

Mesa Developmental Services Marilee Langfitt & Jeff Nichols



Our Presenters today are Marilee Langfitt, Director of Mesa Developmental Services (MDS). MDS is a nonprofit providing support services to approximately 600 children and adults in Mesa County with developmental disabilities and their families. Services vary by needs of the individual from minimal supports to assist people who live independently in the community, to 24/7 total care via staffed group homes; and a variety of training, vocational and therapeutic day services.

Jeff Nichols moved here with his family 18 months ago to be the CEO of MDS. He has worked in the developmental disability field for 18 years, primarily in Sioux Falls, South Dakota as the Chief Financial Officer and Operations Manager for an organization similar to MDS but serving a larger population and geographic area.

Marilee Langfitt has been with MDS for 15 years. She has worked in the public relations field for 21 years, all for nonprofit human service organizations.. She also teaches History and Impact of Media in the Mass Communications Department at Mesa State College.

The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Reed Mitchell

Our fearless Mr. Coolness opened the meeting early as he had two (count 'em) 2 programs to get through. Our Miss Gwen (Cutie Pie) prayed for us and David offered some lame excuse about his good pants being at the dry cleaners and that he was unable to find a new pair for the measly \$53 bucks the club donated to the **pet pants project**. He shopped around a bit but got so frustrated he just used the cash for a couple Martinis. That's what I'd've done too David. Miss Jeanie then tried to play along with the four leaf clover song the King made us caterwaul but she somehow forgot the tune. It's such an obscure song everyone understood her fumbli! and she was instantly forgiven.

Calendars:

Hurry, Hurry, There's only 1197 Legends of Rotary Calendars left get one for everyone you know, 16 months of fun and their full of your favorite handsome Rotarians. **See Reed for yours.**

Visit other Clubs:

Dennis (won't go away) Baker asks those who wish to visit another club to come on Tuesday to the Wine Country Inn in Palisade at 7:30 a.m. to visit the new Club *there*. He'll be there waiting for you!

Happy Bucks:

- **Earl (smiley) Reed** has two million happies for getting a job. We're waiting for the check to clear.
- **Kathy O'Shea** had \$2 for our pal Gene'O receiving a lifetime good guy award, Standing "O"
- **Jan (bird gal)** had \$5 biggies for her birds winning a race in South Africa, Jane's birds are fast!
- **Gene (Good guy) Taylor** gave us a thank you and offered \$50 bucks just because.
- **Chris (impending doom) Unfug** had \$10 for the K& T's concert to be at Ropers on the 19th.
- **Tommy Hunn** made the same announcement but with graphics, (he was much more effective)

Announcements:

- His Coolness did the usual "Let's replace Dennis Pretti" speech but with just a bit more earnestness.
- Someone mentioned Dean Massy running up stairs at St Mary's new tower and Dianne Schwenke at the same job for 20 year. Those secret Chamber meetings must be really healthy!

Mr. Wizard: A devoted reader asks; "What's wrong with not drinking alcohol?"

Mr. Wizard says – Abstinence is fine--- if practiced in moderation...

Warner's Corner



Today's program - our annual Spouse Recognition/Valentine's Day celebration - is always a fun event. It's a time to fete our sweethearts and recognize their importance in our lives.

We also pause to remember, in a special way, the spouses of members who are no longer with us. We honor their memory as well.

I continue to be amazed at how quickly this Rotary year is rolling along. I'm already concerned that it is flying by too swiftly. This year's program committee, headed by Barbara Bowman, chairperson, and co-chair, Gwen DeCino, is performing at a high level. They deserve a hat's off salute from all of us for their efforts.

The second annual "tailgate party" a couple of weeks ago was both fun and productive as it serves an important function as our committee recruitment and sign-up session. (Note to committee: let's have a real "school fight song challenge" from our fired up alums next year. Although Colorado edged Nebraska this year, it would have been even more of a hoot if there had been at least a half dozen entrants.)

One last note, we will hold our February board of directors meeting on Wednesday, February 24. The regular third Wednesday of the month (February 17) falls on Ash Wednesday this year. Many folks have church services that day so we'll move the board session back a week so as not to be in conflict. As usual, we'll meet at 5 p.m. at Hospice.

Thanks again to all of you for making this the best Rotary club around!

The Programs:

There were two programs this day:

- **The first program** was a segment by a couple local hero gals going to Haiti to doctor up the injured folks there. They told a compelling story and now we've heard first hand that those folks really need our help and we've got the means to step up and do so. It'd be a good time to write a check and give it to Mr. Pretti. Imagine going to an emergency room in a junk yard!!!

- **The Second Program** was an introduction to the fabulous new St. Mary's Century project by Cherie Gorby the COO. This reporter will go undercover next week and try out the new facilities and report back our findings. The pictures she brought look fabulous and the new helicopter pad appears very inviting. Cherie also noted the average age of a nurse is 47 nowadays. We think they're all still very cute in those little white cotton dresses. But we digress....



Saint Mary's COO Cherie Gorby gets the club up to date the hospital's Century Project and other projects.

Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Barb Bowman and Gwen DeCino
Program Committee Co-Chairpersons**

February 17 Math & Science Center
Robin Maddox

**February 24 World Understanding & Peace
Day/Rotary's Anniversary**
Susan Oupadia from Motherly

Home

Upcoming Meetings

February 10 Rotary Youth Exchange
Meeting 11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

February 17 Rotary Board Meeting
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

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