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2nd Sunday @ 5 Meeting — On October 6, our 2nd Sunday @ 5 meeting was held at **Bob Hansen's** home. About 10 people, including spouses came. After a delicious pot luck dinner we assembled Halloween gift packages for students at the Putnam Elementary School and had a round table discussion about how to improve our club.



Participants at the 2nd Sunday @ 5 meeting assemble Halloween gift packages for students at Putnam Elementary School

Carol Tunner helped serve a meal at the Samaritan House on October 14. They prepared and served chicken, green beans and apple sauce to about 40 hungry people including three young children.

Poudre Trail Cleanup — On Saturday, October 19, four club members - **Jack Gianola, Bob Hansen, Paul Craft** and **Bill Ciesla**, plus eight members of the CSU Circle K cub met at the Silver Grill in downtown Fort Collins for a delightful breakfast followed by a cleanup of a section of the Poudre River Trail from Shields to Taft Hill. As usual, the dirtiest part of the trail were the parking lots; the trail itself was relatively free of trash.



Poudre Trail cleanup crew hallway between Shields and Taft Hill

The Future of our Club — During our October meetings we discussed the future of our Club. Some problems we are facing are:

1. Our membership is getting older. A high portion of our membership is over the age of 60 and retired.
2. Many of our younger members do not like meeting at a funeral home and fewer members are attending meetings. Although the meeting place at Allnutt Funeral Home is good and isn't costing us anything, we may need to find an alternative place that is more attractive to younger members.
3. We need to find ways at attract younger members.
4. Any ideas would be helpful.

Program Schedule

November 7 — **Bill Ciesla** will make a presentation how insects change in their body form over their life cycle.

November 14 — **Dale Conant**

November 21 — **Paul Craft**

November 28 — **Thanksgiving**

Upcoming Events

November 3 — The Club will once again participate in the "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.

November 11 — Frances Aubuchon and her husband Richard have volunteered to help serve at the Samaritan House.

December 7 — The Club has been invited to participate and help at the Children's Christmas Shop at the Laporte Presbyterian Church.

December 15 — The Club's **Christmas Party** will be held at the Adriel Hills Clubhouse.

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

