



## ***THE SPOKES SPEAK - GEARED TO SERVICE***

### **Rotary Club of the North Fork Valley**

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Meeting Thursdays at Noon in the Paonia Town Hall

District 5470

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**LAST MEETING: March 21, 2019**

President Heck presided.

Guest: No guests

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

NEED PRESIDENT ELECT for 2020-2021

Felix is moving Monday.

The “Bucket” that we collect birthday and anniversary monies and Happy Bucks raise approximately \$1,000 per year, which goes toward Rotary scholarships.

Felix announced that KVNF Fund Drive was exceeded by a significant amount.

Key Guest: None today

#### **Program:**

Program: Karri introduced Lori Lenhart who is the Outreach and Enrollment Manager for the PACE Programs in both Montrose and Delta Counties. PACE stands for “Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly”.

Senior CommUnity Care is Western Colorado’s PACE provider; supported by Medicare, Medicaid and private payers and run by Volunteers of America in Delta County. It is a non-profit organization where people 55 years and older can benefit. PACE tries to keep people living in their own homes because people want to stay in their own homes as they get older; they don’t want to go to nursing homes and it’s cheaper for the government. There are currently 45K people on the PACE Program. 100% of the costs are paid for those participants who are approved for the PACE Program, including but not limited to transportation, day centers in

Delta and Montrose, help with hearing aids, dentures, glasses, physical and occupational therapy, medications, nursing and nursing facilities and assisted living.

The requirements to be approved for the PACE Program are:

- \* Functional component—they must have chronic health issues preventing some of the activities for daily living and/or cognitive issues and
- \* Financial component—they must earn <\$2300/month and have few assets.

In the Montrose and Delta Counties, there are 325 people participating. There are a lot of people who qualify for PACE but they don't know about it. Every day 10000 people turn 65 in the United State of America. The PACE Program have buses which take participants to clinic appointments and activities. (They have gone all the way to Denver!) The PACE Program has few volunteers—most of the workers are paid.

Q: Is there a limited budget that limits number of participants?

A: No, there's not a limited budget keeping participants out of the program however, each person's Medicare/Medicaid dollars go to the PACE Program.

Q: Can people keep their own doctors?

A: Yes, most doctors in the area are participating in the program. PACE receives a lot of referrals from doctors.

Q: How do you connect with ADRC?

A: They are different programs but they work closely with PACE. They do have an Advantage Program, which offers free resources for any age.

Upcoming: PACE participants are pretty sick people. On average the participants spend the last 3 years of life in the PACE Program, so they came up with an idea for an experimental program called "One Simple Wish". They have an annual fundraiser to support this program.

Some of the things people wished for as shown on video:

- \* Ride a zipline – the participant chickened out on this one, but went hot air ballooning in Ridgway instead
- \* Hold a bald eagle
- \* See geysers in Yellowstone
- \* See grandkids in Kentucky
- \* Take each day as it comes
- \* Enjoy a day of gaming (at Vegas)
- \* Mentor young people

- \* Have endless art supplies
- \* Restore a 1956 pickup truck
- \* Visit mother one more time
- \* Drive the California coast
- \* Go to horse races
- \* Get a needed transplant
- \* Attend a choral concert and see an art museum
- \* Fishing and hunting in Grand County
- \* See her sister before losing eyesight
- \* Learn to play Amazing Grace on the piano
- \* Police ride along
- \* Travel to Denver to see son
- \* Spend quality time with family
- \* See a pro tennis match
- \* Train dog to become therapy dog
- \* Fly an airplane - this one came true in partnership with Angel Flight (retired pilots)
- \* Be content with life
- \* Go skydiving – got tandem jump funded.
- \* Play with puppies – found breeder who had puppies to play with.

PACE was really surprised at what people asked for. They raised \$11K and have done 24 wishes. 5 more wishes are waiting for funding. PACE is having a fundraiser on May 10, 2019 at the Montrose Pavilion with the Hazel Miller Band and Special Guest Chris Daniels, Pre-Show Concert and Silent Auction with Music by Donny Morales. (Posters were passed out). PACE is hoping to raise \$20K (have \$12K already). General admission tickets available at PACE Centers or reserved and general admission tickets online at: [ageoutloud.voa.org](http://ageoutloud.voa.org). If questions or assistance, call 970-417-5670.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- 3/28/19: Robbie LeValley speaking about Ranching in Western Colorado (James Schott)**
- 4/4/19: TBD (Glenn Dahlgren)**
- 4/11/19: DCMH: Jason Cleckler, CEO and Jacque Davis, head of Marketing and Communications (Marsha Grant)**
- 4/18/19: TBD (Mike Heck)**
- 4/25/19: TBD (Ulli Lange)**
- 5/2/19: TBD (Bob Lario)**
- 5/9/19: Business Meeting**
- 5/16/19: TBD (Norm Lewark)**
- 5/23/19: TBD (Jackie Parks)**
- 5/30/19: Potluck**
- 6/6/19: TBD (Kevin Parks)**
- 6/13/19: TBD (John Coombe)**
- 6/20/19: TBD (SEI)**
- 6/27/19: Swearing in of new President and BOD**



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