

# **Adams County Aging Network**

*Lighting the Way to Positive Aging in Adams County*



## **ACAN Newsletter**

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**ACAN Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 4, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.**  
**Thornton Community Connections Center**  
**9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO**  
**Presentation by Lorrie Spoering**  
**Colorado Talking Book Library**

Colorado Talking Book Library is part of the Colorado State Library, in the Colorado Department of Education. While we're physically located in Denver, CTBL Serves nearly 7,000 individuals across Colorado, making reading accessible in every county in the state, for people of all ages. We provide these services as part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. We provide audio, large print, and braille for all qualifying residents, completely free of charge. This means that no person has to go without the magic of books—we're here to support you!

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**Adams County Aging Network Meeting**  
**Thornton Community Connections Center**  
**May 7, 2025**

Attendance: 22

Diana Morefield, ACAN Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees introduced themselves and made announcements around the room. Liv Bergman gave a report on DRCOG.

# **AllWays Supportive Care (formally the Guide program)**

## **Presentation by Tessa Scott**

Tessa talked about dementia and what we know about it today. It affects 2 or more parts of the brain, progresses over time and is qualified as a terminal illness. Alzheimer's dementia, vascular, lewy body and fronto-temporal are some types of disease. Where the damage occurs in the brain determines such symptoms as language and communication skills, as well as speaking, and behaviors. There is no cure currently; however, lots of research is on the horizon.



The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services was the birthplace for the Guide program, and it develops and tests healthcare payment and service delivery models. Its purpose is to improve the quality of life for those living with dementia and reduce strain on their unpaid caregivers. It is free to qualifying participants! To qualify, one needs an original Medicare plan and a dementia diagnosis. AllWays Supportive Care provides symptom management with connections to community resources, dementia specialized patient navigators, ongoing support through the illness progression, caregiver education and training, 24/7, access to an on-call social worker, advanced care planning, long term care planning and \$2500. towards in-home respite services. They partner with several organizations in the community as well.

Contact Information: AllWays Supportive Care: 720-295-1844  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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## Monthly Meeting Door Prize Winner

At every monthly meet ACAN holds a drawing for joining us. So, in addition to meeting lots of great people and learning about an aging issue or service you may go home with something unexpected and special!

Our gift certificate winner in May was Don Opeka who can help you understand reverse mortgage loans at his firm, Orion Mortgage



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## ACAN UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

All Meeting are held at 9:00 a.m. at the Thornton Community Connections Center, 9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO.

June 4--Lorrie Spoering - Colorado Talking Book Library

June 23-- Joint Meeting with ACCOA in Byers

July 2 --Shari Haidvogel, Archwell Health

August 6 -- Linda Stumpp, Innovage

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## ACAN MEMBERSHIP

**ACAN Membership is an annual membership. For further information or to join today click the email below.**

**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

We request that members pay dues, but do not restrict our meetings or mailings to dues-paying members. Advertising is restricted to dues-paying members. Make checks payable to ACAN and mail to the newsletter return address or email [acancoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:acancoordinator@gmail.com).

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## **ACAN Board of Directors**

**All Meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. at the Thornton Community Connections Center, 9471 Dorothy Blvd., Thornton, CO.**

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