



BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

Chapter Web Site: <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>

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Getting Started

Chapter 1100 of AARP is getting started again after being inactive since March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. Chapter Officer vacancies are being filled, activities planned, such as a picnic in July, & informational programs are being scheduled. (See list of planned programs below.) We are looking forward to bouncing back from the pandemic stronger than ever.

The January Chapter meeting featured two special presentations, after the traditional buffet lunch & a short business meeting. Martha Lovell discussed The Honor Flights of Southern Colorado which honors the service of all military veterans. The Honor Flights to Washington D.C. are conducted as a way of saying Thank You to all veterans, regardless of military branch or length of service, who have been Honorably Discharged. The three day all expenses paid trip is arranged through The Honor Flight of Southern Colorado, a local non-profit 501c3 charity. Veterans interested in participating in a Honor Flight & individuals who would like to volunteer to assist in this worthy cause can contact Martha Lovell at 719.232.9803 or visit their website <https://honorflightsoco.net>.

Then Ray Rozak provided a handout with a comprehensive list of Emergency Kit items suggested for individuals to have in their car when they travel. He noted several recent situations where people were stranded for many hours on major roads due to weather or traffic conditions without even the basic survival items of food or water. The lists Ray provided, & more information on the Honor Flights, are available on the Chapter Activities page of the Chapter 1100 web site, <https://www.aarpchapter1100blackforest.com>

Below are the Programs Ray Rozak has arranged for 2022:

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| ◇ February 9th | The Black Forest Fire Chief will talk about "Home Safety and Evacuation Routes" |
| ◇ April 13th | Fire extinguisher training. Outside - weather permitting |
| ◇ May 11th | Lori Morgan from UCHHealth will present the "Stop the Bleed - Save a Life" session |
| ◇ June 8th | Mountain View Electric will explain about downed wires, what to do & what not to do |
| ◇ October 12th | Lori Morgan from UCHHealth will present a "Falls and Balance" program |
| ◇ November 9th | Medicare |
| ◇ December 14 | TBD |

All programs tentative and Subject to change.

Thanks Ray!

AARP TAX-AIDE 2022 SCHEDULE:

Thanks to Bill Avery, former District Coordinator, and Melody Boshaw, current District Coordinator, for supplying the Tax-Aide schedule on page 2.

- According to the "AARP BULLETIN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022 - 498 volunteers served 18,941 taxpayers at 43 sites in 2021, helping them collect \$12.9 million in refunds.
- **Appointments are required - refer to the Site's phone numbers listed on page 2 of this newsletter.**
- "In addition, people who buy software to prepare their own returns may receive coaching from a Tax-Aide volunteer by phone or by sharing their forms via computer screen."

FEBRUARY 9TH MEETING INFO:

Host & Hostess: Lin and Ray Rozak. Greeters: Sharon & Ken Fulton. Thank you all!

MENU SCHEDULE: A thru D bring Side Dish/Salad. E thru O bring Dessert. P thru W bring Main Entrée

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE

02/01/2022 - 04/18/2022

We're the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service. We work with low- to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 50 and older, to help them get all the deductions and credits they deserve. Our help is FREE and individualized with no strings attached. This

SITE NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	Schedule	Phone Number	Start Date
COSPGS SENIOR CENTER	1514 N HANCOCK AVE	COLORADO SPRINGS	12:00PM-5:00PM	-	12:00PM-5:00PM	-	-	-	Appts.	719-955-3400	2/2/2022
COSPGS WESTSIDE COMM CTR	1628 W BIJOU ST	COLORADO SPRINGS	8:30AM-1:00PM	-	-	8:30AM-1:00PM	-	-	Appts.	719-749-6138	2/7/2022
COSPGS SUNNYSIDE CHURCH	2025 N MURRAY BLVD	COLORADO SPRINGS	9:30AM-2:30PM	9:30AM-2:30PM	-	-	-	-	Appts.	719-237-2246	2/1/2022
NORTH COSPGS LIBRARY 21C	1175 CHAPEL HILLS DR	COLORADO SPRINGS	-	9:00AM-6:00PM	-	9:00AM-6:00PM	-	-	Appts.	719-235-6757	2/1/2022
COSPGS SILVER KEY SENIOR SERVICES	1655 S. MURRAY BLVD	COLORADO SPRINGS	-	-	9:00AM-3:00PM	9:00AM-3:00PM	-	-	Appts.	719-985-1309	2/9/2022
MT CARMEL VETERANS CENTER	530 COMMUNICATION CIR	COLORADO SPRINGS	-	-	10:00AM-3:00PM	-	-	-	Appts	719-772-7000	2/2/2022
MOUNTAIN VIEW UMC	1101 RAMPART RANGE RD	WOODLAND PARK	-	-	1:00PM-5:00PM	-	-	-	Appts.	719-437-9885	2/16/2022
FOUNTAIN VALLEY COMM CTR	5725 SOUTHMOOR DR	FOUNTAIN	-	-	8:00AM-3:00PM	-	-	-	Appts	719-508-2635	2/2/2022

What to Bring? ■ Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents ■ Colorado Driver's License or ID Card ■ Copy of last year's income tax return ■ W-2 forms for each employer ■ Unemployment Compensation statements ■ SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits ■ All 1099 Forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-MISC, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends, as well as documentation showing the original purchase price or basis of any assets sold ■ Any 1099-R forms, if you received a pension or annuity ■ All forms indicating federal income tax paid ■ Childcare provider information (name, address, employer ID or Social Security number) ■ Receipts or canceled checks, totalled by category, if itemizing deductions ■ Forms 1095, Health Care Coverage Checkbook, if you desire to have Direct Deposit.

What We Can Prepare

- **1040** with Schedules A, B, and D
- **Schedule C** up to \$25,000 expenses (no employees, no inventory, no losses or depreciation, etc.)
- **Schedule EIC** and **EIC Worksheets**
- **1099-NEC** (nonemployee compensation is reported on Schedule C)
- **1099-MISC (box 1 or 2)** - rents, royalties, reported on Schedule E with no expenses, depreciation or depletion)
- **1099-MISC (box 3)** other income is reported on 1040 Line 21)
- **1040-ES** (Estimated Payments)
- **1095-A, B or C** (Affordable Care Act)
- **2441** (Child & Dependent Care)
- **5405** (Repayment of First Time Home Buyers Credit)
- **8283**, Second A, Part I - noncash contributions to charity exceeding \$500 but less than \$5,000
- **8606** (Nondeductible IRA) Part I
- **8812** (Additional Child Tax Credit)
- **8880** (Qualified Savings Credit)
- **8863** (Education Credits)
- **8949** (Sales or Disposition of Assets)
- **8965** (Affordable Care Act Health Coverage Exemptions)
- **8962** (Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credit)
- **8379** (Injured Spouse)
- **9465** (Installment Agreement)
- **1040X** (Amended Returns, if trained in tax year amended)
- **Schedule K-1** that provides information only for interest, dividends, capital gain distributions and royalties (Schedules B, C, E)
- **Cancellation of Credit Card/Consumer Debt - 1099-C**
- **Health Savings Account - 1099-SA and Form 8889**

What We Cannot Prepare

- **Schedule C** (Business Profit and Loss) if business had a net loss, or expenses exceed \$25,000
- **Complicated Schedule D** without proper paperwork (Capital Gains and Losses)
- **Schedule E** (Rental Property) with expenses, including depreciation
- **Schedule F** (Farm Income)
- **2106** (Employee Business Expenses)
- **3903** (Moving Expenses)
- **Portions of Schedules A and B** that are not included in our training
- **Schedule K-1** that involves depreciation or deductible expenses
- **Other rental income or business income**

AARP Foundation is a charitable affiliate of AARP, focusing on struggling people 50 and over, so they can regain their confidence as good providers and members of their communities. We understand the needs of older and low- to moderate- income taxpayers, especially as the U.S. tax code has become more and more complicated. **Note - AARP membership is not required, and there are no age limits.**

Retirement or other life changes may mean you can't file a 1040EZ form anymore. You may have a relative who's now a dependent. Or you may have lost a spouse who always did the taxes in your family. We'd like to help.

When you go to an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site, you don't have to deal with a kiosk or go online. You'll get personal attention from IRS-certified Counselors until your taxes are completed. We even transmit your returns directly to the IRS.

ONLINE ROMANCE SCAMS

Especially in the past few years, online dating & social media sites have become one of the most popular ways for people of all ages to connect with new friends & potential lovers. While many people have good intentions when meeting others online, scammers also increasingly use these sites & apps (ex. Facebook, Instagram, Words with Friends, etc.) to obtain money, gifts or personal information.

When meeting people online, it is important that you always consider the possibility that the person you are chatting with is not the person they claim to be. The following are some "red flags" to help determine if the person who you are chatting with is a scammer:

- ◇ You are asked to send money, purchase gift cards, send goods (ex. a phone or computer) or even open a bank account before meeting in person.
- ◇ They are contacting you from thousands of miles away, have inconsistent information in their profile and/or they have an unrealistic photo.
- ◇ You are asked to move the conversation outside of the dating website to a messenger app (like Hangouts or WhatsApp), phone, text or email.
- ◇ They ask you for personal information such as your bank account, credit card number or Social Security number.
- ◇ They express strong emotions toward you very early.

If you recognize any of these warning signs or suspect unusual behavior, report it to the website's administrator and cease all communication immediately. If you have any questions, contact an AARP ElderWatch volunteer for information and assistance.

800-222-4444

www.aarpelderwatch.org

CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Health Care: Wash your hands. Waldo has a list of members willing to loan walkers, etc. so if you need one, or have one to loan, please contact him. If you have questions check with Waldo.

Sunshine: No cards were sent out this past month. Glad everyone's well! (Electa is the Sunshine Committee & can be reached at 596-6787. Please call her directly so she doesn't hear about a member second hand.)

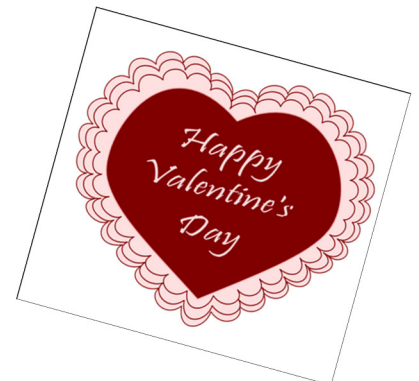
Visit the Chapter website at <http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com/> so you too can see the latest Chapter information & upcoming events. **THIS IS ESPECIALLY USEFUL NOW. Stan has updated the website. Check it out!**

*******ANNUAL DUES TO BE PAID BY END OF FEBRUARY. Those not paid will be dropped from the roster.**

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