

Adams County Aging Network

Lighting the Way to Positive Aging in Adams County



ACAN Newsletter

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JANUARY 2025 ACAN Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Thornton Community Connections Center

9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO

We've made some changes to our newsletter as you can see. Please scroll down through the entire document to see all the important information, including upcoming events.

January 8, 2025 Presentation

Jayla Sanchez-Warren and Erika Dubray

DRCOG Area Agency on Aging

The Area Agency on Aging plays a vital role in supporting older adults and their caregivers in the region. Since their establishment, these agencies have been instrumental in developing and funding essential infrastructure for older adults, including transportation systems, nutrition programs, senior centers and County Councils on Aging.

They provide funding and services to older adults, assess current needs, and plan for future requirements. Additionally, they work to secure resources and advocate for policies that enable individuals to live as independently as possible.

During the presentation, AAA staff will update us on the services funded and provided in Adams County. They will discuss recent changes in Federal Law, current challenges, new priorities and strategies being pursued to increase funding for the region's older adults.

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December 4, 2024

Attendance: 25

Diana Morefield, ACAN Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Attendees were treated to a holiday feast put on by Shari Haidvogel, Linda Stumpp and

Innovage.

Diana presented gifts to Greg Kahler and Debbie and Bill Watson for their contributions to our group this year. Other Board members were acknowledged.

At this meeting, attendees around the room introduced themselves, and gave information about their organization. Diana asked participants to talk about “What was on their mind that morning?”

Some impressions from the meeting were:

One attendee said, “ACAN is a great group with tremendous amount of knowledge and compassion. Secondly another said, “The food was great, and networking and sharing of our stories was powerful” A third said, “The event was filled with heart felt messages. ACAN is an amazing group of compassionate and caring group of people that values each other”. *We are THAT community of people who provide information and resources to Seniors.*

2024 Summary:

- **2 ACAN Resource Fairs: Community Connections Center in Thornton and at Bison Ridge in Commerce City.**

- ACAN members: 54 business, 11 board members, and several Seniors that come regularly.
- ACAN newsletters are being sent out to approximately 240 people.
- THANK YOU FOR MAKING ACAN A SUCCESS!

Wonderful Treats and Company Thanks to All!



Meeting Door Prize Winners



Our Meeting Door Prize Winners Mary Beth B. and Jill W. received the Mary Beth B. and Jill W. received the poinsettia door prizes.

ACAN Annual Membership

If you are a participant in our monthly meetings or a current member you should have received our current Membership Form. ACAN Membership is an annual membership.

Individual membership:

Monthly educational presentations, exposure to resources for seniors, monthly newsletter, and advanced notice of the ACAN Senior Conference.

Business membership:

Includes all of the above plus opportunity for advertising in the monthly newsletter, discount on ACAN Senior Conference exhibitor fee of 10%, list of members on the website, and contact information for all business members. Please contact the ACAN coordinator for more information on the advertising opportunity.

Annual dues are:

Individual over 60	FREE
Individual membership, under 60	\$20
Nonprofit agency	\$35
For profit business	\$65

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