

# MEDA COLORADO CHAPTER

SUMMER DINNER EVENT

AUGUST 24, 2018

The MEDA Chapter event was hosted by Vern and Carla Stoltzfus in the delightful backyard of their home with a social hour, barbeque dinner and program to follow.

37 members and guests attended on a beautiful summer evening. A brief business meeting was held to report a grant of \$4,000 donated for Colorado Chapter first time attenders to the MEDA Annual Convention in Indianapolis in November. Brad and Marylou Shelly and Teresa Troester-Falk were awarded scholarships and will be reporting of their impressions back to the Chapter meeting in late November.

Tom Bishop introduced new Chapter attendees to the group from Nebraska and Greeley.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Jennifer King, Senior Project Manager responsible for managing market-driven projects integrating women of small scale producers, farmers and business owners into a viable market system. She manages one of the newest women's projects in Myanmar with a goal of serving 25,000 women farmers over the next five years. The MEDA Colorado Chapter has been contributing to this project for the past 3 years. Several members of our Chapter have visited the project first hand as part of the MEDA sponsored bike tour to Myanmar last fall.

Over the last three years the MEDA Colorado Chapter has donated over \$100,000 designated to the Myanmar project which has been an important part of our giving to MEDA International.

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