

THE EYEOPENER

Newsletter of the Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club

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New Format – My version of Publisher quit working because it was a demo. When I tried to get a new version from Microsoft, it would not download even though I was charged for it. The format I am using is from an old newsletter that I wrote from 2004 to 2007. I hope that all of you will find this version acceptable.

Alternate Meeting Place – During January, we will meet at the Salvation Army Headquarters located at 3901 South Mason Street in Fort Collins.

Little Free Library – A young children's library was installed by **Michael Baker, Bob Garretson, and Bob Hansen** at the Morningside Village Clubhouse, 4926 Northern Lights Drive in southeast Fort Collins. The library was part of a service project at the International Kiwanis Convention in Denver this past summer. Club members from around the world assembled about 20 libraries and were designed for distribution throughout the Rocky Mountain District.



Michael Baker, Bob Garretson, and Bob Hansen pose by the Little Free Library

Kids Christmas Gift Sale – Several of our members participated in a kid Christmas gift sale on December 7 at the LaPorte Presbyterian Church. The gifts were donated, and young children could purchase them for their parents and other relatives.

Samaritan House – **Jim O'Neill** and his wife, Jackie, helped serve dinner at the Samaritan House on the evening of December 9. They helped serve dinner to 38 people including several young children.



Jim (in mask) and Jackie O'Neill at the Samaritan House

Christmas Party – On December 15, our annual Club Christmas Party was held at the Adriel Hills clubhouse. Lisa Hansen, who recently got married, once again ran the white elephant gift giving. It was a great event. Thanks go to **Carol Tunner** and **Jim O'Neill** for organizing this delightful party.

Gingerbread Houses – This project was much smaller than in recent years. A number of gingerbread houses were made available to area Key Clubs and the finished products were to be delivered for display at the Bank of Colorado on Saturday, December 20. Unfortunately, only three houses were delivered to the bank.



Three gingerbread houses submitted by Fort Collins Key Clubs

JANUARY PROGRAMS – The following Club members are responsible for upcoming programs:

- **January 2** – Round table at Silver Grill
- **January 9** – Jack Gianola
- **January 16** – Bob Hansen
- **January 23** – Dan Hemphill
- **January 30** – Mike Herzig

UPCOMING EVENTS – Here is a list of upcoming projects and special Kiwanis events. Please mark them on your calendar and plan to participate:

- **January 12** – 2nd Sunday @ 5 meeting at the home of **Bill** and Pat **Ciesla**. As a service project, we will be assembling hats and gloves for the Samaritan House.

CLOSING THOUGHT – Obey gravity, it's the law.