



Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100
"To serve, not to be served"
Chapter Website:
<http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>
January 6th, 2025

JANUARY LUNCHEON

Host/Hostess: TBD

Black Forest Lutheran Church
Wednesday January 8th, 2025 @
11:30am - 1:30pm

What to Bring: A thru K please bring a Dessert; L thru R please bring a Main Entree. S thru Z please bring a Salad or Side dish.



IT'S A GIRL!

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (KRDO) – UCHealth Memorial Hospital Central is welcoming the first baby born at the hospital in 2025 – and it's a girl!

At 1:06 a.m. on New Year's Day, Arizeth Aguinaga was born to Texas couple Jennifer Hiracheta and Sergio Aguinaga.

According to UCHealth, the couple was driving to Denver for a planned vacation when Jennifer unexpectedly went into labor while passing through Colorado Springs.

Aguinaga quickly found the way to Memorial Hospital Central, where Arizeth was born. At birth, she weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Over at UCHealth Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, their first baby of the year – also a girl – was delivered at 5:03 a.m. Kehlani Villarreal is the daughter of Erica Soto Sanchez and Carlos Villarreal of Pueblo. She weighed in at 4 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 17.5 inches.



January Events**Board Meeting**

3rd Jan Friday
@ 11:30am-1:30pm
iHOP

Monthly Luncheon

8th Jan Wednesday
Luncheon
@ 11:30am-1:30pm
BF Lutheran Church
Chapter Officer Installation

Senior Social

22th Jan. Wednesday
@ 1pm-4pm
BF Lutheran Church

Upcoming Events

02/12/2025 - Luncheon
@11:30 Yearly Dues!!!

02/14/2025 - Valentine's
Day

02/26/2025 - Senior Social

03/05/2025 - Ash
Wednesday

03/7/2025 - Board Meeting
@iHop

03/09/2025 - Daylight
Savings Time

03/12/2025 - Luncheon

03/26/2025 - Senior Social

03/17/2025 - St. Patrick's
Day

04/20/2025 - Easter

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
PREVIEW**

Host/Hostess: TBD
Greeter: TBD
Program: TBD

**Location: BF Lutheran
Church**

February 12th, 2025 @
11:30am - 1:30pm

Main Entree: A thru K
L thru R Side/Salad
S thru Z Dessert

What's Happening This Month**Chapter Dues of \$10**

Be sure to bring your dues into Jim Belk by the **2/12/2025** chapter luncheon. Unpaid dues will result in lapse of membership.

Committees

We want all our members involved. If you have interest in a committee, let us know and we'll discuss open opportunities. Detailed descriptions are found in the Handbook.

Audit Committee

Award Committee

Community Services

Finance Committee

Luncheon & Catering

Membership Committee

Nominating Committee

Notification Committee

Programs Committee

Public Relations

Sunshine Committee

Stephen will be doing a Drivers Safety Class on Wednesday February 19th. More information will be forthcoming.

We want to get to know our members better! Included in this month's newsletter is the Biography form we use to write our Meet Our Members column. It's also included in the email as a separate attachment. Fill out this form and we'll take your picture for the next newsletter.

Tax Season Scams

Recognize, Refuse, Report!

**Call us
Monday–Friday,
9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

800-222-4444
Option 2



Scammers know that tax season comes every year and they take full advantage of the opportunity to steal identities and to trick people into sending money. Tax identity theft can happen when someone files a phony tax return using your personal information to get a refund or uses your Social Security number to get a job. Here's what you can do to protect yourself:

- Use a secure Internet connection if you file electronically, or mail your tax return directly from the post office.
- Shred copies of your tax return, drafts or calculation sheets you no longer need.
- Know the IRS won't contact you by email, text or social media. If the IRS needs information, it will contact you by mail.
- Don't give out your Social Security number unless necessary.
- Research a tax preparer thoroughly before you hand over personal information.
- Check your credit report for free at www.annualcreditreport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8228 to make sure no other accounts have been opened in your name.
- Do not send money to anyone who calls you over the phone. Some scammers pose as IRS agents, spoof your caller ID and use phone threats to solicit your money.

If you believe your Social Security number has been compromised, contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1-800-908-4490. You can also connect with an AARP ElderWatch volunteer by calling 800-222-4444 and selecting option 2.

800-222-4444

Denver Metro Area

303-222-4444

www.aarpelderwatch.org

Pictures from the December Meeting



Pictures from November Luncheon



The "Missing Man Table".

Shirley and Ray during their presentation.

MISSING MAN TABLE & HONORS CEREMONY

As you entered the room, you may have noticed a special table; it is reserved to honor our missing men.

_, the empty chair represent Americans who were or are missing from each of the services - Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard - and civilians, all with us in spirit.

Some here were very young, or not yet born, when the Vietnam War began; however, all Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our Nation's call and served the cause of freedom in a special way.

Let me explain the meaning of this table, and then join me for a moment of silent prayer.

The table is round - to show our everlasting concern.

The cloth is white - symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.

The single red rose reminds us of the lives of these Americans....and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, while seeking answers.

The yellow ribbon symbolizes our continuing uncertainty, the hope for their return, and our determination to account for them.

A slice of lemon reminds us of their bitter fate, captured or missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families.

The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return.

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith, to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one Nation under God.

The glass is inverted - symbolizing their inability to share a toast.

The chair is empty-they are missing (moment of silence)

Let us have a moment of silence for our chapter members who were veterans that have passed.

Jim Heidy Howard Pease Don Von Gunden Waldo Pendleton

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