

Welcome Aboard!

Welcome to the Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club of Fort Collins, CO! You have joined a group of energetic individuals, representing a cross section of our community. We are dedicated to making Fort Collins a better place through our volunteer activities. Our members are a close-knit group with strong bonds of friendship and fellowship. Therefore, the work we do is not only beneficial but lots of fun.

This brochure is designed to orient new members and people who are considering membership to the Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club and to the entire Kiwanis International family.

Who are we?

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Over 600,000 Kiwanis-family members in more than 90 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. Through these efforts, Kiwanis International truly is "Serving the Children of the World."



Enthusiastic youngsters land a trout during the annual Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club Fishing Derby

Kiwanis was founded in 1915 in Detroit, MI and our International headquarters are in Indianapolis, IN. The word "Kiwanis" is of

Native American origin and means, "to make a big noise." The noise we make is service to our communities and the world.

As a member of Kiwanis International, you are not only part of one club dedicated to serving your community but to a family of Kiwanians worldwide. Wherever you travel you are likely to find a Kiwanis Club at your destination. You are always welcome to attend a Club meeting, wherever you may be.

Our Club

The Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club was chartered on May 22, 1973. Our membership averages about 30 strong. Club officers consist of a President, Immediate Past President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The Club President's term of office is one year and the Club Secretary and Treasurer serve for a minimum of two years. We also have a Board of Directors that consists of the Club officers, the immediate Past President and five members at large. Our Board of Directors meets monthly and makes decisions concerning projects, funding and related activities. Several standing committees provide leadership to various activities. The Kiwanis year begins in October.

As a new member, you will soon be encouraged to take on a leadership role in our Club. You have opportunities to serve either as a committee chairperson, a member of our Board of Directors or as a Club officer. Several of our members have served as Lieutenant Governor, and oversee the activities of several area clubs.

We try to do at least one community service project per month. One of our Club's strong points is our spirit of fellowship, which increases the effectiveness of our projects and makes them fun. Take any three members out of our Club at random and we have an instant team to meet any challenge a project may offer.

What do we do for our community?

The Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club of Fort Collins takes on a number of service projects to help make our community a better place to live. While our emphasis is on projects that support children of all ages, we will take on just about

any type of project that benefits our community. Sometimes we partner with other service clubs or charitable organizations. We provide two types of service: volunteer time and monetary donations. Member's families are always welcome to participate in Club projects. Some examples of the community service projects in which we participate are:

Toys for Kids Christmas party
Rocky Mountain Region Science Bowl
Fishing Derby
Salvation Army bell ringing
Poudre River trail cleanup
Building bridges along hiking trails at Lory State Park

Rocky Mountain Region Science Bowl

In early February, the Rocky Mountain Region Science Bowl is held on the Campus of Colorado State University. This fast moving contest, which tests the level of knowledge of students from area high schools in science is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Association. An average of 24 teams of four students each compete and answer rapid-fire questions in fields such as astronomy, computer science, chemistry, physics and geology. The Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club and the CSU Circle K Club are key partners in the Science Bowl and provide about one third of the 100 volunteers needed to conduct the event. The winning team represents the Rocky Mountain Region in the National Science Bowl held each year in Washington D.C.



Sponsored Youth

Kiwanis Sponsored Youth Clubs introduce the concept of community service to middle school,

high school and college students. The Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club is the proud sponsor of two Sponsored Youth Clubs: the Circle K Club at Colorado State University and a Key Club at Rocky Mountain High School. We also help sponsor an Aktion Club in Fort Collins. Aktion Clubs are a part of the Kiwanis family designed for people with either physical or mental challenges who would like to serve their communities. These Clubs have their own service projects and also participate in our Club's projects.

Other projects

We take on a variety of other service projects and are always seeking new opportunities to support children and our community. For example, in 2007 our Club built a shelter along the Mason street trail to provide shade and a place to rest for bikers and pedestrians. As a new member, we encourage you to find new project opportunities for our Club.



Eyeopener's construct a shelter on the Mason Street Trail

How do we fund our service projects?

Our Club conducts several fund raising events each year to provide the money we need to support our community service activities.

Each June, Fort Collins' excellent and varied restaurants offer their favorite dishes at a gala outdoor festival known as Taste of Fort Collins. The festival is accompanied by a small carnival and live music. A portion of the profits of Taste

of Fort Collins supports the Special Olympics for the physically and mentally challenged. Our Club has participated in Taste of Fort Collins for a number of years by operating a several beverage tents. The profits we make at Taste of Fort Collins are recycled back into the community through our service projects.

Our Club contracts with the Western Area Power Association, the main sponsor of the Rocky Mountain Region Science Bowl, to provide all of the refreshments for this event on a cost plus basis. This provides another source of funds for our service projects.

Another source of funds for our Club is the Greek Festival in Old Town Fort Collins sponsored by St. Spyridon Orthodox Christian Church of Loveland. The festival includes typical Greek foods and pastries, music and dancing. Our Club assists by working in the kitchen and helping to serve food.

What will it cost to be a member of the Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club?

Cost of membership in the Eyeopener's Kiwanis Club includes a combination of Club, District and International dues and the cost of breakfast. Total cost of membership in our Club is about \$460 per year, billed quarterly at \$115. Roughly 75% of the costs cover the breakfast served during our weekly meetings.

I would like to become a member, what do I do?

Attend one or more of our regular meetings and be our guest for breakfast. We meet every Tuesday morning at 6:45 AM at the Columbine Café and Bakery, 802 West Drake Road, Fort Collins. During each meeting we have a program, often by a member of another service organization in hopes that we can partner with them for a project.

Still interested? Our Club secretary will give you an application for membership. It will be the easiest form you ever completed. Welcome aboard!

As a new member of our Club, what is expected of me?

You have just become part of an active and dynamic club. As a new member, we expect you to attend weekly meetings on a regular basis and participate in our service projects. You will also be expected to pay your Club dues in a timely manner.

We hope you will soon be willing to take on a leadership role in our Club such as organizing a service project, serving as chair of one of our committees, serving on the Club Board of Directors or as a Club officer. We also encourage you to invite your friends, professional colleagues and other associates to our meetings and encourage them to also become members of our Club.



Installation of a new member is always a special event in our Club

Most important, we hope that you will enjoy the fellowship of our Club and have fun participating in ALL of our activities.

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Information for New
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