

# MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

## Spring Appreciation Social

Remember to bring a pair of gently-used shoes to donate if possible.



## Officers

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# President's Message

Dear Philo Sisters,

This is my last letter to you as President—wow! This year has truly flown by. As I look back, I'm so proud of everything we've accomplished together.

We launched a fresh public website, and our members-only site is now much easier to navigate and has more complete information. We welcomed representatives from our community partners to our meetings and gained a deeper understanding of the challenges they face. In response, we've begun exploring ways to better support their growing needs. Our committees have been powerhouses – and will continue to find ways to make a difference. We also revised our bylaws to help ensure a well-run, financially responsible organization. And we closed out the year with a special session that reminded us of our incredible history—more than a century of service to our community.

There is so much to be proud of, and even more good work ahead.

I also want to take a moment to thank the amazing board it has been my honor to serve with. Being surrounded by individuals who truly embody Philo values has been incredibly rewarding. Together, we've navigated challenges with honesty, respect, and—just as importantly—a shared sense of humor.

My sincere thanks as well to all the chairs, co-chairs, and committee members who have worked so hard to fulfill Philo's commitments. So many of you have given countless hours and generous financial support to help us reach our goals. You make this organization what it is.

Looking ahead, I know our new board will keep Philo vibrant and moving forward in meaningful ways. I'm grateful to remain involved as Past President in the coming year.

I hope to see many of you at the Spring Appreciation Dinner, as well as at our summer fundraisers—the golf tournament and peach sales.

With heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all we've shared this year, thank you for the opportunity to serve. It has truly meant so much to me, and I look forward to continuing this journey alongside all of you.

Warmly,  
Lorie



# Rotary Duck Race

Thanks to all who purchased tickets! We still have a few sets left. See me at the Spring Dinner if you would like to purchase a set.

Thank you,  
Judy Gangle, chair



## Blood Drive

May 19th is Philo's next Blood Drive. We have had three successful drives this year, and we are grateful for the many Philo members who donate! Since we won't have a newsletter till fall, I just want to let all know the next drive is August 18th. If you'd like to donate please get in touch with Florence Doksansky at 401-524-0772 (text) or email [fdoksansky44@gmail.com](mailto:fdoksansky44@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Florence Doksansky, chair



## Raise Right

RAISE RIGHT Cash/Gift cards will be available for pick up at the Spring Dinner. Look for our table with our committee members and get your cards! If you will not be at the dinner, please arrange for someone to get your cards or let Jeanne Findley know so that arrangements can be made.

Philo made over \$800 in this spring's order. Thank you and remember, Raise Right will return in the fall!

Jeanne Findley, chair

# Integrated Early Childhood

We assisted at the District wide Literacy Night on 4/23 by helping the students make "Pete the Cat" headbands and providing food for the event. We delivered over 500 books and helped distribute to the kids. There were about 500 people there and it was a huge success.

Melissa Rutt, chair



# 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!



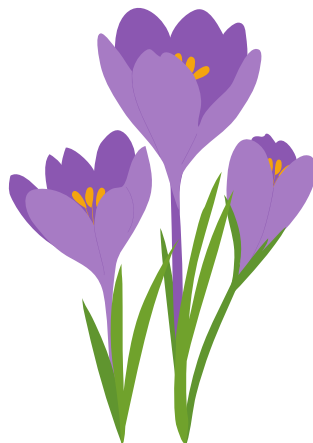
# New Member Spotlight

## Kathy Vogel



My husband, Jeff, and I moved to Loveland in 2024 from the Denver metro area, though we still enjoy splitting our time at our home in Scottsdale, AZ during the winter months. Family is the heart of my world; I have two sons—Robert, an oil and gas attorney in Denver, and Ryan a dedicated father to my two granddaughters (age 10 and 13) and my grandson (age 6). Ryan, a former Mayo Clinic RN in Rochester, Minnesota, is now a full-time caregiver to my grandson along with his wife Maggie.

After a rewarding 40-year career—spanning 15 years in law and 25 in the oil and gas industry, I am thrilled to be retiring on May 1, 2026. While my roles range from Regulatory Compliance to Surface Landman (where Jeff insists, I'm a much more attractive version than Billy Bob Thornton 😊!), I am ready for my next chapter. I look forward to more time with the grandkids, golf, pottery, travel, dancing, and dedicating my time volunteering with Philo and Make-A-Wish. I've felt so welcomed by my Philo sisters already, and I look forward to getting to know each of you better!



# New Member Spotlight

## Soley Belt



I grew up in a small town in Wyoming and moved to Fort Collins in ninth grade. After high school I lived in Oregon and Boulder as an undergrad and, after traveling to Kenya to 'find myself', found myself in Graduate school in Athens, Georgia, and then in Tucson, AZ. When our two boys were young, we moved back to Fort Collins to be closer to family and not raise the boys in an environment where nature would either poke or poison them.

I have worked at Front Range Community College for the past 19 years, served many years as the hockey, and lacrosse team mom, class mom (with Amy Black) and enjoyed lots of philanthropy time with my youngest when he was in YMSL during high school.

We are now empty nesters, still enjoying working, traveling, going to concerts, hobbies, and philanthropy.



# New Member Spotlight

## Ashley Hubble



Hello! My name is Ashley Hubble. I currently live in Loveland with my two daughters, Rowan (7) and Madison (14). I am thankful to be back in Colorado since 2015 after having lived in Wyoming, Maine, France, Washington, and Alaska. I love having four seasons but also enjoy cold and rocky coastlines. My weekdays are spent in accounting and finance, but we fill our weekends with sports, activities and other adventures .

I have spent many of the last 10 years volunteering in the school district in various capacities. I look forward to this opportunity to serve the community in friendship, service and giving back as a new Philo member.



# New Member Spotlight

## Danna Cobbett



My name is Danna, I am a Colorado native and my husband Jim and I moved to Loveland about nine years ago and we enjoy living in Mariana Butte. We are both retired and love the beautiful Colorado mountain scenery and wildlife. We've been very blessed with large herds of elk in our neighborhood.

We enjoy long walks, hiking, golfing, boating, gardening, gourmet cooking and traveling.

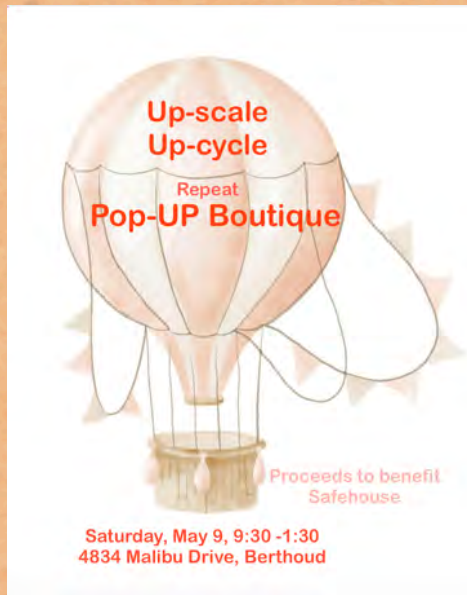
I am a traveling grandmother, my son Brent lives in Utah with his family and my daughter Kristi lives in Oregon with her family. I'm very blessed with such a beautiful family and eight adorable grandchildren.

I find joy in giving my time and support for those in need and also serve with my church community to inspire and encourage others.

We have supported the Mariana Butte Philo Golf events for many years, and I recently began volunteering with the Philo Golf Committee. I'm very excited to participate in Philo and look forward to helping with such a wonderful cause.



# Bulletin Board



Contact Terri Dimond  
by May 1 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.  
Contact Dona Menzies at  
[dmenzies123@gmail.com](mailto:dmenzies123@gmail.com)  
to get your name on the  
Bunco list.



# April 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 **April 14, 2026** – 7 pm. Doors were open at 6 pm for committees to meet.

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

## **AGENDA:**

### **Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm**

A **thank you** was given for refreshments served by our hostesses Jane McKinstry, Lindsey Smith, Susan Keil.

Lorie Smith told members that Billie Jo Downing donated the metal rack for the new Philo sign outside the door for our meetings. Members expressed thanks to Billie Jo.

**Introduction of new members / guests.** Kathy Loken introduced Nelda Peterman, a former Philo member who wishes to renew her membership. Janet Warren was introduced by Peg Isakson as a new member.

**Approve the minutes of March 2026.** Mo Reilly moved, Peg Isakson seconded; motion passed.

### **Treasurer’s Report** Peggy Pellizzari

Savings: \$16,712.80

Peach Sales: \$319.74

Golf Scholarship: \$53,465.49

General Fund: \$16,645.29

Amy Black shared a thank you from Loveland Youth Gardeners. Amy showed a copy of the newsletter from Loveland Community Kitchen as well as information from the Loveland Chamber of Commerce.

## **Business**

1. Committee sign-ups- Sign-up sheets were available on a table. Some spots are still open.
2. Election of Officers for 2026-2027: Melissa Rutt will serve as Vice President. Billie Jo Downing will be the Treasurer and has gotten training this year by shadowing Peggy Pellizzari. Amy Black has agreed to serve an additional term as Corresponding Secretary. Members unanimously elected these three officers.
3. Spring Appreciation Dinner- Cindy Kurtz told everyone that the theme is “Walk a Mile in My Shoes.” The Spring Dinner Committee is looking for lightly worn shoes for women, men, and children for the shoe drive that evening. The dinner is catered by Fresh Plates at Zion Lutheran Church. Wine, water, and coffee will be served. You can bring additional wine if you desire. Tickets are \$40. You can mail your reservation money to Cindy Kurtz or Peggy Pellizzari, or use Venmo.

# April Minutes, con't

4. What happens over the summer- The Golf Committee and Peach Committee are both busy during the summer. The Scholarship Committee finishes scholarship work in early summer. The Philo Board works on the budget during the summer.

Colorado Gives Day is a time for members from the community to donate to Philo.

## **Committee announcements**

**ATV-** Ten to twelve baskets will be donated. One of Carol Booth's relatives donated \$250 that will be used for gift cards for ATV. A thank you was passed to sign.

**Blood Drive-** The next blood drive is in May. There are a couple openings.

**Golf-** Vicki Boroughf thanked people who have donated. She explained that you can donate to a Colorado, Wyoming, or Nebraska basket. Bring donations to the spring dinner on May 12 and Lindsey Smith will take care of them. Melissa Rutt named off the various volunteers that are needed the morning of the Golf Tournament.

Beth Soderquist said that only 6 team spots are left.

**Giving with Impact-** No report

**Holiday Giving** – No report

**IEC-** Philo members gave 537 books to IEC. The committee will work at the Literacy Fair. Every child will receive a Pete the Cat book and at least two additional books. Thank you to all the members who donated books. Necklaces are available for sale.

**Peaches-** Cindy Kurtz said that the peach crop looks good and may come in early. She is hoping to have a price for peaches by the Spring Dinner. This year, boxes can be picked up and be distributed at the same location. Order forms should be available in late May or early June. Orders will be due around the third week of July. If possible, have customers write a check to you so you can write one check for Peaches.

**Publicity/Social Media-** No report

**Raise Right-** Order forms are due tonight.

**Rotary Duck Race-** Fifteen sets of tickets still available.

**Scholarships-** Nineteen applications from TEF and 7 applications from community were received. A total of \$39,500 will be given to 8 Thompson School District students and 3 community applicants. The amount of \$1,500 will be kept for next year. This year, \$2,000-\$5,000 scholarships were given.

**Sunshine-**No report

**Web Management-** Photos can be taken at the May Dinner for the members only website.

**Yearbook-** Ruth Swanty requested that committee chairpersons, write a summary of what their committee did over the Philo year (2025-26). It can be a paragraph or page sent to ruthswanty@gmail.com

**May newsletter deadline is April 25**

## **Special Presentation: Philo Through the Years**

Lorie Smith introduced Rita Harden who coordinated the evening's program about Philo's history. The program started with a video that was created for Philo's 100-year anniversary in 2018.

Rita introduced eight Philo Honorary and Emeritus members who shared stories of Philo's history. Rita joined in 1970. She told about the Santa's Shop. Philo members made home visits for the families recommended by House of Neighborly Service. They committed to give a doll and doll clothes to every little girl. Many children also received a bike.

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Kathy Loken joined in 1979. Kathy told how her family has been supported by Philo. Kathy explained how one Philo project was to carpet the club room. That summer the room flooded. Kathy shared that she was the chair of the 100-year anniversary committee. As part of the 100-year celebration, \$46,000 was donated to ATV.

Nancy Patterson joined in 1970. She explained that new members did a skit when they joined. You had to be recommended to join and were voted in by secret ballot. You received an engraved invitation to join. The year Nancy joined, new members used refrigerator boxes to do a Rowen and Martin's Laugh-In skit.

Peg Isakson made many friends and was grounded through Philo. Peg joined in 2008. She stores the scrapbooks in her garage. Peg told about Emma Van Zant, the woman who founded Philo. The League of Nations was formed that year, 1918. Philo has a silver tea set from 1952. Manners and social etiquette were important at that time, so the tea service was used at meetings.

Dona Menzies told about Dine Out with Heart which was started to support food insecurity. For two weeks in October, restaurants ran the Dine Out with Heart fundraiser. Covid hit in 2020 and that week in October restaurants shut down. In 2023, the Peach Sales started to support food insecurity.

Linda Stangel explained that she started as the Philo historian. She inherited all the scrapbooks. Linda has looked at every page of every scrapbook. She compiled one notebook from the notes she took. Linda made a list of all the women who have joined Philo since 1918. That list and pages of the summary notebook are available on the Philo website. A digital yearbook started in 2020.

Jeanne Findley joined in 1991. Philo focuses on the needs of the community. It's a sense of belonging that comes from Philo membership. You find that you meet many people through Philo.

Cindy Kurtz shared a newspaper article from 1949. The Philo fashion show raised money. The models dressed in clothing from local shops.

Lorie Smith thanked the group for their words. Lorie said that this is her last meeting as President. She thanked the board and members for their support.

Kathy Fetzer shared details about the Fashion Pop-Up. She was able to collect any clothes that members brought to the meeting.

**Next meeting:** Spring Appreciation Dinner 2026 on May 12, 6pm, Zion Lutheran Church, 815 E 16<sup>th</sup> St.

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – first general meeting of 2026-2027 year.

**Adjourned at 8:31 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Sprain, Recording Secretary

# Sunshine Committee



Happy Birthday to our Philo sisters with birthdays in May!

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|------|------------------|------|-----------------|
| 5/1  | Tammy Kreger     | 5/25 | Mary Voggesser  |
| 5/2  | Marthann Dahlen  | 5/27 | Peggy McGlynn   |
| 5/5  | Kathy Matsunaka  | 5/27 | Coleen Ligothke |
| 5/5  | Bille Jo Downing | 5/29 | Ginger Shearer  |
| 5/7  | Gay Ann May      | 5/30 | Kathy Roberts   |
| 5/10 | Karen Bruner     | 5/30 | Jan Lanting     |
| 5/17 | Judy Gangle      |      |                 |
| 5/24 | Kathy Fetzer     |      |                 |



Sunshine is still active over the summer. Please remember to contact Mary at [mimivog@gmail.com](mailto:mimivog@gmail.com) or 970-669-2245 with any needs or concerns.

Sunshine committee,

Mary Voggesser

Diane Meuret

