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**Programs**—On August 1, **Nicole Lamb** presented the work of the Lemong'o Project to the Club. Lemong'o is a small village in southern Kenya, east Africa. Its people are of the Masai tribe, one of Kenya's more primitive tribes. The project attempts to bring education, nutrition, health, and employment to the younger members of this community. In addition to being poor, the area has suffered from an extreme drought during the past few years. As a result, there has been insufficient food and the children have been too weak to attend school. The Lemong'o Project has been trying to provide young children with sufficient food to where they can attend school.



Nicole Lamb with acting president Ryan Caldwell

During our August 8 meeting, we stuffed envelopes with medical forms for the upcoming COMOM event to be held in Thornton on September 27 and 28 under the general supervision of **Dan Hemphill**. On August 15, **Jim O'Neill** invited Linda Motter and Ashley Nichols of Family Home, an organization that supports families with adopted or foster children. During our August 22 meeting, **Vinnie Lelm** invited Kevin Krause of the Send Town Bike Club to present their work with bicycling and young children. The presentation and discussions following identified several opportunities for our Club to support their good work.



Kevin Krause (center) with **Ryan Caldwell** and **Vinnie Lelm.** 

On August 29, **Erica Romberg** invited Assistant District Attorney Lynzi Masa to discuss the dangers of the drug fentanyl.

**2nd Sunday @ 5** — Our Sunday meeting was held on August 11 at the home of **Krista Taylor.** After an absolutely delicious covered dish dinner, we continued stuffing envelopes for the COMOM event. About ten people (members and spouses) were present.



Kiwanis members enjoy a delicious covered dish supper at the 2nd Sunday @ 5 meeting





Kiwanis volunteers pack envelopes with medical forms for the September COMOM event

**Samaritan House—Michael Baker** and his wife, Lexxi, helped serve dinner at the Samaritan House on August 12.

## August Program Schedule

September 5 — Bob Svagr

September 12 — Bill Thieman

September 19 — Carol Tunner

September 26 — Sarah Wasson

**Closing thought** — If you can shape it in your mind, you will find it in your life.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Samaritan House** (Formerly the Mission) — September 9. **Francis Aubuchon** and her husband have volunteered to help serve.

**Fishing Derby** — Will take place on September 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Steve Railsback** is providing the leadership for this event.

**Installation Banquet** — Will take place at the home of **Larry Howell** on September 18 from 4-8 p.m.

**Interclub Windsor**—September 26 at 5 p.m. at the Roma Restaurant.

Colorado Mission of Mercy (COMOM) —

Help with dental care for those who cannot afford it. Thornton, CO, September 27-28, 2024.

