… on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, you missed a very informative presentation by our own **M.D. Kinoti** who told us about the plight of the Tea industry in Kenya.

For a very informative video, click this link: *The Mouths that Eat from Tea* - [bit.ly/KenyaTea](http://bit.ly/KenyaTea)

**President Barbara** opened the meeting at 7:10 a.m.  **Loren,** our Family of Rotary Rotarian, led us in the Pledge. **Caitlin** presented a very meaningful and thankful invocation. **President Barbara**, being on top of things, then jumped right in and introduced our very efficient Secretary, **Ryan Holocher**, who introduced guest speaker, **M.D. Kinoti**. and our other guest speaker, **Tim Keane**, Dean of the Business school at Regis.

 **President’s Announcements:**

* **Barbara** reviewed the upcoming calendar. See the ***EarlyWord*** newsletter on our website for details.

**Other Announcements:**

* **Ed** updated us about the upcoming Open World program. He showed some very interesting pictures about the program from last year. He encouraged 5 of us to volunteer to host the individuals this year.
* **Brian** told us about Bowling coming a week from this Saturday. Call **Brian** to sign up. Flower Power will take place on Feb. 15th with a distribution. Call **Brian** again, to sign up. Skiing on February 11. Sign up for that. Brian also told us about a fundraiser the Broomfield Club is doing.
* **Caitlin** reminded us about the Wine Stomp on Feb. 18 at 6:00 pm at Spero Winery. Spaghetti and Meatballs will be featured at the Italian buffet dinner.
* **Loren** will donate $50 to the 7:10 Rotary Foundation if every member finds a way to pay his or her dues by the end of January! Let’s git’er done!

**Mac**, our Sgt. at Arms this week, made some sizable extractions from the few energetic Rotarians who attended the meeting. Don’t forget, you can makeup missed meetings at any of the Rotary Clubs in our area. Get the app, **Rotary *Club Locator***, for your smart phone. You will find clubs you can attend located all over the world.

**Loren** was extolled by **President Barbara** who thanked him for being an important member of the 7:10 Rotary Club and who has shown us the Service Above Self motto. His prolific profile as the Family of Rotary Rotarian can be found on the front page of the Bemis award winning, Frameable, Ineluctable, ***EarlyWord*** newsletter which was profusely available on all of the tables in its elegant 11x17" format. It can also be found on the 7:10 web site at: [www.westminster710rotary.org/newsletter.cfm](http://www.westminster710rotary.org/newsletter.cfm).

**President Barbara** presented our next Rotary member who answered the question, ***Why I’m A Rotarian***. **Eric Mott** gave a moving talk about what Rotary means to him.

**Joe T.** had a Thought for the Day.

 We closed the meeting right on time with a rousing rending of The Four Way Test.

 Yours in Rotary Service, Loren