

SEPTEMBER '26 NEWSLETTER

Philo
Women serving the community since 1918
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Meeting
SEPTEMBER 8 @ 7 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
3333 Duffield Ave.
Loveland, CO

*Facility will open at 6 pm for
committee meetings.

September hostesses: Susan Keil, Janet
Warren, Laura Atkins, Terri Dimond

October hostesses: Carol Rieser, Eileen Huddle,
Trudy Eckhardt, Peg Isakson

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Deadlines to submit information for
future newsletters:

MONTH	CONTENT DEADLINE
October	September 19
November	October 24
December	None
January	December 19
February	January 23
March	February 20
April	March 20
May	April 24

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



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Philo Board



Terri Mulford, Lorie Smith, Amy Black, Ruth Sprain,
Billie Jo Downing, Melissa Rutt

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is indeed my pleasure to write my first message as President for the 2026–2027 Philo year. Our previous Philo year ended with a wonderful Spring Appreciation Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church with a delicious catered meal from Fresh Plates. The committee consisting of Cindy Kurtz, Carol Reiser, Terri Dimond, and Ruth Swanty did a great job, and many pairs of shoes were donated by members to be distributed throughout the community.

Terri Dimond organized a pop-up boutique held on May 9 that raised over \$1600 to donate to ATV. Several Philo members worked ahead of time sorting and organizing donations as well as on the day: Kathy Fetzner, Vicki Gunlock, Diane Waites, Laura Atkins, Rita Harden, and Jane McKinstry. Many Philo members shopped and donated that day, as well.

Our Golf Tournament Committee, under the leadership of Cindy Noble, Lindsey Smith, Vicki Boroughf, and Beth Soderquist organized a reception on June 10 and the tournament on June 12. Many committee members and other Philo members donated items for the silent auction and baskets and other items for the tournament, as well as their time helping with the reception and tournament. The Scholarship Committee will have \$44,000 available to award in 2026/27 thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity.

Rita Harden, Chair of the Honorary Committee, invited board members to the Honorary gathering in June. Several board members attended, and we were amazed to learn how many of our Honorary members were past Philo presidents when they raised their hands after posing for a group photo. We had a visit from a longtime Philo member, Marge McCoy this summer, and a number of Philo members attended a gathering at Kathy Loken's house while catching up with Marge.

The Peach Committee consisting of Cindy Kurtz, Odile Lynch, Diane Waites, Vicki Gunlock, Peggy Pellizzari, and Trudy Eckhardt raised over \$6500 in net proceeds this summer. This fundraising opportunity has become a vital part of Philo's efforts to support worthy recipients in the Loveland/Berthoud area. The Integrated Early Childhood Committee worked on purchasing materials for and putting together bags for Headstart students. This committee consists of Terri Johnson, Odile Lynch, Debbie Riley, Laura Atkins, Sue Keil, Janet Warren, Kathy Fetzner, Trudy Eckhardt, and Melissa Rutt.

The Philo Board was busy this summer during monthly meetings and with lots of emails. Our new treasurer, Billie Jo Downing, was busy handling our finances and putting together a budget for this year that will be presented to members at our September meeting. Ruth Swanty and her committee have been creating a yearbook for the 2025–2026 Philo Year which is now the job of the Past President.

I'm excited to be a part of this Philo year, and I know we will accomplish great things as an organization, through our committee work, and with our individual commitments and contributions. It is an honor to be a part of "...one of Loveland's oldest and most active service clubs. For more than 100 years, our members have combined friendship with a shared commitment to giving back."

Respectfully,
Terri Mulford
President

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 21st Annual Philo Golf Tournament, which was held June 12, 2026 at Mariana Butte Golf Course, was a huge success raising \$36,303. This money will be used to fund trade and vocational scholarships. Thank you to our dedicated committee (pictured below) and all the volunteers who made the day such a success!

SAVE THE DATE for the 22nd Annual Philo Golf Tournament – JUNE 11, 2027!

Lindsey Smith, Chair



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The 2026–27 Philo Scholarship Committee welcomes new members Ashley Hubble, Eileen Huddle and Brianne Smith. They will join continuing members Peggy McGlynn, Carre Warner, Soley Belt, BillieJo Downing (Board Liaison), and Linda Stangel and Mo Reilly (co-chairs), in awarding \$44,000 in scholarships next year! We are grateful to the hard work on every member's part for the successful golf tournament this summer, especially the Golf Committee members, for raising these funds.

Mo Reilly, Chair





DUES ARE DUE!



It's that time of year again to pay our annual dues to Philo. Dues this year remain the same. Active Member dues are \$50, Honorary Member dues are \$35, Emeritus members are not required to pay dues, but we truly appreciate any donation that comes our way.

You can pay by check, cash or Square. Square payment buttons are on our members only website at <https://philomembers.org/> You will find the link buttons under 'Members' and 'Payments'. We do charge a \$2.50 service fee for Active Member payments and \$2.00 service fee for Honorary Member payments made via Square to cover the processing fees they charge us.

Checks can be dropped off at the meeting or sent through the mail to Philo, PO Box 484, Loveland, CO 80539. I will have a pink box at the meeting to for you to drop checks into and envelopes for cash to drop in the box.

A reminder that the deadline to pay dues is by the November meeting (November 10th).

Thanks in advance for taking a moment to get your dues taken care of. It makes the Treasurer's job a lot easier if everyone can submit their dues on time.

Billie Jo Downing, Treasurer

PEACHES!

Another great peach sale in 2026. Thanks to all our dedicated Philo members, we sold 372 boxes for a grand total of \$6590 which will benefit our Community Kitchen among other organizations. Thanks to our volunteers as well who came and helped us out with the peaches distribution on July 29th: Diane, Peggy, Dona, Laura, Vicki and myself. A special thanks to Cindy K. who once again did a fabulous job at making this sale a success. Note also that she was the top seller closely followed by Amy 🥰. Well done everyone!

Odile Lynch, Co-Chair



INTEGRATED EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Integrated Early Childhood (IEC) committee met at the home of Terri Johnson on August 6th to assemble 120 back-to-school bags for the Head Start program in the Thompson School District (TSD). They were delivered to Stansberry Elementary School, where they will be taken to families that qualify for the Head Start program via individual home visits. These home visits allow the TSD professionals a chance to talk with families and try to identify needs and challenges that the family may have in getting their preschool child enrolled and participating in the program. The bags include dry erase boards, markers, pencils, construction paper, and all sorts of other items that preschool children can use to have fun while developing important age appropriate skills.

***Please bring your gently used books for the Philo book sale in October to the September meeting.**

Thank you.
Terri Johnson, Chair



APRIL '26 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**– 7:00 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; Amy Black, Corresponding Secretary; Ruth Swanty, Past President.

AGENDA:

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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: Election of Officers for 2026–2027. Terri Mulford moves from Vice President into her term as President. Melissa Rutt was elected as Vice President. Billie Jo Downing was elected as Treasurer for a 2 year term. Amy Black was elected to serve an additional term as Corresponding Secretary. Members unanimously elected these three officers and confirmed the entire slate for 2026–2027.

President: Terri Mulford

Vice President: Melissa Rutt

Treasurer: Billie Jo Downing

Recording Secretary: Ruth Sprain

Corresponding Secretary: Amy Black

Past President: Lorie Smith

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.

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. Those funds are matched.

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. Have donations in by May 12 to Lindsey Smith. 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

APRIL '26 MINUTES, CON'T

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.

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 Fetzner 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 16th St.

September 8th, 2026 – first general meeting of 2026–2027 year.

Adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Sprain, Recording Secretary

MAY '26 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 was the Spring Appreciation Dinner held at Zion Lutheran Church, 815 E. 16th St., Loveland, CO on **May 12, 2026**– 6:00 pm.

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:

The dinner opened with a Welcome by Lorie Smith at 6:00 p.m.

Cindy Kurtz, the Spring Dinner Chair explained the dinner “table talk” about significant shoes.

Dinner – Catered by Fresh Plates, Tracie Hartman

Acknowledgement of Philo Milestones

60 years – Linda Anderson, 55 years– Joyce Kaufman,
50 years – Heather Brown, 45 years– Susan Linden,
40 years – Glenna Bliss–Cook, Lisbeth Sethre, 25 years – Cindy Kurtz
20 years – Peggy Pellizzari, Linda Stangel, 5 years– Jan Lanling
Emeritus Status (35 years) – Jeanne Findley and Marsh Reed
Honorary Status (15 Yeara) – Florence Doksansky

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Executive Board Members – Lorie Smith

Lorie Smith (President), Peggy Pellizzari (Treasurer), Ruth Swanty (Past President)

Induction of New Officers: Lorie Smith

Terri Mulford– President, Melissa Rutt – Vice President, Billie Jo Downing– Treasurer, Ruth Sprain– Recording Secretary, Amy Black– Corresponding Secretary

Induction of new members – Terri Mulford 2026–2027

Kathy Vogel, Solely Belt, Kelly Dunlap, Ashley Hubble, Danna Cobbett, Janet Warren

Philo Song and Pledge

The first general meeting of 2026–2027 year:September 8, 2026, at Trinity Lutheran Church

Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth Sprain, Recording Secretary

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



The Philo Sunshine Committee has had a busy summer. In May a group of Philomatheons helped with the memorial of Noel Caryl’s parents. June saw cards sent to Judy Grommon (broken shoulder and stitches), Lorie Smith (broken arm). July cards were sent to Billie Jo Downing (broken foot), Ruth Sprain (father’s death) and Florence Doksansky (daughter’s cancer diagnosis and death). Cards were sent in August to Janice Farley (heart attack and stroke) and to the family of Myrna McIntosh after her death.

If you have needs of either a card, meal or just a cheery phone call, please let Mary Voggesser (mimivog@gmail.com or 970-669-2245) or Diane Meuret (beccatoys@msn.com or 970-581-5522) know.

We hope our Philo sisters with birthdays during the summer months celebrated well!

JUNE

6/1	Karen Leu
6/1	Terri Johnson
6/2	Nancy Guffey
6/8	Gay Sennett
6/11	Susan Linden
6/14	Linda Stangel
6/20	Judy Grommen
6/21	Corrine Adams
6/21	Beth Soderquist
6/25	Jan Frame
6/25	RaeJen Sendek
6/25	DeeDee Warnock
6/26	Vicki Gunlock
6/27	Janice Farley
6/29	Laura Atkins
6/29	Mo Reilly
6/29	Karen Vinal

JULY

7/1	Marsha Reed
7/12	Glenna Bliss-Cook
7/13	Heather Brown
7/25	Trudy Eckhardt
7/25	Lindsey Smith



AUGUST

8/1	Natalie Parker
8/3	Phyllis McCormick
8/5	Nancy Roe
8/6	Kathy Leonard
8/8	Carol Watt
8/9	Carre Warner
8/10	Gerry Henderson
8/10	Debbie Riley
8/11	Jeanne Westermann
8/14	Stevie Benkendorf
8/15	Jeanne Findley
8/17	Mary K. Spangler
8/18	Sue Taigman
8/22	Becky Aldrich
8/25	Carol Rieser
8/27	Diane Waites

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those celebrating birthdays in September!



9/1	Eileen Huddle
9/9	Linda Anderson
9/21	Barbara Giesey
9/24	Lorie Smith
9/26	Marne Engelking
9/25	Karen Pielin