Diane Meuret moved; Judy Gangle seconded; Motion passed.
3. Call for volunteer brainstorming committee – fund raiser ideas- Lorie Smith explained that money comes into Philo in two ways. Members pay dues that cover all the basic club operations. Plus, Philo has fundraisers such as Raise Right, King Soopers, and Rotary Duck Race tickets that go to Philo's community projects. \$2,500 was raised in 2025-26 for these community projects. More money is being spent than raised. The Golf Tournament and Peach Sales are already designated for scholarships and food insecurity. The Bean and Bean auction is an example of a successful fund-raising event.

March Minutes, con't

\$12,000 is still available to be released to be used for special community projects. A brainstorming committee will think of new ideas for raising funds for the future.

4. Desk manual for chairs- Lorie told the group that committee chairpersons will write desk manuals to document what work the committee does.

Committee announcements

ATV- Carol Booth asked for 15 more people to sign up for the Purple Ribbon Breakfast.

Blood Drive- Florence Doksansky said that the most recent Blood Drive was very successful.

Golf- If you have interest in a team, see Beth Soderquest. The goal is 128 golfers. Lindsey Smith and Vickie Boroughf are working with baskets for the tournament. Vickie would like baskets items by June 1st. Sponsorships for the tournament and specific holes are also a way of raising funds. Members of the Scholarship Committee are helping with tables where a sponsor can't attend. Members can also volunteer to work at the tournament.

Giving with Impact- Lorie explained that no sign-up is available for GWI, because the committee will not be operating next year.

Holiday Giving – No report

IEC- The Literacy Fair for IEC is April 23. Tonight is the last book sale for this year. Next year there will two book sales with one in fall and one in spring.

Peaches- Cindy Kurtz said that they are waiting to hear about the peach season. Put the word out about sales. Pricing will be decided by the May dinner.

Publicity/Social Media- Ruth Swanty said that the Reporter-Herald has put notices in the newspaper. Please notify Ruth if you have ideas for news items.

Raise Right- Jeanne Findley explained that Raise Right sheets are on tables. Gift cards will be distributed at the May dinner.

Rotary Duck Race- Judy Gangle has Duck Race tickets for sale.

Scholarships- Mo Riley said that seven community applications have been received. The committee is expecting 19 applications from TEF. \$41,000 will be given as scholarships. All recipients from last year used their money.

Sunshine- Diane Meuret said that Mo Heth, husband of Marilyn Heth has died. Jeanne Findley lost her brother. Terri Johnson lost her nephew. They all received a sympathy card.

Web Management- Please send in your photo to Peggy Pellizzari for the on-line membership directory.

Spring Dinner- Cindy Kurtz told members about the "Walk a Mile in Our Shoes" dinner coming up on May 12th. It is at Zion Lutheran Church and is a catered dinner. A Shoe Drive is being done that evening. Terri Dimond requests 6 empty shoe boxes to be used for center pieces.

Lorie Smith pointed out the Philo cards on the tables tonight. The cards will assist with publicity. The new Philo sign was used for the first time tonight to identify the location of our meeting.

At the next meeting in April, Rita Harding is working with emeritus members who will tell about Philo's history and share Philo scrapbooks.

Terri Dimond is doing a clothing sale on May 9th. Hangers and clothing items are needed. The money will go towards ATV.

The Mad Hatters Tea is coming up at Avery's Modern Teahouse on March 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Next meeting: April 14, 2026

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Sprain, Recording Secretary

Sunshine Committee



A sympathy card was sent to Terri Johnson at the loss of her nephew.

Happy Birthday to our Philo sisters celebrating in April!

- 4/1 Shannon Voggesser
- 4/6 Georgia Christopher
- 4/10 Cindy Noble
- 4/11 Susan Keil
- 4/14 Diane Bakel
- 4/24 Sarah Percha
- 4/29 Jane McKinstry
- 4/29 Kathy Loken



Please remember to contact Mary at mimivog@gmail.com or 970-669-2245 with any needs or concerns.

Sunshine committee,
Mary Voggesser
Diane Meuret

