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Newsletter

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Girls on the Run—On November 5, the Girls on the Run “Run of the Rockies” fall 5k race was held at Spring Canyon Park in Fort Collins. Over 100 girls, ages 8-13, participated in the run. Some were members of teams sponsored by area elementary schools. A number of girls were accompanied by one or both parents. Several members of Eyeopeners volunteered their time to help support the run.

Girls on the Run helps change the concept of what it means to be a girl and shifting the way girls see themselves. Through life changing, self esteem enhancing lessons, such as the Run of the Rockies, they learn that their opinion matters and that they deserve to be heard.



A group of girls warm up prior to the run.



Girls, some with their parents, participate in the Run of the Rockies, held at Spring Canyon Park.

Second Sunday— A group of members met on Sunday, November 12, at **Sue Ayala's** home and wrapped Christmas presents for kindergarten and first grade students at Harris Bilingual School.



Kiwanis members pose with gift wrapped packages for Harris Bilingual students.

Samaritan House—Francis Aubuchon and her husband, Richard, helped serve dinner to 45 people on the evening of November 13.

Gingerbread House Construction—During the afternoon of November 15, a number of Kiwanis volunteers met at the home of **Dave Frick**, where we constructed gingerbread houses for our annual Gingerbread House Home for the Holidays Decorating fundraiser. The houses will be delivered to organizations that are sponsors for the event. Opera Galleria, 123 N. College Ave, will be the new home for the Gingerbread House display.



*Kiwanis volunteers build gingerbread houses at the home of **Dave Frick**.*

Liberty Common High School and their two elementary sites, Aristotle Campus and Plato Campus, abundantly blessed the Salvation Army in Fort Collins with a huge food drive. On November 17, several Eyeopeners Kiwanis members helped unload the truck filled with food at the Salvation Army mission that will nourish hungry people in our community.



Kiwanis members helped unload food for the Salvation Army.

December 2023 Programs

Join us in-person at: the Salvation Army
Mission, 3901 South Mason Street,
Fort Collins

Or via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2272945712>

December 7— Dan Hemphill— Kids at Heart

December 14— Steve Railsback

December 21— Round Table

December 28— Round Table

Upcoming Events

December 2 — Childrens Christmas Store, LaPorte Presbyterian Church—8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

December 3—Club Christmas Party, 6 p.m. at Adriel Hills Clubhouse, 1900 Kedron Circle. Bring white elephant gift (valued at \$10) and a covered dish to share.

December 9-10—Salvation Army Bell Ringing at King Soopers on North College.

December 11—Serving at the Samaritan House. **Jim O'Neill** and his wife, Jackie Tomlinson, have volunteered.

Closing Thought—The really great person is one who makes everyone else feel great.

