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## EYEOPENERS FORT COLLINS

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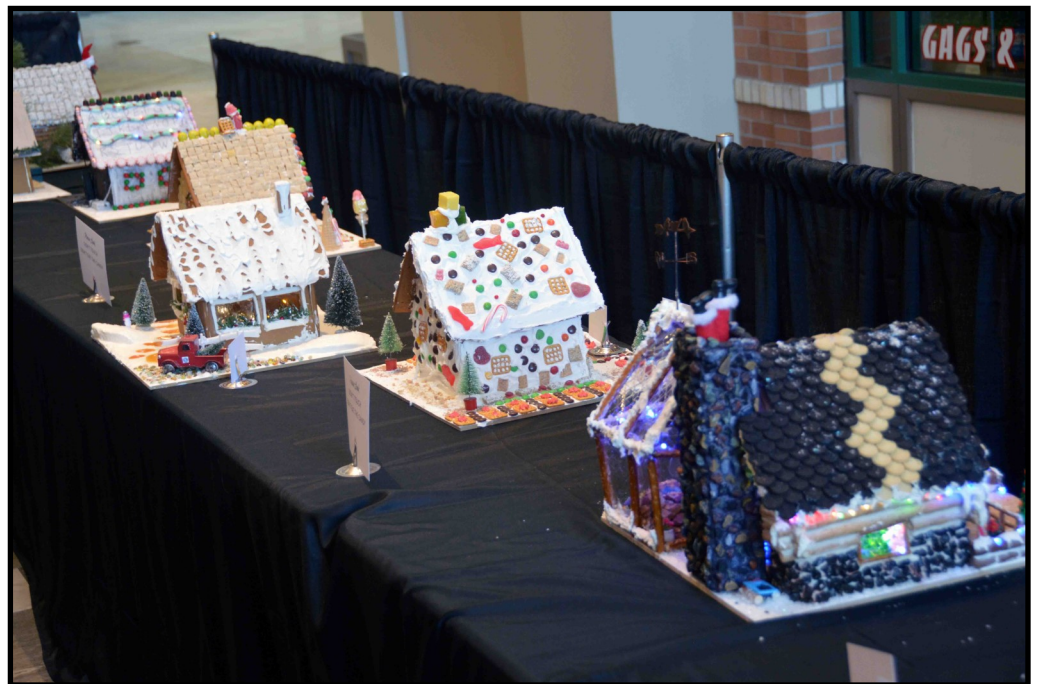
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December was a busy month for our Club with lots of projects because of the holiday season.

**Gingerbread Houses** — On the morning of December 2, several Kiwanis volunteers set up a display of gingerbread houses at the Opera Galleria in downtown Fort Collins. The display will stay in place until December 27.



*Gingerbread houses on display at the Opera Galleria in downtown Fort Collins.*

**New Meeting Place** — We have a new meeting place. Beginning with our January 4, 2024 meeting, Eyeopeners will meet at the Allnutt Funeral Home at 650 West Drake, Fort Collins. Please enter through the Family Room on the southwest corner of the building.

**Childrens Christmas Party** — Also on December 2, the Children's Christmas Store was held at the Laporte Presbyterian Church. Several Kiwanis volunteers helped with this event and over 200 children participated.

**Christmas Party** — December's "2nd Sunday" meeting took place on December 3. It was the Club's annual Christmas Party, which was held at the Ariel Hills Clubhouse. It was a gala event with a huge crowd, a potluck dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. Thanks go to **Jim O'Neill** and **Krista Taylor** for organizing this event.



*A huge crowd of Kiwanis members and spouses attended the Club Christmas party at the Adriel Hills Clubhouse on December 3.*

**Gingerbread Houses** — The display of gingerbread houses, which was set up by Kiwanis volunteers in early December was dismantled on December 27 and prizes for the best gingerbread house designs were given out. Over 700 people voted on the houses. Best overall design was awarded to Team Brashear, whose design included a greenhouse and the legs of Santa Clause stuck in the chimney. The most creative design went to Bank of Colorado, Johnstown who designed a beautiful house with many trees in the yard. The Rocky Mountain High School Key Club's entry won the best of the Key Cub entries. Thank you to everyone who participated.

**Salvation Army bell Ringing** — On Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10, a number of our Club members and members from the CSU Circle K Club gathered at the King Sooper on north College Ave and rang bells and collected donations for the Salvation Army.



***Carol Tunner**, dressed in her Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer suit, and **Mike Herzig** ring bells and collect donations for the Salvation Army at the King Sooper on north College Avenue.*

**Samaritan House** — **Jim O'Neill** and his wife Jackie Tomlinson helped serve a meal to 60 people, including 6 children at the Samaritan House on December 11.



***Jim O'Neill** awards Team Brashear with the Best Overall Design Award for their gingerbread house entry (center house).*

## January 2024 Programs

Join us in-person at: the Allnutt Funeral Home, 650 West Drake, Fort Collins

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

**January 4 — Krista Taylor** will host a group from the Poudre Golden K Kiwanis Club.

**January 11— Erica Romberg**

**January 14 —** 2nd Sunday meeting will take place at the First Presbyterian Church located at 531 South College Ave. Kiwanis members will help serve a meal to families.

**January 18 — Michael Baker** will host presentation by the Adventure West Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

**January 25 — Lathrup Smith**

## Upcoming Events

**January 15 —** Helping to Serve at the Samaritan House, 6:30 p.m.

**Closing thought—** You can't give your life more time. Therefore, give the time you have left more life.

