

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

Mark your Calendar

General Meeting
March 10 @ 7 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
3333 Duffield Ave.
Loveland, CO

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

March hostesses: Jan Lanting, Debbie Riley, Terri Johnson, Melissa Town

April hostesses: Jane McKinstry, Lindsey Smith, Susan Keil



Share Your News

Deadlines to submit information for future newsletters:

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
April	March 21
May	April 24

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



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President's Message

March is supposed to transition from a lion's roar to a lamb's gentle bleat, but here in Loveland, I'm still waiting for a true Colorado winter. So far, the snowflakes have been few and far between. I won't pretend to miss shoveling the driveway, but I do miss those quiet, fluffy snowfalls that soften the foothills and make for cozy evenings by the fireplace.

Regardless of what Mother Nature decides, March remains a special month. It is Women's History Month—a time to celebrate the extraordinary women who have shaped our world, our nation, and right here in our own community. Women's History Month began in California in 1978, and today it serves as a reminder that progress is built by determined women who step forward, often quietly, and make lasting change.

As I reflect on this month of recognition, I am especially proud of what we have accomplished together. Philo has written its own chapter in women's history. Since 1918, our organization has served this community with generosity, resilience, and vision. Through wars, economic shifts, cultural change, and tremendous local growth, Philo women have continued to show up—raising funds, volunteering time, and strengthening the fabric of our community.

In a town known for its heart, creativity, and commitment to service, Philo stands as a beautiful example of what happens when women join together with purpose. The courage and tenacity that define women throughout history are the very same qualities I see in our members every day.

There are many wonderful resources that highlight the stories of women who paved the way before us. A good place to learn more about Women's History Month is womenshistorymonth.gov.

March 8 is International Women's Day—a worldwide celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The 2026 theme, "Give to Gain," emphasizes a simple but powerful truth: when we give our time, resources, and encouragement to help women thrive, we lift entire communities. That message feels especially meaningful here in Loveland, where giving back is part of who we are. "Give to Gain" reflects the spirit of Philo and the work we continue to do together.

As we watch the seasons shift along the Front Range and wait to see whether winter will make one last appearance, let us also reflect on the legacy we are creating. The contributions we make today—through service, friendship, and philanthropy—will become part of Philo's story for generations to come.

Thank you for making Philo such an important and enduring part of this community.
With gratitude,
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 April 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!



Scholarship



The Philo Scholarship application period closes on March 1, and the Committee will begin reviewing community applications immediately. High school applications will be sent to us later in the month, and reviewing those will take place then. Thanks to the amazing efforts of the Golf Committee and Philo volunteers and donors, we have \$40,500 to award this year. We will share the names of the lucky students with the full membership in late May 2026!

Thanks,
Mo Reilly, Chair

Rotary Duck Race

Duck Race tickets will be on sale again at our March meeting. Remember 60% of the funds go to our general fund and the other goes to Rotary. 7 tickets for \$20.

Thank you,
Judy Gangle, chair



Integrated Early Childhood

We are still collecting preschool books for the Spring Literacy Fairy that will be held in April. We currently have collected 366 books and 68 "Pete the Cat" books. THANK YOU all for your generous donations. It's not too late to donate any used books you still have lying around. You can bring to the March meeting.

We are having our last book sale before and after the March meeting. Please come and shop for great books to last you through the summer. We appreciate your support.

Thanks,
Melissa Rutt, Chair





Raise Right

Spring has sprung and RAISE RIGHT is here!

We will begin taking orders for Raise Right gift cards at the Tuesday, March 10 and Tuesday, April 14 meetings. We can accept cash, check, or Venmo. I'll use my Venmo account and write Philo a check on your behalf.

Get your orders ready!
Jeanne Findley, Committee Chair

Alternatives to Violence

ATV is once again requesting donations to fill Fresh Start baskets that will be delivered in May. There is a list of needed items below.

Our next big event is to attend ATV's Purple Ribbon breakfast Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Embassy Suites. Our goal is to fill 5 tables this year. Carol Booth will have a sign up sheet at our general meetings.



Thank you,
Carol Rieser, Chair



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



New Member Spotlight

Carre Warner



My husband, John, and I moved to Loveland in May of 2022. When the high altitude became too much for our hearts and lungs, we relocated after many years in Breckenridge. We both sold our businesses and retired. My husband had a solo dental practice, and I owned an interior design studio.

Since our move, I have loved making new friends in my neighborhood, Philo, NOCO Bridge Club, and Mariana Butte Niners golf league. I already feel at home here!

I have many passions besides my two grandsons (ages 10 and 2). Due to my knee replacement surgery and rehab, I have temporarily given up skiing for golf. I also enjoy duplicate bridge and mahjong, reading and puzzles, as well as camping, travel and gardening. I even dabble a bit in interior design for my friends!

My non-profit experience comes from The Summit Foundation in Summit County. This is a community foundation of 40+ years, that raises over a million dollars each year from hundreds of donors and gives it away to over 100 local non-profits. After two 8-year terms on the board, I learned how to become both a fund raiser and a grantor. That culture of philanthropy was inspiring and most rewarding.

While I learn from the emeritus members, the board, and my fellow committee members, I look forward with great enthusiasm to doing my part as a new member of the Scholarship Committee of Philo.

New Member Spotlight

Laura Atkins



I was born in Florida and came to Colorado when I was 11. Lived all around the Denver metro area until I graduated from Littleton High school. Started working in computers as a programmer and then went to school for electronics. Started working at IBM Boulder in 1988 and met my husband while training in New York. We just celebrated our 30th anniversary last October. We really enjoy the outdoors and what Colorado has to offer with boating, fishing, hiking and scenic drives. We moved to Johnstown from Arvada in 2024 to enjoy a little less hectic environment. We are really happy we did!

New Member Spotlight

Kelly Dunlap

My name is Kelly Dunlap, I have lived in Loveland for many years. I have seen many changes to our once small community. I am married and between the both us we have 5 grown adult children and 4 grandchildren.

I am now retired, and I had worked for Seagate in Longmont for a number of years. I wanted to join Philo to get involved within our community and to help others. I am excited to be part of this wonderful organization.

Bulletin Board

3rd March Hatter Tea
Wear your HAT to our tea party!
March 12, Thursday at 12:30pm
Come for tea and treats



Avery's Modern Teahouse
5685 McWhinney Blvd



I changed to NOT the high tea buffet
RSVP please

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.

February Bunco

The February Bunco was one with several "first" occurrences that I can recall happening at any of the previous games that I have attended! A "first" was when Terri Mulford rolled a bunco on her very first roll which was when all three dice came up ones, which is a very hard roll. (According to Menzies' stats theory.) Remember, these are not Vegas compliant dice. The next "first" is when Diane Waites rolled two buncos in a row. Another "first" was having three Terri's attending, (see photo) which is one reason why we wear name tags. What was not a "first" was another fun evening of rolling dice and visiting with amazing Philo sisters.



February 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 **February 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; Amy Black, Corresponding Secretary; Ruth Sprain, Recording Secretary; Ruth Swanty, Past President.

AGENDA:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

A **thank you** was given for refreshments served by our hostesses Mo Reilly, Florence Doksansky, Rita Harden, and Lindsey Smith.

Melissa Town volunteered to host for the March meeting as the fourth hostess.

Our Guest Speaker, Kim Akeley-Charron, Thompson Education Foundation (TEF). Terri Mulford introduced Kim Akeley-Charron who spoke about the TEF purpose and programs. Thompson Education Foundation closes gaps and opens doors. TEF supports students and makes sure that students in need have the supplies that they require to succeed. They work with a wholesaler and purchase in bulk to buy supplies. One barrier for some students is being unhoused. So, items such as grocery gift cards, and gas gift cards are important. A contact person in each school coordinates that specific supplies are available to students in need.

TEF has a number of funds and programs to meet the needs of students. The Resiliency Fund helps with items such as driver's education. The Student Athlete Fund provides practice gear, appropriate shoes, and letter jackets. Scheels partners with TEF for these purchases. The Scheer Student Opportunity Fund sets up funding for DECA events and supplies for student activities. TEF has set up a scholarship platform to organize and streamline community scholarships. The platform makes it much easier for school counselors. Project Prom collects dresses, jewelry, shoes, and male prom clothing to distribute to anyone who wants clothes for prom. The collection of items is through the end of February.

Lorie asked that new members send in a Spotlight for the Philo Newsletter. If you need a Philo card and envelope, please see Amy Black.

Philo Guests: Cindy Noble introduced Danna Cobbett.

Approve the minutes of: January 2026. Cindy Noble moved, Gay Ann May seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Peggy Pellizzari

Savings: \$16,688.11

Peach Sales: \$319.74

Golf Scholarship: \$44,625.17

General Fund: \$11,117.97

Business

1. Cindy Kurtz re: Spring Dinner update: The theme is Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. The date is May 12. The catered dinner will be at Zion Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. The committee is trying to keep costs down. They are doing a shoe drive that night (men's, women's, or children). Think about what shoes you wear that night, that tell a story.

February Minutes, con't

2. Peggy/Ruth Sprain re: member photos for website directory-Peggy Pellizzari explained that the member directory on-line includes photos. Some members have sent in photos to Peggy. You can have your photo taken at the February or March meetings.
3. Additional by-law changes- An email will be sent before the next meeting with some recommended by-law changes. At the March meeting we will vote to accept or decline these changes.
4. Board positions open- The vice-president and treasurer positions are open. Melissa Rutt has agreed to run for vice-president, but nomination is open to other members. Billie Jo Downing will be the next treasurer.
5. Committee Chair and Co-chair positions open -Committee Chairs are filling out a form to list chairs and co-chairs for next year as well as how many positions are needed for the committee.
6. Scrapbooks will be shared at the April meeting.
7. A thank you was read by Amy Black from ATV thanking Philo for the \$1,000 donation. The Community Kitchen thanked Philo for the donation towards food for The Landing. House of Neighborly Service thanked Philo for the Canned Food Drive items.

Committee announcements

ATV- Carol Booth showed the sign-up sheet for the Purple Ribbon Breakfast and encouraged members to attend. It is on April 22 at the Embassy Suites. Thank you to the members who donated to Fresh Start baskets.

Blood Drive- Florence Doksansky said everything is set up for the next drive.

Golf- Committee members stood. Cindy Noble explained the theme of Black Jack and Birdies. Supporting education is no gamble. A hand-out listed the categories of auction and drawing items. All auction items are needed by May 1. Beth Soderquist told that 128 golfers are the goal this year on June 12. Melissa Rutt and Terri Mulford are the contacts if you want to volunteer. The goal is to raise \$25,000-30,000 this year.

.Giving with Impact- No report

Holiday Giving – No report

IEC- Thank you for the books donated. April 23 is the Literacy Night at Stansberry Early Childhood Center. The final book sale is at the March meeting with a goal of \$80. If you want to make a glitter bottle, you stay after the meeting for 2-3 minutes.

Peaches- Peaches will be sold this year and details will be announced later.

Publicity/Social Media- No report

Raise Right- The new order sheets will be available in March.

Rotary Duck Race- Tickets are available for \$20 for a set of seven.

Scholarships- Mo Reilly explained that scholarship applications are available and due on March 1. Contacts and flyers were updated. Over \$46,000 will be given for scholarships.

Sunshine- Jeanne Findley's brother died. Carol Watt is moving to assisted living. Lorie has Carol's address if you are interested. Carre Warner is having knee surgery.

Web Management- No report

Adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Next meeting: March 10, 2026

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Sprain, Recording Secretary

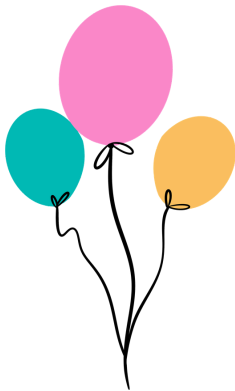
Sunshine Committee



Cards were sent to the following Philo sisters: to Carol Watt wishing her well as she moved into an assisted living facility, to Jeanne Findley at the loss of her brother, and to Carre Warner as she recovers from knee surgery.

Happy belated birthday to new member Ashley Hubble whose February 27th birthday was missed in the last newsletter!

Wishing these lovely ladies a wonderful March birthday!



- 3/4 Ruth Swanty
- 3/6 Joan Putlack
- 3/12 Helen Wilson
- 3/18 Dottie Childers
- 3/27 Soley Belt
- 3/29 Vicki Boroughf
- 3/31 Joyce Kaufman



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

Sunshine committee,
Mary Voggesser
Diane Meuret

