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## Newsletter

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During our May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, we celebrated the dedication of current Colorado State University CKI President, Brittani Meis. **Jack Gianola** presented her with a bouquet and we are all excited and proud that she will be graduating and is set to begin a professional career.



**Jack Gianola and Bob Hansen** with Colorado State University CKI President Brittani Meis.



**Vinny Leim** and the Poudre High School baseball team.

**More Great Programs — Vinny Leim** invited the Poudre High School baseball team to join us for our May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Led by Coaches Shawn Pitts and Joe Fontana, the team described how their participation made them stronger people. A check for \$5,000 was presented to the baseball team from our club and it was heartwarming to hear the coaches and players describe how the money will be used to support the athletes and how the team supports character building.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, **Bill Ciesla** gave a presentation on global climate change, a subject which could affect us all.

During our May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Paul Craft** invited Carol Ann Kates to address the Club. She shared her insider wisdom on Grocery Shopping Secrets. Mrs. Kates is the award-winning author of the book *Secret Recipes from the Corner Market*. The cookbook is a tribute to her family. Her father founded Steeles Market in Fort Collins.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Bill Durica** arranged for Kaitlyn Truelove and Matt Snyder of the Poudre Fire Authority to talk about the importance of providing CPR to victims of accidents or have severe health problems and have stopped breathing. They also provided the opportunity for Club members to practice CPR on dummies.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, **Bob Hansen** invited Brittani Mais to review her work with the Nashipai Maasi Project in Kenya.

**Walk for Multiple Sclerosis** — Several Eyeopeners participated in the annual Multiple Sclerosis walk on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Boardwalk Park in Windsor. Over \$114,000 was raised at this event. As in the past, **Dan Hemphill** organized this project.



*Kiwanis Eyeopeners' members participated in the annual walk for Multiple Sclerosis*

**Samaritan House** — **Michael Baker** and his wife, Lexxi, helped serve dinner at the Samaritan House on May 13<sup>th</sup>. They served a large number of people, including 12 young children.



**Timnath Safety Fair** — A number of Club members participated in the Timnath Safety Fair held May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Timnath Community Park. Nearly 200 copies of the Swimsuit Lesson Book were distributed at the event.

**2nd Sunday @ 5** - During May's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 5 meeting members, family members, and guests assembled birthday gift bags for kindergarten students at Putnam Elementary School. Thanks go to **Krista Taylor** for organizing this project.



*Kiwanians, family members, and guests assemble birthday gift bags for students at Putnam Elementary School.*

**Jim Packard**, a long time member of Kiwanis in California and a member of our Club passed away on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. A memorial service was held in Jim's honor at the Laporte Presbyterian Church and a huge crowd, including a large group from our Club attended. The memorial service was followed by a lunch at the church.



## Program Schedule

**June 6 — Dave Frick** — Dawn Downs from the Larimer County District Attorney's Office will address the group

**June 13 — Bob Garretson** — A review of the Taste of Fort Collins.

**June 20 — Jack Gianola**

**June 27 — Ryan Gloden**

## Upcoming Events

**Samaritan House** (Formerly the Mission) — **Sarah Wasson** and **Francis Aubuchon** have volunteered.

**Taste of Fort Collins** — June 8-9 2024.

**Kiwanis International Convention**, July 3-6, 2024, Denver, Colorado.

**Colorado Mission of Mercy (COMOM)** — Help with dental care for those who are unable to afford it. Thornton, Colorado, September 27-28, 2024.

**Closing thought** — Go confidentially in the direction of your dreams.

