



## CHANGES, THE HOLIDAYS, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

What do all of these items have in common? Nothing at first glance, but when we consider the upcoming holidays, think of how your own holidays have changed since you were five years old. Chances are that when you were five, you only thought of presents coming for Christmas and unless you were quite precocious, there was no thought as to what you would present to others for Christmas. That's just the natural order of things. If you were brought up believing in Santa Claus, there's a likelihood that, at some point, you learned the cold, cruel truth and were devastated, at least for a while...perhaps 17 minutes.

Then, when you began to receive an allowance, you may have been steered, as I was, to the local bank to open up a Christmas Club account and you visited that bank faithfully, every week, to deposit your quarter or fifty cents into the account. At some point, you figured out that the crafty banker was not paying a cent of interest on your hard-earned (or begged) money and you would be better served by just using a savings account to build up the shopping funds all year long AND receive some interest!

So, this all involves changes. Your belief system changed when you learned the truth about Santa Claus, but how was it handled? Did you learn from one of the other kids on the playground, and, even though you had already begun to find the whole Santa thing a bit unbelievable, you fought it tooth and nail; or did your parents, sensing the truth was going to come out sooner or later, decide that it may be better if they could control the dissemination of truth in their time and their way?

When was the last time you had a peanut butter & jelly sandwich? Did you awaken one morning and decide that yesterday's PB&J would be your last, that your tastes had changed overnight and you realized that "adult" food would be your new staple?

Change is defined as, "the act or instance of making or becoming different." Some folks see change as a bad thing and, I'll agree that at certain times and in certain instances, change can absolutely be an unwelcome guest. So, what is happening with PACE and the combining of PICE and other interchange groups? It is change and many of us have a hard time dealing with change. Will there be a learning curve? Small changes aren't too hard to deal with and from what Mike has shared with the board members, the changes are small. So, we need to weigh out the balance of benefit to change. Will the ratio of benefit outweigh the bother of change? Most certainly! We hear from some members that with declining participation in PACE, they feel that the benefits of membership have declined. With the enlarged group of sharing which will come from this merger, we feel you will find that no longer a concern. Embrace the change!

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