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A Special Meeting — On January 4, our first meeting at the Allnutt Chapel, was a special one. **Krista Taylor** arranged for a presentation by the Poudre Golden K Kiwanis Club of Fort Collins on the work they do for our community. Eight members of the Poudre Golden K Club came to our meeting and President-Elect Jeannie Craft gave the presentation. We had a great meeting.



Eight members of the Poudre Golden K Club attended our January 4 meeting. Jeannie Craft, the Club's President-Elect, gave a presentation on the work they do for our community.

Samaritan House — **Frances Aubuchon** and her husband Richard helped serve dinner at the Samaritan House on January 8. About 40 people came for dinner including 20 children.

Gingerbread Houses — We raised about \$10,000 for the Club on the Gingerbread Home For the Holidays event. Houses that were unclaimed when we closed the display were brought to the Boys and Girls Club during the afternoon of January 12. **Jim O'Neill** and **Jim Packard** helped kids demolish the houses and had a great time doing the demolition.



Unclaimed gingerbread houses are demolished by members by members of the Fort Collins Boys and Girls Club

2nd Sunday — Our 2nd Sunday meeting on January 14 was held at the First Methodist Church in Fort Collins. Members prepared and served a meal to three families experiencing



Kiwanis members prepared and served a meal to three families at the First Methodist Church on January 14.

We Win the Trophy—Again — During our January 18 meeting, **Gene Apuan**, chaplain of the Fort Collins Salvation Army and fellow club member, presented the Club with the Red Kettle award for collecting the most donations during the time we rang bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at the King Soopers in north Fort Collins.

Outstanding Programs — Our January programs have been outstanding.

- On January 4, **Krista Taylor** invited members of the Poudre Golden K Kiwanis Club of Fort Collins to attend our meeting. Their President-Elect, Jeannie Craft, gave a presentation on the good things they are doing for our community.
- On January 11, **Erica Romberg** invited her father, Greg Romberg, to discuss the history and outlook of the Colorado legislature.
- During our January 18 meeting, **Michael Baker** invited Nathan Dudson, Executive of the Adventure West Council of the Boy Scouts of America, to discuss their program and the various camps they operate in northern Colorado, Wyoming, and the panhandle of Nebraska.
- During our January 25 meeting, **Steve Railsback** invited Danielle Hir and Lucas Rojas, Co-Principals of the Poudre Community Academy, a charter school that strives to offer high school students a safe and supportive alternative setting for success in the classroom and life, to discuss their program.

All were outstanding programs.

February 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>

February 1 — Sarah Wasson -
Wellington/Waverly Kiwanis Club.

February 8 — Dan Hemphill —
Colorado Mission of Mercy (COMOM).

February 15 — Bill Thieman

February 22 — Carol Tunner

February 29 —

Upcoming Events

Sweet Dreams in a Bag — A packing event is scheduled for Sunday, February 4 at the Adriel Hills Clubhouse beginning at 4:30 p.m. This will be followed by a lasagna dinner and wine party. All Club members are invited.

Samaritan House — Dale Conant and Steve Railsback have volunteered to help serve dinner on February 12.

Rocky Mountain District Convention —
April 12-14, 2024, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Kiwanis International Convention —
July 2-5, 2024, Denver, Colorado.

Closing thought— To make dreams real, first you must have them.

