



BLACK FOREST CHAPTER OF AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

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

March 8, 2023

THE MARCH 8TH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL - Waynoka Rd. & Palmer Park Blvd. We will meet at 11:30 and eat at noon. Each member pays for their own lunch.-

A meeting celebrating President's Day

AARP Chapter 1100 in Black Forest had an information-filled day at the February 8th monthly meeting. The Chapter President, Candace Lehmann, presided over the meeting which started with an invocation and pledge to the flag of the United States of America. The meeting agenda included a timely presentation of a program of tax strategies, the recognition of past Chapter Presidents and their years of service, and a highlight of several upcoming chapter activities and business items.

The speaker, James Krueger, a local tax consultant, provided an interesting and very timely presentation which highlighted the tax aspects of various investments and income streams which fall under the Federal and State tax laws. His emphasis was on how individuals should study alternate ways to legally minimize the amount of taxes they owe.

The Chapter Treasurer, Jim Belk, discussed the current Chapter financial situation, then presented the 2023 Annual Budget to the membership for approval. When voted on, the budget was approved as presented.

Upcoming Chapter activities included the status of planning for a free shredding event this summer, the status and schedule for updating the Chapter Handbook, which is the primary governing document of the Chapter, the collection of can pull tabs for a local charity and the plans for the Chapter to have lunch at a local buffet restaurant next month.

All expectations are for an interesting and fun summer serving our community. Individuals interested in visiting or joining Chapter 1100 can contact the Chapter President at 314.330.0411. Information on past chapter activities and history is available at <https://www.aarpchapter1100blackforest.com>



Chapter Board member, Stephen Blucher, discusses the saving of pop tops for charity. He is also a certified Driver Safety instructor. He can be reached at 719 597-5683 to make reservations for a class.



Program Chair Ray Rozak outlines some upcoming Chapter Programs and events.



President Candace Lehmann presided at the February 8th meeting.



An interesting, and timely, tax strategy and investment information program was presented by James Krueger.



Past Presidents: Chuck Karlstrum & Electa Beckner. Current President: Candace Lehmann. Past Presidents: Stan Beckner and Ray Rozak.

Thank you all for your service.

CHAPTER COMMITTEES

- ⇒ Sunshine Committee: A Get Well card was sent to Lin Rozak. (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.

******* THE SENIOR SOCIAL will be held on March 22nd in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited! *******

February 8, 2023 AARP CHAPTER 1100 MEETING MINUTES

Pastor Ken led us in our prayer. He hasn't done this in a while so it was very nice. Candace led us in the Pledge which is an emotional time for me. I think of all who died protecting our country, our states and our cities. I try to keep all of them and their families in my prayers.

February has the President's Day observation and it has Valentine's Day. This month the Chapter celebrated our past and current presidents. Helen introduced all of them. Electra Beckner served from 2002 thru 2004, Stan Beckner in 2005. Chuck Karlstrum, the longest serving president, from 2011 thru 2017. Ray Rozak 2018 and 2019 and Candace Lehmann from 2020 thru 2023. There have been more presidents, but they have passed on. Thanks to all of you who have donated your time and effort to keep our chapter running.

February is Valentine's Day, or it is also known as the Feast of St. Valentine who was killed for his faith. In the 8th century this day became associated with love, in 1868 a British chocolate company, Cadbury, made the first heart shaped box of chocolates. The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates 190 million Valentine cards are sent. I don't know if you'll need this information but if you do, now you know.

Our speaker this month was James Kruger from H & R Block. He talked a little about filing our taxes, if you are 65 and older, single, making \$14,700 you must file, 65 and older and married it's \$28,700. He then started talking about Back Door Roth IRA's and how to make charitable contributions without paying taxes on the money you withdraw. I personally did not understand much of this - for those who did you received some useful information. If you ever are interested in opening a Roth IRA he's the man to call.

Stan has been in touch with ElderWatch in Denver about our doing shredding this year. They are working with the company providing the trucks for our time schedule. It was decided that 30 members will be needed to properly run the shredding event. Most of the positions are needed to set up tables with information, tables with coffee and ice water and the best - DONUTS! There will also be fruit and snack bars. We also need strong backs to help with the boxes of shredded material and to direct traffic. If you know of someone who qualifies ask them for their help. Sign-up sheets will be available in March for those who can help. After the event ends there will be pizza for lunch!

Handbooks are being updated to meet our specific needs. AARP Denver has a standard form for these books and we use them as a guide. The books will be available soon.

Jim reminds us to pay dues, this is how he keeps his books up to date. He has paid the church for 2022 and 2023. Helen needs the information for the roster.

We will have an updated sign-in form along with an updated "Explanation of the Arrows form" on the entry table. Ray reminds us to sign in and put respective hours in the right places. Did you take someone out to lunch, shopping, to a doctor's appointment? Visit TaxAide to have your taxes done. Take a Driver Safety course. Attend a Chapter Board Meeting. Were you a Host/Hostess or Greeter last month. Put these hours down - they do add up! These hours count, anything you do to help someone counts. The hours are totaled at the end of the year then sent to Denver and that gets our chapter recognized.

Respectfully submitted,
Lin Rozak



MARCH 12TH



Stephen Blucher will conduct a AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE in the Black Forest Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 29th, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. You must preregister for the class so please call Stephen at 719 597-5683 to get on the list, or for any information. (Membership in AARP is not required.)

******* WE'VE LEARNED THE SHREDDING DATE OF JUNE 10TH IS FIRM. More info coming.**



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