



Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

Chapter Website:

<http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>

August 5th, 2023

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Hostess: TBD
Greeter: TBD
Program: TBD



Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Road, Colo Spgs, CO 80915
September 13th, 2023 - 11:30am - 1:30pm

Main Dish, Sides, Desserts will be at the restaurant.



HOT ITEMS FOR AUGUST

AARP ElderWatch
a partnership with the Colorado Attorney General

800-222-4444

Denver Metro Area

303-222-4444

www.aarpelderwatch.org

AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

When temperatures are very high or very low, scammers take advantage of the heating and cooling needs of consumers. Utility scammers commonly pose as someone who works for your gas, water or electric company. These scams can be very tricky because they often know your name, address and the correct name of your utility provider. Their goal is often to work quickly to convince you they hold important resources like your heat, A/C, power and water in their hands.

Please note the following "red flags" of utility scams:

- An unsolicited and often threatening phone call requesting immediate payment or your utilities will be shut off.
- A request for payment via wire transfer, prepaid gift card, cryptocurrency or other unusual method.
- Text messages or emails from unfamiliar sources requesting you contact them about your utility bill.
- Unannounced workers who show up at your door and offer to solve a problem or provide an inspection that was never requested.
- Requests for personal information such as your bank account or credit card numbers that are likely already on file with your legitimate utility provider.

If you receive a suspicious contact from someone who claims to be with your utility provider, disengage and contact your known provider using known contact information. Regardless of how threatening they are do not panic and provide personal/financial information or access to your home. Additionally, it is a good idea to notify local authorities and your neighbors to alert them of the latest scheme.

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*August Events***Black Forest Festival**

12th August Saturday

@ 8:00am

BF Community Club

Senior Social -

23rd August

Wednesday

@ 1pm-4pm

BF Lutheran Church

AARP Grant Awarded

AARP National granted one of the 2023 Chapter Awareness Grants based on the application from our chapter to the Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) for \$906.

This grant allows 3 local PPLD branches to purchase Adaptive Furniture for children. This fulfills a goal for the library system to ensure all children are comfortable and supported at their local library. The grant also promotes and informs the public about the good works Chapter 1100 performs based on our motto "To serve Not to be Served."

Once the libraries have purchased and installed the furnishings at East, 21C and Penrose libraries, an announcement will be made so the members can visit. The gift will also be promoted on the PPLD website aiding in promoting our chapter to the public.

How You Can Get Involved

Sunshine Committee: The Sunshine Committee keeps members informed of our member's health situations. They send cards and notes as appropriate. Chapter member who know of someone in needs should contact our current committee volunteer Electa Beckner.

Cover Girls: The Cover Girls meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday at Wolford Elementary School arriving between 9:00-9:30am. This groups has met since the spring of 1996 to cover reading books, and assisting the teachers and staff in numerous ways! Contact Jody Pfeil if you would like to participate.

Box Tops: We collect BoxTops for Wolford Elementary. Please bring your BoxTops to each monthly luncheon for collection. These do have an expiration date, so timely submission is appreciated. Cover Girls submit these to the school on our behalf.

Announcements

The Colorado AARP Annual Awards event will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Wings Over the Rockies, 7711 E Academy Blvd, Denver, CO 80230. Our Chapter members who want to attend that awards ceremony please RSVP to Sarah at (720) 429-2673 or online at <https://events.aarp.org/Wings23> no later than 12 September. Jeremiah reports that AARP will reimburse the mileage for attendees who have 3 or more people in the car. Keep track of your mileage up there and back.

Annual Picnic Minutes - July 12th, 2023

What a great time! The weather was perfect with, slight breeze and sunny skies and the perfect members to go along with it. We had a short meeting, only discussing the important items, of course we said the pledge, and had a prayer, with the 4th of July last week to me both were important. To honor the flag and our freedom and to pray that we always have the freedom to do both. The food was very good, we played Bingo until all the prizes were given out and just sat around talking to each other and catching up.

Awards nominations were on the 15th, this is where we get to nominate members from our chapter to receive an award in the following areas: volunteer of the year, life time achievement, community partners (individuals or organizations). The awards will be given in Denver at the Wings over the Rockies from 11:00 to 1:30. I have no idea where this is so, Hello Google.

We were informed that Black Forest Cares is closed, the money from the shredding went to another charity.

The chapter received \$1000 from AARP for the library to have adaptive furniture for children in two libraries. This is an honor to receive such an award, a plaque will be made with our chapter logo on it for each library.

Black Forest Festival is August 12th, and we have enough volunteers to handle our table. We are busy making crafts, cookies and plants to sell. Stan has informational handouts and of course smiles and laughs. Ray will not be joining us at the booth, each year he is asked to give hay rides for the kids or adults.

Helen Von Gunden's services are July 27th at Our Lady of the Pines Church at 11:00, on the 28th at 11:00 at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery for those who wish to attend. Helen did so much for our chapter and in her personal life we shall miss her.

Upcoming Events

9/13/2023 - Monthly Luncheon @ 11:30am

9/26/2023 - AARP Annual Awards @11:30am

9/27/2023 - Senior Social @ 1pm

10/11/2023 - AARP Pizza Party Chapter Meeting @ 11am



The Pavilion.



Dishing up the Food!



Socializing before food is served.

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