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## EYEOPENERS FORT COLLINS

### Newsletter

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**Sweet Dreams in a Bag:** Our regular meeting on March 17 was a busy one. We packaged bedding for children for the Sweet Dreams in a Bag organization. Wayne Fox and his wife, Susie, the founders of this group, presented at our March 10 meeting with instructions on how to pack the bags. Each bag contains a comforter, sheets, a pillow, a blanket, and a toy. Our Club packed a total of 40 bags. Twenty-five bedding sets were then delivered to a group of very excited kids at Catholic Communities Charities in Fort Collins. Our small effort made a huge difference in the lives of those kids.



*Eyeopeners pack bedding for Sweet Dreams in a Bag*



*Club members with packed bags*

**Red Kettle Award:**  
Our Club received the Red Kettle Award from the Salvation Army for the second successive year in recognition of raising the most money of any community service organization during the Salvation Army's Red Kettle bell ringing event in December 2021. The award was presented by **Gene Apuan**, Captain and Pastor of the Salvation Army in Fort Collins and a member of our Club.



**Sponsored Clubs:** Kiwanis sponsors a wide range of clubs for people of all ages and capabilities to participate in service to their communities. **K-Kids** is a service club for elementary school students. **Builders Clubs** are service clubs for students in middle school and **Key Clubs** are service clubs for high school students. **Circle K International (CKI)** empowers college-age students through service to local and global communities and **Aktion Clubs** are service clubs for adults with disabilities.

The Eyeopeners Kiwanis Club sponsors a Builders Club at Liberty Commons Middle School; Key Clubs at Rocky Mountain, Fort Collins, Fossil Ridge, Liberty Commons, and Colorado Early Colleges high schools; and a Circle K International Club at Colorado State University. Our Club co-sponsors an Aktion Club with the Loveland Big Thompson Kiwanis Club.

**Sue Ayala** and **Bob Hansen** helped serve meals at the Catholic Charities Mission on March 14 that fed a total of 39 adults and one young child.

## April 2022 Meetings

Thursday Meetings are hosted at Associates in Family Medicine, 1300 Riverside Ave, Suite 102

Meeting Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2272945712?pwd=am05TU43aW82WnhDQSsrUV3U3ZIQT09>

Meeting ID: 227 294 5712

Passcode: 941627

**April 7**, 7 a.m. **Larry Howell** — Thad Johnson, Director of Fort Collins Youth Baseball.

**April 10**, 2nd Sunday @ 5 p.m., at Brenda Rhodes' home.

**April 14**, 7 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting.

**April 21**, 7 a.m. **Bill Ciesla** — Lena Sikorski will present on Ukraine.

**April 28**, 7 a.m.— **Elections**

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## Upcoming Events

### **April 13**

Center for Family Outreach Breakfast, Hilton Hotel, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Contact: Jim O'Neill.

### **May 14**

Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Windsor, Colorado. Contact: Dan Hemphill.

### **June 11-12**

Taste of Fort Collins, Washington Park.

### **September 24**

Colorado Feeding Kids Food Packing Event.

**Closing thought:** Being positive isn't pretending that everything is good. It's seeing the good in everything.