



BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

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

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Here's a few pictures from **our 9/14 lunch at the Texas T-Bone Steakhouse**. Good meal with good friends!



CHRISTMAS MENU SCHEDULE

The Chapter will supply the protein - Brisket from Dickey's Barbecue

And Lori is bringing the chicken

A thru K: bring aside dish or salad.

L thru W: bring a dessert

HOSTESS: Jan Solverson

GREETERS: ?

A message from Lori Belk: "We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Barb Rusnak from Dickey's Barbecue for the generous discount she gave us on the Brisket for December's Luncheon."

AND a big Thank You to Lori, Durelle & Jim for all the work you do during our meetings!

Folks, please try to bring Christmas gifts for the raffle/drawing/? so Santa will have something to share. Thanks!



Here are some photos from our November 9th Veteran's Day meeting:



United Healthcare program - Michelle and Morgan



Veterans Ray, Betty, Electa Stan, Steven & Jim



Widows of Veterans Betty, Bev & Helen

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CHAPTER 1100 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2023 WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11:30 AM ON JANUARY 6TH AT THE IHOP ON STETSON HILLS AND POWERS.

CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Sunshine Committee: No cards were sent. That's good news! (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.

A REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please bring your 2023 calendar to the meeting this Wednesday. It's time to sign up for the Host/ Hostess and Greeter slots for the 8 meetings we have in the Membership Hall.

I would like to have this done now so I can let those on duty in January 2023 know. Then I can get the Annual Handout done for 2023 with that listing complete.

Thank you. Helen

CHAPTER 1100 — VOTING FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

The 2023 slate of Chapter Officers must be voted on at the December meeting so they can be installed at the January meeting.

CHECK THE CHARITY

It is the season of giving & while the majority of charitable requests are legitimate, it is important to remember there are some scammers out there who try & take advantage of the good will of others. A 2022 AARP survey found that 39% of U.S. adults say they had received a charity request that seemed fraudulent. The following are a few tips to help make sure that your donation is benefitting the intended cause:

Do your research. Be wary if the charity fails to provide information about finances. Many reputable charities will provide the information up-front or if requested.

- ◇ Never give payment information to an **unsolicited caller**.
- ◇ **Give locally** to organizations you know do meaningful work in your community.
- ◇ Ask the solicitor **how much of the donation** will go to the charity and how much goes to the solicitor.
- ◇ Ask for a **registration number** of the solicitor and/or charity.
- ◇ Watch out for charities with **names that sound similar** to well-known organizations. These similar sounding names are intended to confuse those who give on a regular basis.
- ◇ **Do not pay in cash**, donate by credit card, when possible.
- ◇ Beware of **unsolicited emails or text messages**. Instead, go directly to the organization's known website or call to make a donation.
- ◇ **Make a plan** for yearly giving and contact those organizations directly when you are ready to give.

Before you give, visit www.checkthecharity.com to verify the charity is authorized to solicit donations in Colorado. Additional charity watchdog sites include www.charitynavigator.org and www.give.org. If you don't have access to the internet, call the AARP ElderWatch at 1-800-222-4444, option 2, to speak with a volunteer specialist who can help check the charity for you. www.aarpelderwatch.org

11/9 MINUTES: Stan Beckner (previous President of our chapter) said our pledge today. Thank you Stan. Our prayer was said by Jake, I'm not sure if he's a pastor but, he gave us a nice prayer. Thanks Jake.

We had 3 guests this month. Sorry I have only first names – Katheryn, Tracy & John. In December I will walk around & get full names. And Steven Lamm is a new member. Welcome Steven.

Our speakers, Michelle & Morgan, were from United Health Care Medicare Advantage. This is a plan that many people we know have & really like. You can sign up now (as we all know from so many commercials on tv) or there is open enrollment from January 31st to March 31st. Before turning 65, about 3 months before, you should start looking at plans & sign up. There are many different plans available & there's bound to be a plan that suits your needs. Prescriptions are paid on different levels of plans. Your most common prescriptions are covered & some that are not are prorated & you pay a percentage. You can check & make sure yours are covered, if not ask your doctor to change them or see if they are available in generic. United Health Care does more for you if you are a veteran & are eligible through the VA. Some plans include dental & vision, when you talk to the representatives ask them about it. The year 2023 has changes from last year's plans, more user friendly.

- ◆ We also were celebrating Veteran's Day to honor our veterans to include Ray, Betty, Electa, Stan, Steven & Jim. And our widows of veterans Betty, Bev & Helen.
- ◆ There are positions open for board members, Candace has agreed to be president for another year, Thanks Candace. We do need 2 board members, and the nominating committee needs 3 members.
- ◆ Ray's Shoe Fund (you know the drawing that is kind of like a raffle) paid for the main course on 11/9 (the chicken) and all the sides and desserts were brought in by our members.
- ◆ We are trying to get hand books for our new members or if other members need them.
- ◆ January is dues month, its \$10.00 for the year. It would be really great if we could have them all paid by the end of our February meeting at the latest.
- ◆ I also think we need a person to step in when Ray is busy to sell the tickets. I tried to do it last month and it didn't go very well. Taking notes and selling tickets - I wasn't able to keep us with what the speakers were saying. It won't happen often but I found out I can't do both.

I think that's it! I'll leave you with one thought: No matter how bad your day is, it's still better than the person who sits around worrying about the gender of a plastic potato. Really, think about that.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Rozak, Secretary

