

2020
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2021

Philo 

Women serving the community since 1918

The Year We All Remember,
THE YEAR OF COVID

Covid-19 Pandemic

When the Philomatheon Club was first formed in 1918, a pandemic was spreading across the world. While we do not know specifically how the pandemic affected our original members, many of the protocols of 1918 were the same: avoid crowds, wear a face mask, cover coughs and sneezes, and ventilate closed spaces. Indoor gatherings were banned, but drugstores, hotels and restaurants were exempt from the restrictions. Outdoor assemblies were allowed to continue in the belief that the sickness would not spread in the fresh air.

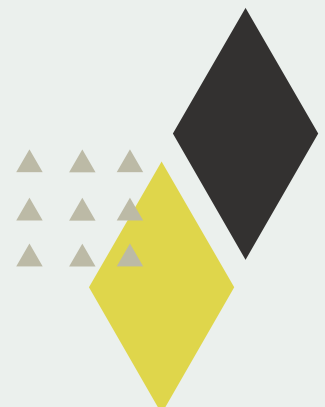
Now, 103 years later, Philo members have felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In March of 2020 Loveland recorded its first case of COVID-19. By the end of March, Coloradans were mandated to “stay-at-home.” All non-essential businesses were closed. Schools were closed to in-person learning. Gatherings in groups of more than 10 were banned. Essential businesses (grocery stores, gas stations, marijuana dispensaries, and liquor stores) were open with limited capacity and social distancing. In April, the governor mandated wearing a face mask in all indoor public spaces. Restaurants opened to curbside pickup or outdoor dining. Restrictions moved to “safer-at-home” and gradually eased as the new infection rates dropped and more people were vaccinated. In June 2021 mandatory mask requirements were lifted and people began to resume a more normal life.

As a completely new virus, COVID-19 presented challenges in identifying symptoms, infection rates, and best protocols for prevention. Tracking the number of positive tests, hospitalizations and deaths became daily news. Development of vaccines was fast-tracked, and vaccines were first administered in December of 2020. Vaccinations became more widely available through a tier system, starting with the most vulnerable and most exposed populations: first responders, health care workers, persons over 65. By June of 2021, about 65% of Larimer County residents had been vaccinated. The goal was to reach “herd immunity” through vaccination.

Everyone felt the effects of the pandemic, from the hoarding of toilet paper and sanitizer to the isolation of the lockdown restrictions. A cottage industry sprang up to sew cloth masks. Floor decals appeared in stores to direct the flow of traffic and social distancing. Sporting events were held without spectators, and movie theaters were replaced by video streaming. Milestone events such as weddings, funerals, and holiday celebrations were canceled.

Everything became “virtual.” Students attended class by “remote learning.” Families communicated by Face Time and Skype. Companies offered options for work-from-home. Even exercise became virtual with YouTube videos and online classes. Having a computer and wireless connection became essential tools of communication in everyday life.

Philo members stepped up to meet the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions and protocols while continuing to serve our members and the community. The purpose of this yearbook is to highlight the dedication and ingenuity of Philomatheons during this pandemic.



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For 103 years the Philomatheon Club has been a women's organization unique to the Loveland community. The war years created challenges to the Philo ladies. But, so did the Corona Virus in 2020-21, when it became a global pandemic. Beginning in March 2020, state restrictions prohibited members of Philo from meeting in person.

Thanks to the advancement of technology, Philo moved forward. The creativity of committee chairman, using computers, allowed philanthropic projects to be successful.

The committee chairmen's reports in this yearbook will reveal to you what each committee did to accomplish its goals.

As a 50-year member, I have seen many changes that had to occur because of changing times. However, nothing matches the challenges and changes that were required in 2020-21. The important thing is, the commitment of members and the love of a community helped us uphold our motto: Friendship, Service and Love, Harmony, Kindness and Forbearance.

Rita Harden, President 2020-21

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Rita Harden

Board Bios



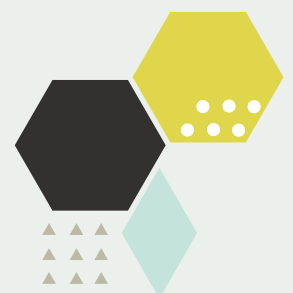
RITA HARDEN
PRESIDENT

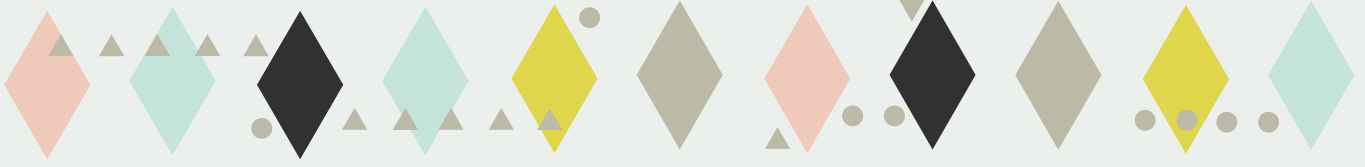
It is an honor to represent Philo this year as president. I am a long-time member of this wonderful organization. I have witnessed firsthand the energy and caring of its members to make lives better for people of our community. I was born and raised in Idaho and attended college in Kansas. I met my husband of 60 years in college. We both attended graduate school in Kansas City before moving to Loveland. I am now retired from a 34-year teaching career and have two grown daughters. My husband and I enjoy traveling in our small motor home, reading, church volunteer work and socializing with friends.



MARY STARK
VICE PRESIDENT

I am proud to be serving and supporting the Philo organization as Vice President. My working background has been somewhat varied, and I enjoyed every minute, almost every minute. For 25 years I worked as an elementary librarian in the Thompson R2-J school district. During the summer of those years I worked for Boulder County Fair as assistant manager. Once retired from those positions I went to work for Larimer County at the Ranch serving as assistant to the director for 11 years. I am now happily retired for good. My husband of 55 years and I run 50+ crossbred cows and calves on an acreage outside of Loveland. Luckily our children, grandchildren and great grandson live close to us here in Colorado.





CAROL WATT
SECRETARY

Shortly after moving here from Connecticut, I was fortunate to discover Philo. I have a BA Degree from Denison University, and certification from a Boston Secretarial School. I worked many years as a legal secretary and have been private secretary to such notables as Aristotle Onassis. I also worked for the Pres. & CFO of a huge NY advertising conglomerate, managed operations for Chicago Title Insurance Company in NY & CT for 17 years and was a Director for Business Network International. But my dream was to live in CO, so after my husband of 40 years passed away, I headed for the mountains. Through my Norwegian Elkhound dogs, I made many friends, but also got immediately involved with the Loveland Mountain Club, and became an avid volunteer with Hearts & Horses, Loveland's equine therapeutic center. I like giving back and connecting with new friends. I'm honored to be involved with the committed and amazing women of Philo and feel like I'm now living in Utopia!



PEG ISAKSON
TREASURER

I'm honored to support the Philo organization in the role of Treasurer. My background includes that of teaching and tutoring ages 4-50 in public schools and colleges. I have degrees in Literacy, Education Administration and Staff Development from the University of Colorado. Many years of my career were spent in Board positions for the Colorado Council of International Reading Association and in training teachers via multi-state travels for Scholastic, Inc. My living companion is a Norwegian Forest cat, and we get to connect with my two sons, their families and dogs, and two grandchildren. The thread of my life is to work with friends and colleagues in a common purpose of helping others learn and grow.



FLORENCE DOKSANSKY
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

I have been a Philo member for about 10 years ever since moving from Rhode Island to Colorado with my husband, Alan. We followed our only child, Sarah, who had married a Denver native, and have been loving Colorado and Loveland ever since. I am a retired academic librarian, having worked at MIT for 11 years and Brown University for 28 in many administrative capacities. I have always participated in community and professional activities. Since retiring I have been involved in service and therapy dog training. My Philo experience has been on Philo's Blood Drive, Scholarship, Early Childhood committees and is currently chair of the Sunshine Committee. I'm excited for this next opportunity to serve Philo and the Loveland community.



SHANNON VOGGESSOR
PAST PRESIDENT

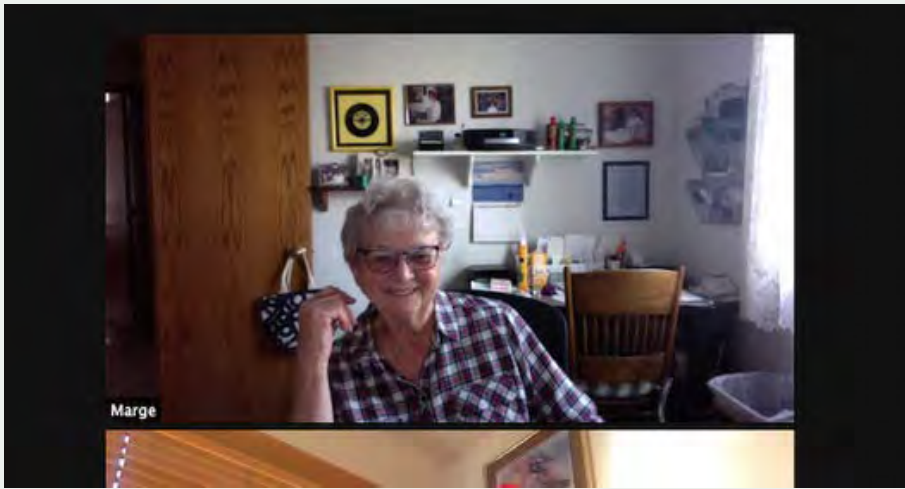
I have been in Philo for 15 years and just earned honorary status. I have served as chair and co-chair of several different committees within Philo over the years and have had the privilege of serving on the Philo Board as Treasurer, Vice President, President and now Past President. I am married with two children, a 14-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter. They keep us busy with all their activities! I love to travel, especially to the beach, and also enjoy relaxing and spending time with friends and family when we do have down time.



communication

Club communication took on greater importance without in-person meetings.



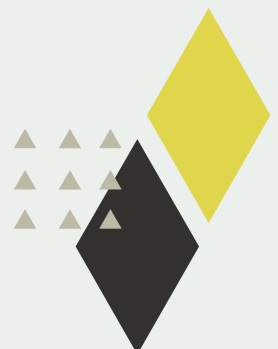


general meetings



Due to the pandemic, in-person gatherings were restricted, and Philo general meetings were canceled. The Ad Hoc Committee on Communications, facilitated by Peg Isakson, met in September to discuss means of communicating and conducting Philo business during the lock down. As a result, plans were made to conduct general meetings virtually on Zoom. Practice sessions were offered to members ahead of the October 2020 meeting, and protocols were established for joining the meeting, muting/unmuting, and commenting in Chat.

The virtual meetings were a success. Members could attend meetings in the comfort of their own homes. Time was allotted at the end of the meeting to have conversations. As an added bonus, members who wintered out of state were able to attend meetings that they would ordinarily miss.



2020 – 2021 Philo Yearbook



*Friendship, Service and Love,
Harmony, Kindness and Forbearance*



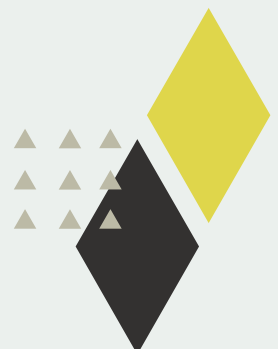
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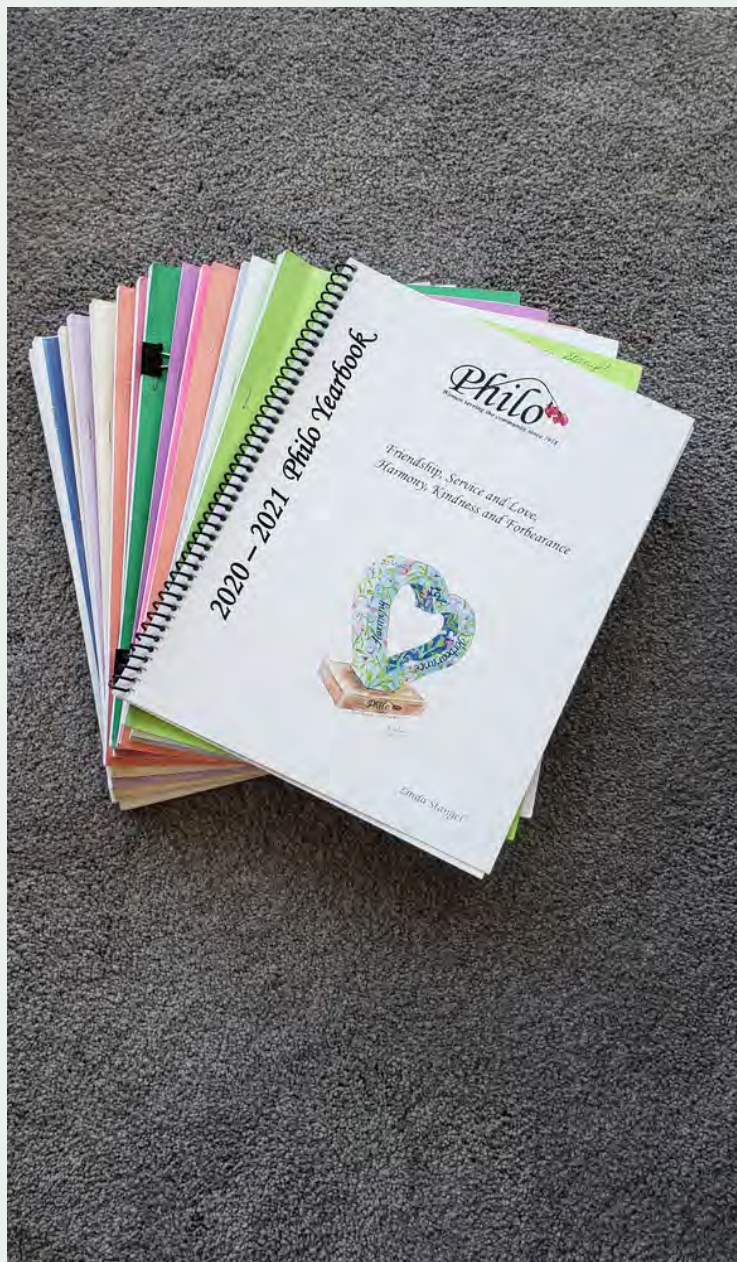


Chairs: Peggy Pellizzari and Denise Rhoades

Orders were taken for the "2020-2021 Philo Yearbook" (now called the "Philo Membership Directory") for those who wished to have a printed copy. Members could pick them up in a drive-by and meet other members while socially distancing. All parts of the directory are available on the "Members Only" page of the website.

In addition to managing the data base and maintaining the "Members Only" web site, this committee also played a key role in communications this year. With no in-person meetings, mass email of the newsletter, general meeting minutes, and other board authorized communications became especially important.



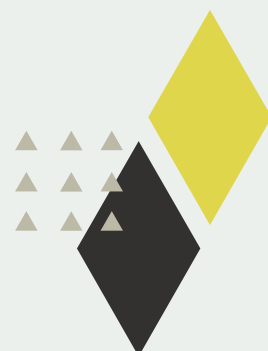


history and yearbook

Chair: Linda Stangel

Board liaison Florence Doksansky met with Linda Stangel to review the resources in place for preserving Philo history. As a result, the Ad Hoc Committee on History Collection, chaired by Peg Isakson, met to brainstorm a way to systematically record and preserve Philo's history. Members of the committee included the Newsletter, Publicity, Social Media, and Board liaison.

A new History Committee was created to be responsible for compiling a Digital Yearbook to summarize each year's events. Materials will be published in a digital yearbook format and archived for future reference. Using information from the newsletter and general meeting minutes, Linda Stangel composed the text included in this yearbook. Using the newly added Google Drive as a source of photos and other materials, Dana Weiss created the final publication. To avoid confusion, the "yearbook" we receive in September with organizational information will be renamed the "Philo Membership Directory."





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ABOUT PHILO

COMMITTEES & EVENTS

CONTACT

MEMBERS

"Philo", short for Philomatheon Club, is a 501.c.3 non-profit women's service organization based in Loveland, Colorado. It is one of the oldest service clubs in Loveland. Founded in 1918 by high school students, the club was organized as a way for young women to come together in friendship and service to the community. Today, over 100 years later, these goals remain. Beginning as a small group of 10, the club has continuously grown over the years.

Currently, Philo has over 100 active members. The organization has numerous fundraisers and programs that support the Northern Colorado Community through committee work of the organization.

Philomatheon: Someone who serves as a member of a philanthropic or volunteer organization for the good of the community.

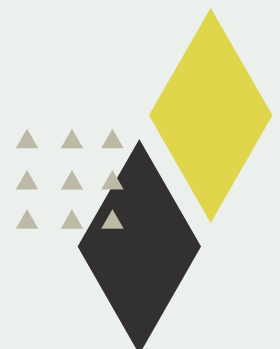


publicity/social media



Chair: Linda Stangel, Co-chair: Jamie Powell
Publicity/Social Media co-chair, Jamie Powell, introduced a new Philo public-facing website, featuring news of current events as well as Philo's history, organization, and link to the Members Page. Monthly social media postings highlighted moments in Philo history.

As a result of the Ad Hoc Committee on History Collection discussions, a Google Drive was created to collect and save news and photos in a central location. Items that members submit to philopublicity@gmail.com are stored on the Google Drive with chairs of the Publicity, Newsletter, and History committees sharing access.



2021 Philo Board of Officers

- President:** Rita Harden – ritdar57@outlook.com
- Vice-President:** Mary Starck – starckm@msn.com
- Recording Secretary:** Carol Watt – ruggmor@aol.com
- Corresponding Secretary:** Florence Doksansky – fdoksansky44@gmail.com
- Treasurer:** Peg Isakson – pegisakson36@gmail.com
- Past President:** Shannon Voggesser – shannonvoggesser@gmail.com

Next Meeting: March 9th on Zoom



Philo President

Rita's Writings

As I sit at the computer this evening writing my newsletter article, it is the third week of February and hopefully our week of "arctic blast" is almost over. We can be hopeful, that March will be warmer.

The board is busy preparing for the 2021-22 Philo year. Positions on the new 2021-22 board are filled except for vice-president. Anyone interested??? Just let me know. You must have been a Philo member for at least two years.

A change next year will be the Philo Yearbook name. It will be called the Philo Directory. The reason being, the committee to preserve Philo history will be creating a digital yearbook. At the end of the year information from committee chairs will be submitted to the History Committee, as well as some photos, and club activities. This will take the place of cumbersome scrapbooks.

Since the History Committee is in the novice stage, this year Linda Stangel will create a summary entitled, "Philo During COVID."

The Finance Committee had its quarterly meeting, by Zoom, on Feb. 16. Some good suggestions came out for ways to track expenses and be more accountable to where the dollars go. Next year's committee chairs will have a simple ledger sheet to fill out when a purchase is made. It will include the cost and what was purchased. It will enable chairman to track their expenses and know what their budget balance is.

Also, being explored is an app called Zelle. The app will allow members to pay dues directly into the Philo bank account. Thoughts are to do another round of "Shop with Script." This was a fund raiser that generated some money for the general operating budget. It was a good substitute since we were unable to have the Shopping Extravaganza.

My husband got in on a little bit of the Zoom finance meeting. He remarked, "Boy, you have some people that know what they are doing." I couldn't agree more. Thank you Peg Isakson, Juanita Cisneros, Stephanie Butts, and community member Del Benkendorf (Stevie).

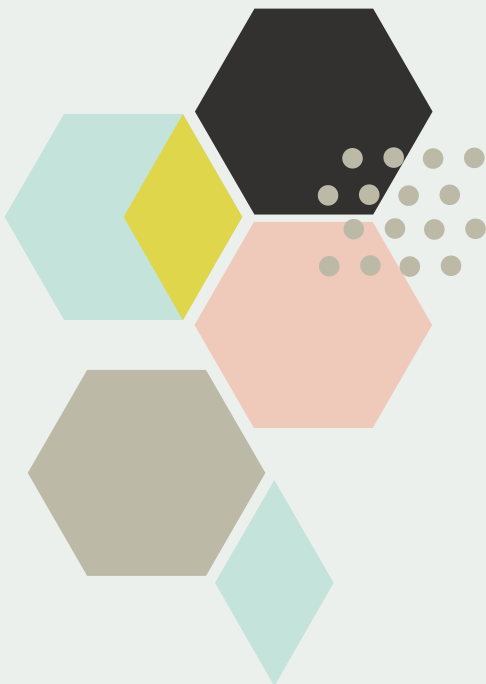
"See you" on March 9.

Rita Harden

Philo Newsletter March 2021

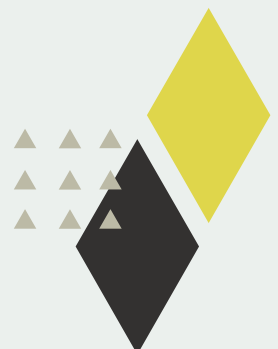
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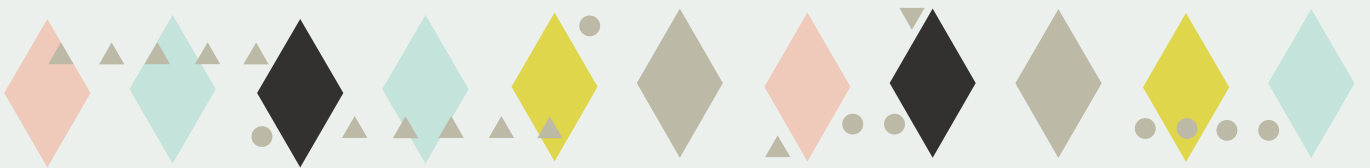
Chair: Danita Nixon

The Newsletter played a vital part in keeping members informed when we were not able to meet in person. Committees described how they were operating within the COVID-19 restrictions and introducing creative solutions to meet the challenge. New members were introduced with photos and biographies in lieu of the new member "skit." Instructions were given for contributing to new fundraisers. The Sunshine committee made us aware of get-well wishes and condolences, members' birthdays, and changes in the membership directory.



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New ways to honor our
commitments.







The Purple Ribbon Virtual Event
Benefiting Alternatives to Violence

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APRIL 8, 2021
NOON - 1 PM

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
MILDRED MUHAMMAD
Ex-Wife of D.C. Sniper



ATV Alternatives to Violence Wish List
for Alternatives To Violence Inc.

Amazon's Wish List items are eligible for purchase through AmazonSmile, which also benefits Alternatives to Violence Inc. with a 0.5% donation from Amazon.

 \$39.14 2 quantities available Add to Cart	 \$10.44 2 quantities available Add to Cart	 \$7.65 2 quantities available Add to Cart	 \$11.12 2 quantities available Add to Cart	 \$8.01 2 quantities available Add to Cart
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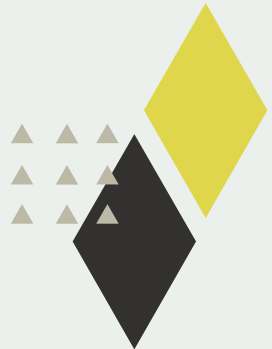
alternatives to violence



Chair: Jamie Powell, Co-chair: Ruth Swanty

The Alternatives to Violence committee participated in the Pastels on 5th fund-raiser on September 12, 2020. Philo purchased an art square and committee members volunteered at the entrance and exit, following social distancing guidelines. In October, the committee conducted a Safehouse Supply Drive, picking up supplies for the safe house at Philo members' homes. In February members donated items from ATV's wish list through AmazonSmile, which also benefitted Philo with a 0.5% donation from Amazon.

The committee ended the year by serving as an Ambassador for ATV's Purple Ribbon Virtual Event, an annual fundraiser which featured domestic violence survivor Mildred Muhammad, ex-wife to the D.C. sniper. She shared her amazing story of courage and the event helped raise funds for ATV along with awareness in the community.



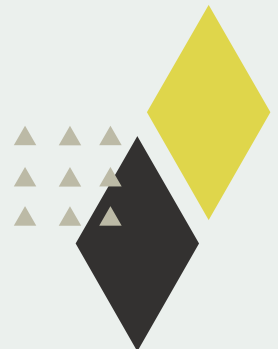


blood drive



Chair: M.J. Bergstrand, Co-chair: Judy Gangle

Since the First United Methodist Church was closed due to COVID-19, the blood drives were on hold since May 2020. The committee secured a new location for the Blood Mobile at Grace Community Church. On February 16 and May 19, 2021, blood drives were held with appointments available between 9:00 and 1:00. Masks were worn, distances kept, and sanitizing measures taken as committee members welcomed and assisted blood donors. Additional blood drives were planned for August at the same location.



**Philo/
Thompson R2-J
2020 Virtual Monetary
Food Drive**
(in place of Canned Food Drive)



October 15 - November 15

**Donations to be used to purchase King Soopers gift cards for
"Christmas Baskets" for those in need in the Loveland area.**
ALL DONATIONS USED LOCALLY

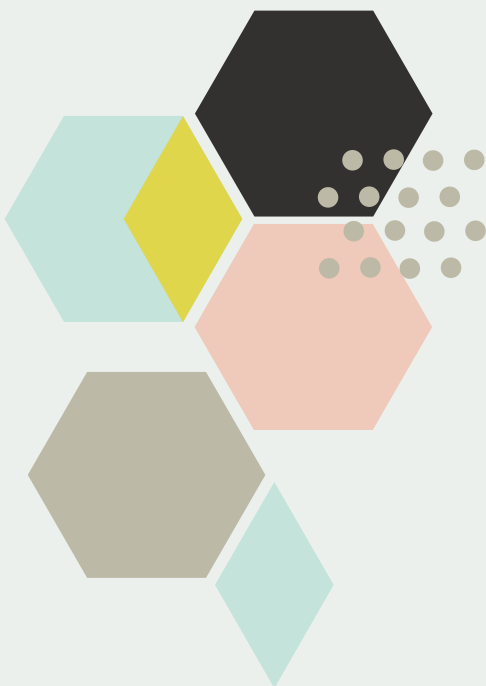
Ways to donate...

- 1) Mail checks made out to "Philo"... send to Philo, P.O. Box 484, Loveland, CO 80539 ...With a notation of Virtual Food Drive on the info line of a check.
- 2) On website...Philoloveland.org ... Virtual Food Drive is highlighted on the homepage, along with a paypal button with a drop down menu with the Virtual Food Drive option for online donations.
- 3) A QR code to scan with your phone routing to the paypal donation button

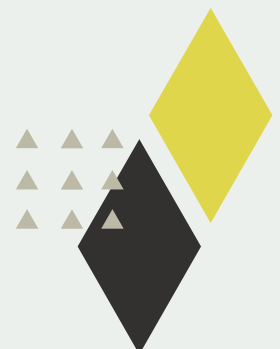


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canned food drive



Chair: Eileen Huddle, Co-chair: Ruth Sprain
With the Thompson R2-J schools on lock down due to COVID-19, the Canned Food Drive could not take place as usual. A Virtual Monetary Food Drive was publicized digitally to Philo members, the Thompson schools, churches, other service organizations, and the Reporter-Herald. The drive raised money through donations given via PayPal link on the Philo website. The drive generated a little over \$4,000 that was used for food gift cards. The House of Neighborly Service received cards for Thanksgiving food as well as for Christmas.




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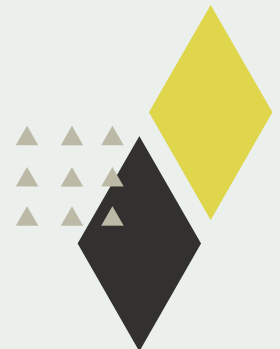


Chair: Cheryl Hitchens, Co-chair: Debbie Riley

The Integrated Early Childhood committee delivered 140 bags of school supplies to the Thompson early childhood program. These supplies became especially important for at-home learning due to COVID-19. The Barnes & Noble Online Bookfair was held November 13-17, with 5% of purchases going toward purchase of books for the early childhood program.

In place of the Holiday Party collection, this year Philo members donated books, underwear, socks, and masks by dropping them off at The Group, Inc. locations. Philo donated 100 of each along with goodie bags for the teachers. Cash donations were reserved for later purchases.

The Early Childhood Committee also sponsored Shop with Scrip in April and earned \$250 for purchasing books for the Integrated Early Childhood classrooms.



Dine Out With Heart Community Grant Awards

Dine Out With Heart - 2021 Funding Awards

\$6,200 - Community Kitchen
 \$3,700 - Thompson Education Foundation (Homeless Assistance Fund)
 \$2,700 - Rotary KidsPak Food Bags
 \$1,700 - Philo Christmas Food Baskets
 \$1,950 - Alternatives to Violence SafeHouse Meals
 \$950 - Sunrise Loveland Community Health Center Food Pantry



\$17,200 total funding to address hunger in our community in 2021!

Dine Out With Heart - 2020 Funding Awards

\$4,650 - Community Kitchen
 \$3,650 - Thompson Education Foundation (Homeless Assistance Fund)
 \$2,000 - Rotary KidsPak Food Bags
 \$1,760 - Philo Christmas Food Baskets
 \$1,000 - Alternatives to Violence SafeHouse Meals
 \$500 - Loveland Community Health Center Food Pantry
 \$500 - Associated Veterans of Loveland: Thanksgiving Meal



\$14,060 total funding to address hunger in our community in 2020!

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Our mission is to reduce hunger and food insecurity in our community with a focus on our most vulnerable, especially children.

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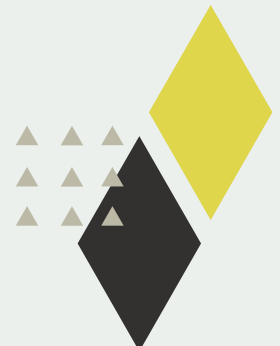


dine out with heart



Chair: Stacey Kersley,
 Co-chair: Jamie Powell

Since restaurant dine-in was limited due to the pandemic, the 2021 Dine Out With Heart fundraiser raised funds from sponsorships and online donations as well as donations made while dining in or ordering takeout. Participating businesses included B Sweet Cupcakes, CJ's Patio Grill, Doug's in Loveland, Henry's Pub, McGraff's American Grill, Sweet Heart Winery, The Black Steer, and Tilted Barrel Brew Pub. Nonprofits could apply for grants by April 1. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Dine Out With Heart was able to raise a record amount and awarded over \$17,000 to local non-profits fighting hunger in the Loveland community.



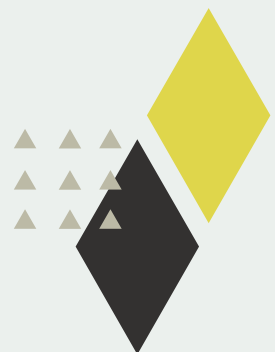


christmas food baskets



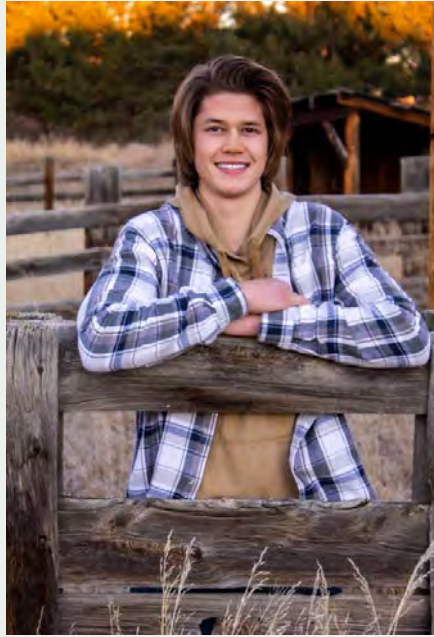
Chair: Susan Trumbo, Co-chair: Gay Ann May

The House of Neighborly Service put together the food baskets this year instead of matching donors to recipients. The Christmas Food Baskets committee contributed gift cards to allow recipients to shop for exactly what they needed. A total of \$2,000 was received from the Dine Out With Heart project and from the General Fund allocation. This was used to purchase Safeway cards through Philo's new Shop With Scrip fundraising program.

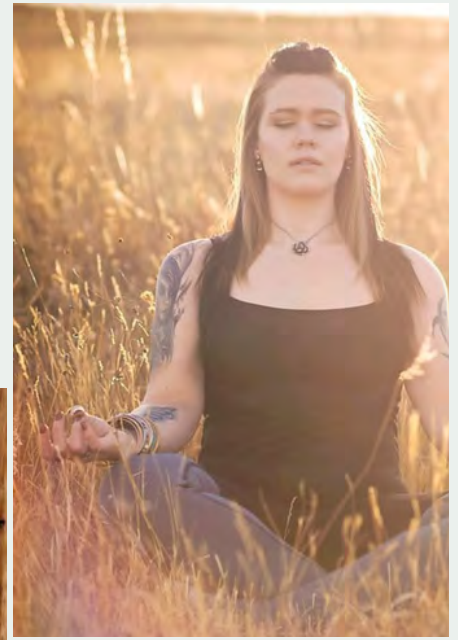




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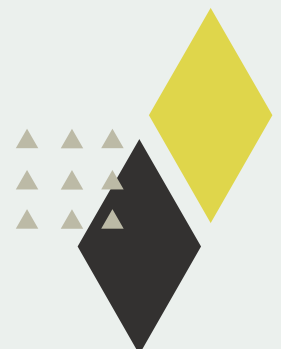
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scholarships



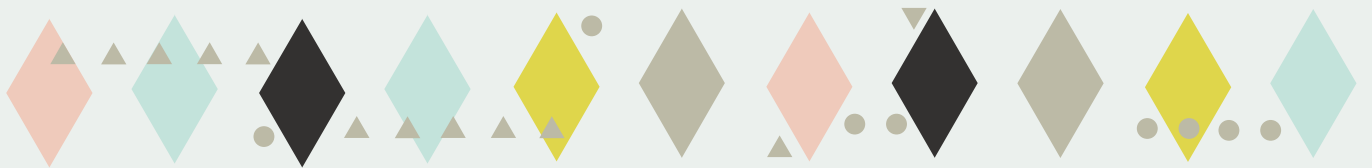
Chair: Mary Starck, Co-chair: Janice Marchman

In May Philo announced the results of the 2021-2022 Scholarship Awards, given for vocational/technical schooling only. Scholarship awards are funded each year by Philo's Women's Amateur Golf Tournament. This year Philo awarded \$9,000 in scholarships to the following recipients: Damian Cooper, \$2,000 for Wind Energy & Turbine Technician, IOWA Lakes Community College
Merrill Carr, \$2,000 for Cosmetology Certification, Cheeks Beauty College
Becker Ell, \$2,000 for Electrical Line Worker Technician, Western Colorado Community College
David Petitt, \$1,000 for Business AAS, Front Range Community College
Heather Dodson, \$1,000 for Veterinarian Technician, Front Range Community College
Jennifer Nelson, \$1,000 for ADN Nursing Program, Front Range Community College



fundraising

Reaching out virtually.





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retail rebates



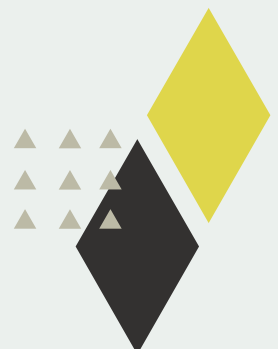
Chair: Marge McCoy

In previous years the Outlet Shops in Loveland held a Shopping Extravaganza, where Philo members could participate in a fun day of shopping, realizing that Philo would benefit with a rebate from the Outlet organization. Due to the pandemic this activity was canceled.

The Philo Board approved the concept of a wider option for shopping with rebates. Members could designate Philo as a recipient of AmazonSmile rebates.

Another rebate option that was implemented was Shop With Scrip, where cash cards can be purchased from as many as 750 retailers in the country. Philo began by offering cash card purchases from a smaller group of local retailers.

Philo continued with the King Soopers Community Rewards rebates and with the sale of Duck Race Tickets, where a rebate is earned from the local Rotary club for selling tickets.



Rotary Duck Race Tickets For Sale

Carol Rieser, Chair
Barbara Giesey, Co-Chair



Honorary and Active Members

Purchase your Rotary Duck Race tickets NOW!
*7 tickets for only \$20.00

- Make check payable to: Philo
- Please put Rotary Duck Race in memo section

Mail Check To:

Iann Carithers - 120 Alpine Laurel Avenue
Loveland, CO 80537
970-800-3090

***Please enclose a stamped and self addressed envelope**

January was off to a great start! A special thank you to all of you that have supported the Duck Race Ticket Sales.

Please consider this as an opportunity to support Philo and students in the Thompson School District with the added benefit of a chance to win a prize.

Philo retains 80% of the total Rotary Duck Race ticket sales. That means \$16.00 is retained by Philo for each purchase of \$20.00 and \$4.00 is retained by Rotary. These funds are used to support Philo's operational expenses. Rotary uses it's 20% of ticket proceeds to fund College Scholarships and Literacy Programs in the Thompson Valley School District.

rotary duck race

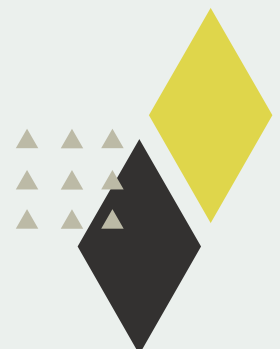


Chair: Carol Rieser, Co-chair: Barbara Giesey

The Rotary Duck Race is traditionally held during the Corn Roast Festival. The 2020 Duck Race was held virtually as a podcast-style race with no audience. The 2021 Duck Race will resume as an in-person event on August 28, 2021.

Philo has partnered with Rotary in selling tickets for many years 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.

Since there were no in-person general meetings this year, ticket sales were conducted entirely by mail. With sales continuing until the end of June, the Rotary Duck Race committee reported that totals for 2020/2021 were comparable to those of previous years.



Loveland Philo Women's Amateur Golf Tournament

Date: Friday June 18, 2021

First Tee Time: 7:00am (Registration 1 hour prior to Tee Time)

Event Location: Olde Course at Loveland
2115 W 29th St, Loveland, CO 80538

\$125 per player (Early Bird)

\$140 per player (after May 20th, 2021)

Fees includes green fees, cart, snack, boxed lunch and drawing prizes.

Register at www.philoloveland.org



golf tournament



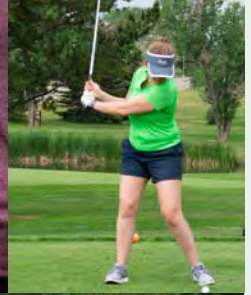
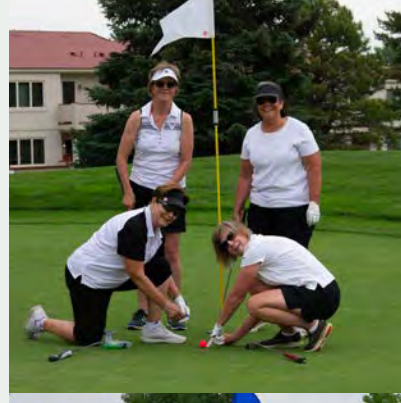
Chair: Cindy Kurtz, Co-chair: Beth Soderquist

The 2020 Philo Women's Amateur Golf Tournament was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, many of the sponsors honored their commitment of donations. In November, \$11,730 was added to the Scholarship Fund. Plans already in place for 2020 were put on hold for the 2021 tournament, "Diamonds in the Rough," scheduled for June 18, 2021.

The 2021 Golf Tournament (Diamonds in the Rough) was a great success. There were 88 golf participants and a dozen Philo volunteers in attendance. The day was blessed with perfect weather. The staff and pros at The Olde Course treated us beautifully.

The tournament play was a bit different since we were not able to have a shotgun start but played by scheduled tee times. A boxed lunch was served at the end of play and we were happy to see so many ladies stay afterwards for camaraderie and to witness the final outcome of the tournament.

There was excitement in the air when we found out Peggy Amswell-May hit a hole in one on #8. While this wasn't the official hole in one prize hole she was awarded 1/2 the donated prize money and Philo retained the balance. This was the first time in our tournament history a monetary prize was even available so it was a true win\win.



THANK YOU! to Our Sponsors

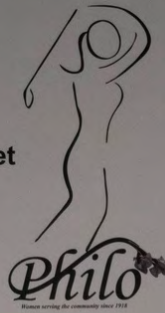
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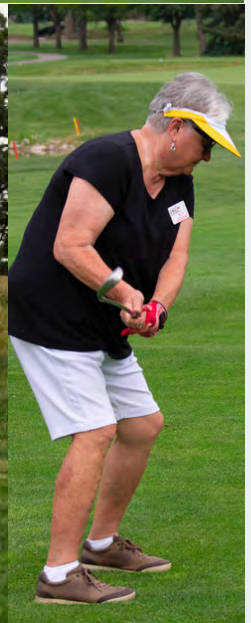
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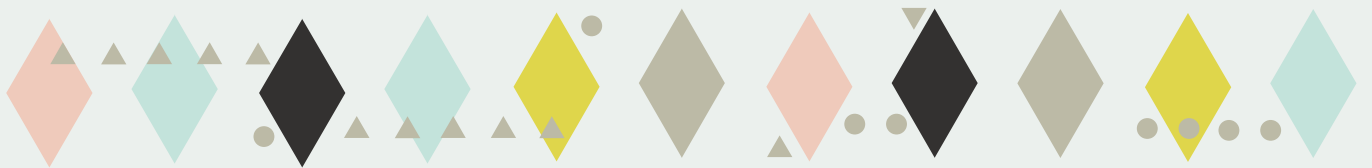
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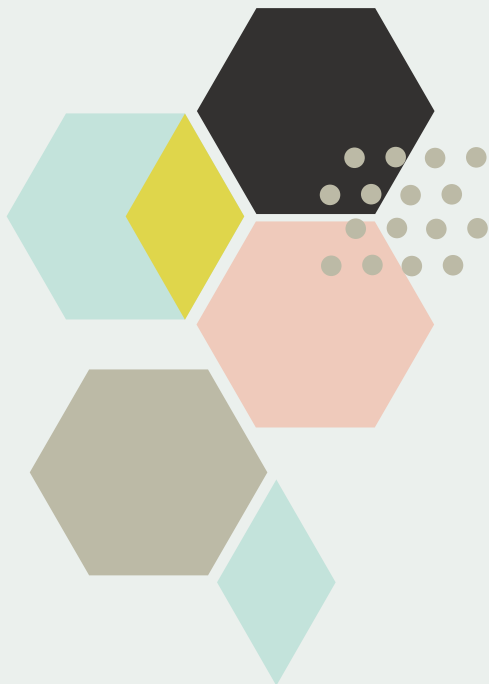
social activities

Maintaining social interaction
without meeting in person.





sunshine



Chair: Florence Doksansky, Co-chair: Cindy Kurtz

The Sunshine Committee began the year by checking in with each member to see how they were doing during the pandemic lockdown. Teams were activated to make calls to each member at the beginning of September as Philo again could not meet in person. Our president, Rita Harden, called the Honorary Members.

As an added service this year, printed copies of the newsletter were either mailed or dropped off to members who do not have easy access to web versions.

Birthdays were recognized in virtual meetings and published in the newsletter. Sympathy and get-well cards were sent. Changes in membership due to resignations and leaves of absence were noted in the newsletter.

Sunshine Teams were activated to provide desserts at a memorial service for Miki Roth, who passed away April 18, 2020. Philo members attended and displayed the Philo wreath. A memorial service for Sharon Sheets, who died April 5, 2021, will be held at a later date. Philo members attended a service for former Philo member (Class of 1986) and past president (1997-98), Vicki Anderson, on June 27, 2021.

2019-2020

15 years (2005)	Juanita Cisneros Donna Menzies Lin Stokes Shannon Voggeser
20 years (2000)	Bonnie Hanson
25 years (1995)	Stevie Benkendorf Kay Robinson
30 years (1990)	Betty Brammer Georgia Christopher Nancy Guffey Sue Lussenhop RaeJean Sendek Mary K. Spangler Toni Wallace
35 years (1985)	Karen Leu
40 years (1980)	Jan Frame
45 years (1975)	Charlotte Johnson
50 years (1970)	Donna Beatty Rita Harden Nancy Patterson Elaine Persichitte Marilyn Pyle Judy Quadhammer

2020-2021

15 years (2006)	Peggy Pellizzari Linda Stangel
20 years (2001)	Cindy Kurtz Jennifer Wilson
30 years (1991)	Jeanne Findley Marcia Reed
35 years (1986)	Glenna Bliss-Cook Lisbeth Sethre
40 years (1981)	Connie DuBois Susan Linden
45 years (1976)	Heather Brown Colleen Ligothe Mary Schacht Sharon Sheets
50 years (1971)	Joyce Caufman Marilyn Heath Diana Reynolds
55 years (1966)	Linda Anderson
57 years (1964)	Jan Burton
58 years (1963)	Myrna McIntosh
66 years (1955)	Anne Anderson

honoraries



Chair: Rita Harden, Co-chair: Mary Voggeser

Members may become Honorary after 15 years of service. Emeritus status can be obtained after 35 years.

Usually, the Honoraries meet three times a year, just for a gathering to socialize. However, there was no in-person gathering during the 2020-21 year. Contact was by email or personal phone calls, just to maintain the special bond between the honorary Philo sisters.

Many honorary members remain active, working on committees, holding office and supporting Philo financially, even though it is not required. This is exemplified by our president, Rita Harden, member since 1970 and past president in 1980. Anne Anderson celebrated her 66th year as a Philomatheon at the Spring Appreciation Dinner in May 2021. She has been an active participant in our virtual (Zoom) meetings throughout the lock down.

CLASS OF 2020

Amy Black
Elise Carver
Aimee Dannels
Mary Denning
Christine Greene
Marcia Hale
Megan Mahaffey
Danita Nixon
Tina Wagner
Dana Weiss

CLASS OF 2021

Karla Baier
Jan Lanting
Nicole Jernigan



new member



During the 2020- 21 Philo year, our membership increased with nine new members. In a normal year, new members would present a program at the October meeting. The program is designed to get better acquainted with new members on a personal basis. Since the program could not be presented, each member wrote a short bio that was published in our monthly newsletter.

As president, Rita kept in touch with new members via email or personal phone calls. The purpose was to check on their welfare during a pandemic and to make herself available to answer questions about Philo.

There was not a formal induction of the new members until May of 2021, a year after they joined Philo. It felt strange to have new members for a whole year before there was an in-person opportunity to meet them.

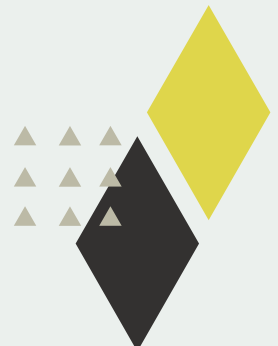


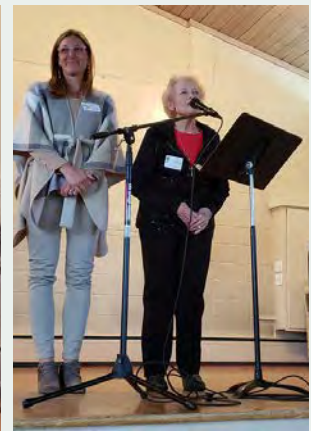
holiday party



The VIRTUAL HOLIDAY PARTY was a great success with about 30 participants. A huge thank you to Shannon Voggesser, Peggy Pellizzari, and Denise Rhoades for being the "tech extraordinaires," who created a festive online gathering through Zoom.

Teams were created to solve a Holiday Mystery. Team members were encouraged to wear something to symbolize their character in the story. Participants also broke into small groups to play "Family Feud" and "Two Truths and a Lie." The break-out groups allowed everyone to interact with a mix of different people. The evening concluded with a Virtual Toast!





spring appreciation dinner

Chair: Jeanne Findley

After having to cancel the Spring Appreciation Social in May 2020, the committee faced the challenge of planning an event amid the COVID protocols.

They received approval from the City of Loveland to host an outdoor event at the Loveland Fairgrounds Park/Pavilions at 5:30 pm on May 11, 2021. They checked all of the boxes to ensure compliance with COVID protocols: city, county, state, and CDC. Masks were required, and tables were set up 6 feet apart for social distancing. Participants could order from a selection of boxed dinners while providing their own beverage (non-alcoholic).

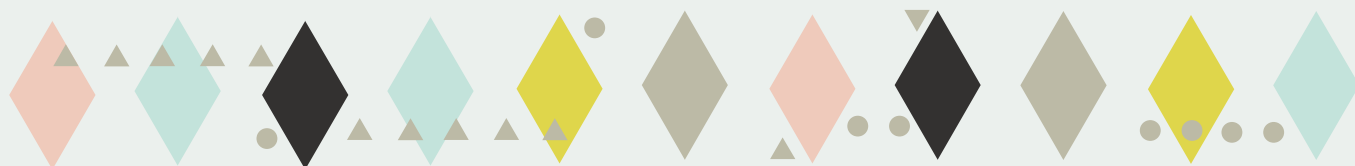
May 10 arrived and with it a deluge of rain and more predicted for May 11! The committee scrambled and relocated the event to the First Baptist Church. With protocols easing and more people vaccinated, members were able to socialize more freely, allowing individuals to determine their comfort level with masks and social distancing.

The mask decorating contest had two winners. Anne Anderson won for most humorous, wearing a plain black mask "Made in China" (pun intended!). Linda Stangel's lavender/pink mask and visor ensemble won for most representative of Philo.

New members from the classes 2020 and 2021 were initiated. Members with milestone anniversaries were honored for both years. Outgoing officers were honored and new officers were inducted.



in memoriam





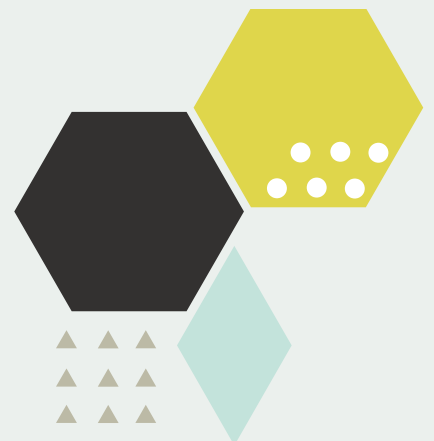
MIKI ROTH
CLASS OF 2009

Miki Roth, Class of 2009, died on April 18, 2020. Miki served as Philo's president in 2017-18 and was instrumental in our nomination as Loveland Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year 2018 (awarded January 19, 2018). A Loveland native, Miki applied her valuable knowledge of the community to her career in real estate. She served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Loveland Board of Realtor and was an active participant many community organizations.



SHARON SHEETS
CLASS OF 1976

Sharon Sheets, Class of 1976, passed away on April 5, 2021. Sharon was noted throughout Northern Colorado for her musical and acting talent. Throughout the years, she entertained Philo members at meetings and social events. Sharon is most well known for her memorable performance in the title role of the LCMA production of "Mame", her first lead role. She promoted and led the annual Christmas sing-a-long at the Rialto Theater in Loveland for nearly 20 years. She enjoyed singing at the local hospitals and entertaining underprivileged children.





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