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2nd Sunday — On September 8, a 2nd Sunday @ 5 meeting was held at the home of **Sue Ayala**. As a service project we assembled gift packages of gloves and a candy bar for students at Putnam Elementary School. Nine members and spouses participated. Thanks go to **Frances Aubuchon** for organizing this project.



Members and members' spouses assemble gift packages for students at Putnam Elementary School

Installation Banquet — Our annual celebration of the installation of new officers, board members, and presentation of awards was again held at the home of **Larry Howell** on September 18. After Larry served a delicious dinner of prime rib, **Ryan Caldwell** and **Frances Aubuchon** installed new officers and board members, and presented awards to members who had performed outstanding service to the Club and our community.



A group of members, spouses and friends enjoy a delicious dinner at the Installation Banquet

Fishing Derby — On Saturday, September 21, we held our annual fishing derby at Sheldon Lake in City Park, Fort Collins. We provided rods, reels, tackle, and bait for a large number of youngsters. After fishing, we served hot dogs, hamburgers, and a variety of snacks. Thanks go to **Steve Railsback** for organizing this event.



Kids pick out a rod and reel for fishing.



Ryan Caldwell and Frances Aubuchon get ready to install board members and present awards



After a morning of fishing, hungry kids are served hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, and lots of snacks

Officers for the 2024-25 year are: **Ryan Caldwell**, Interim President; **Frances Aubuchon**, President Elect; **Ron Splittgerber**, Secretary; **David Frick**, Club Treasurer; and **Dan Hemphill**, Foundation Treasurer.

Board members are **Vinney Lelm**, **Richard Bacon**, **Jim O'Neill**, **David Frick** and **Dan Hemphill**.

Award winners were **Bob Hansen**, **Larry Howell**, **Vinney Lelm**, **Jack Gianola**, **Dan Hemphill**, **Bob Garretson**, **Richard Bacon** and **Jim O'Neill**.

COMOM — The Colorado Mission of Mercy (COMOM) dental clinic, held this year in Thornton, Colorado, was a huge success. There was a large number of dentist volunteers and a large number of patients who received free dental care. Kiwanis volunteers performed a number of duties and distributed copies of the Swimsuit Lesson book to children who were patients. Thanks go to **Dan Hemphill** for organizing our role in this important event.

Program Schedule

There are no programs in October. Instead, there will be discussions on ways to strengthen our Club.



Closing thought — If you want the rainbow, you must tolerate the rain.

Upcoming Events

October 6 — The 2nd Sunday @ 5 meeting will be held at the home of **Bob Hansen**.

October 7 — **Samaritan House** (Formerly the Mission) - **Carol Tunner** has agreed to help serve dinner.

October 19 — Annual cleanup of a one mile section of the Poudre River Trail in conjunction with the CSU Circle K Club. Interested participants should meet at the Silver Grill for breakfast before the project. **Jack Gianola** is organizing our role in this event.

November 3 — “Girls on the Run” event which will be held at Spring Canyon Park in Fort Collins. **Sarah Wasson** is organizing our role in this event.