

Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100
"To serve, not to be served"
Chapter Website:
<http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.com>
February 5th, 2024

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Host/Hostess: Mark and Jan Doughy
Greeter: Jim Belk

Black Forest Lutheran Church
Wednesday 14th, 2024 @ 11:30am - 1:30pm

What to Bring: A thru H please bring a Dessert; I thru R please bring a Main Dish; S thru Z please bring a Side/Salad.



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AARP CHAPTER OFFICER INSTALLATION



The AARP Chapter 1100 Officers for 2024 were installed on January 11 by Jessica Krough, the AARP Colorado Associate State Director of Community Engagement. They were, L-R Jim Belk, Electa Beckner, Candace Lehmann, Stanley Beckner, Lin Rozak, Stephen Blucher, Ray Rozak, and Jessica Krough. Not shown were Michelle Hays, Bev Schaab, and Lori Belk.

February Events**Monthly Luncheon
14th Feb Wed**

@ 11:30am-1:30pm
BF Lutheran Church

Valentine's Day

14th Feb. Wednesday

Senior Social

28th Feb. Wednesday
@ 1pm-4pm
BF Lutheran Church

Leap Year

29th Feb. Thursday

Announcements**AARP Driver Safety**

Stephen Blucher will be hosting the next AARP Driver Safety Course
April 17th, 2024

Wednesday

12pm - 4pm

BF Lutheran Church

Member Cost: \$20

Non-Member: \$25

Please register at

(719) 597-5683.

**MARCH LUNCHEON
PREVIEW**

Host/Hostess: TBD

Greeter: TBD

Program: TBD

Location: TBD!!

Mar. 13th, 2024 @ 11:30am
- 1:30pm

Lunch will be at a restaurant determined at the February Luncheon.

Thank you for participating!!

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AARP January 11, 2024 #1100 Meeting

The pastor Ken said our prayer and blessed all of us for the new year. That was nice and I think all of us can us the blessing. Our pledge was lead by Candace, as usual, and Pastor Ken stayed and said the pledge with us.

Birthdays are Terry Curry, Linda Davies, Bobby Welton and Carolyn Wilson. Anniversaries, there are none.

This was an unusual day for our meeting, the church accidentally book Wednesday for another event, they apologized several times for their mistake. We're flexible and today worked just fine.

An AARP representative, Jessica Krough, came down to help install the new officers. Our new President is Ray Rozak, new Vice President is Stan Beckner, Treasurer is Jim Belk, Secretary Lin Rozak. Board of Directors are Candace Lehmann, Stephen Blucher, Electa Beckner, Michelle Hays and Beverley Schaab. Nominating Committee Lori Belk, Candace Lehmann and Michelle Hays. The Sunshine Committee is Electa Beckner, if you know of someone who needs a get-well or sympathy card please let her know. 719-596-6787.

The new President took over the meeting and discussed the fact that we need members to step up and fill in on the various committees. The Awards Committee has records of the longevity of the chapters' members. Jim Belk said he could do this as he already has all the paperwork. The information for all the committees is in the new Chapter Handbook. The Membership Committee keeps the information on all the members and the new members and keeps all of this up to date.

Community Service Committee finds out if there are Expo's coming up, where and when. They also get ideas on what we can do to help out the community. The Slash Pile would be one that we can help out on. Does the Community Center need help with anything, or we can see if any of the soup kitchens need help serving. We already have a booth in the Black Forest Festival. If you have any ideas, please bring them up at the meetings.

Members, in 2018 we had about 60 members, in 2021 only 16. Today we have 30, which is good, if you know anyone who might be interested encourage them to give us a try.

If you need a handbook let Stan know and see that you get one.

AARP ElderWatch

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Avoid Common Scams in 2024!

Throughout the year ElderWatch tracks the most common reports of fraud and scams from older Coloradans. In 2023, ElderWatch received thousands of these reports. The following are the most common scams reported by older Coloradans and a few things you should know about each scam:

1. Identity Theft: Criminals steal personal and financial information from their victims online, in-person, in the mail and through data breaches. To know: Take preventative steps to protect your identity, learn more at www.identitytheft.gov.

2. Impostor Business: Scammers pose as well-known businesses (commonly Amazon) to try and obtain money and personal information. To know: Most businesses will not contact you unsolicited. If in doubt, contact them independently with known information.

3. Tech Support/Computer Virus: Scammers try and convince victims that there is a problem with their computer or account, and they pose as a familiar company and say they can fix it. To know: Never let an unknown and/or unsolicited entity remotely access your computer, tablet or smartphone.

4. Fraudulent Sales: Criminals set up fake websites or sell items online without the intention of ever supplying the product or providing a faulty product. To know: Do your research before doing business with any unfamiliar entity. If the deal sounds too good to be true, it is!

5. Sweepstakes/Prize/Lottery: Scammers tell their victim that they won a prize, all they must do is send money to retrieve it. To know: Never send money to receive money!

Upcoming Events

03/1/2024 - Board Meeting

03/13/2024 - Luncheon

03/27/2024 - Senior Social

03/31/2024 - Easter Sunday

04/10/2024 - Luncheon

04/15/2024 - TAXES DUE

04/24/2024 - Senior Social

AARP ElderWatch

800-222-4444

Option 2

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Monday–Friday,

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Denver Metro Area

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www.aarpelderwatch.org

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Stay tuned for information regarding the Summer Shredding Event. This is a huge event with the help of Elderwatch!

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Service 2024

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are located nationwide, and are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Follow this link to go to the [AARP Website](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Is AARP Foundation Tax-Aide available this year?

Answer: Yes, generally Tax-Aide service will run from February 1 to April 15.

Question: Can Tax-Aide help file my taxes?

Answer: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers can help with most, but not all, tax returns. If you have an extremely complicated return, such as one that involves a small business with employees, rental income, or alternative minimum tax (AMT), Tax-Aide may not be able to help. [See what type of taxes we can prepare.](#)

Question: What are my options?

- IN-PERSON SERVICE:
- ONE-VISIT SCAN
- TWO-VISIT SCAN
- DROP OFF SERVICE
- NO SITE VISIT REQUIRED
- ONLINE COACHING
- FACILITATED SELF-ASSISTANCE
- SELF-PREPARATION

Don't forget to bring your documents. This is a list of what you'll need:

[Tax Documents](#)

Have Someone Prepare My Taxes

Have an IRS-certified volunteer prepare your taxes. [Locate Sites Near Me](#) Some results are included below.

Site Name: AARP COSPRGS ENVOY CHURCH

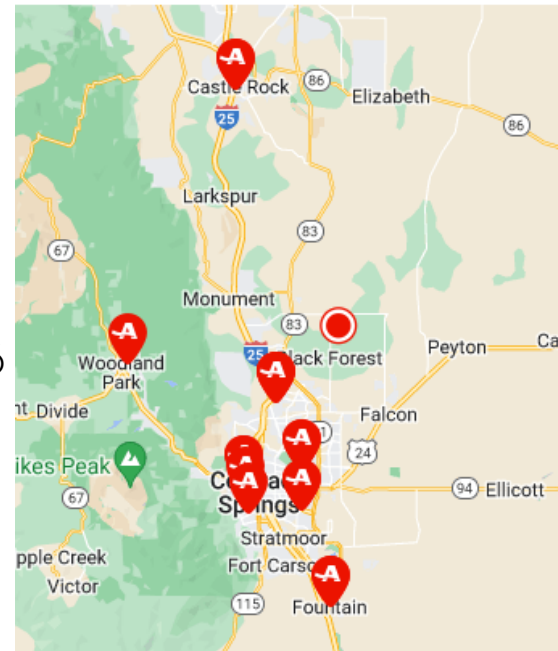
Address: 2025 N MURRAY BLVD COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80915-1056, Phone Number: 719-322-1218
 Site Schedule: MO: 09:00AM-02:30PM TU: 09:00AM-02:30PM
 Dates Open: 2/1/2024, Appointment Required: **Yes**

Site Name: AARP MT CARMEL VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Address: 530 COMMUNICATION CIR COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80905-1744, Phone Number: (719) 772-7000
 Site Schedule: WE: 09:30 AM - 02:30 PM
 Dates Open: 2/1/2024, Appointment Required: **Yes**

Site Name: AARP Castle Rock Library

Address: 100 S WILCOX ST CASTLE ROCK CO 80104-1911
 Phone Number: (303) 688-9498
 Site Schedule: MO: 09:00AM-02:30PM FR: 09:00AM-03:30PM
 Dates Open: 2/2/2024, Appointment Required: **No**



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