



Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

Chapter Website:

<http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.com>

January 5th, 2024

JANUARY LUNCHEON

Host/Hostess: Stephan Blucher
Program: Install Officers

Black Forest Lutheran Church

Thursday January 11th, 2024 @ 11:30am - 1:30pm

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



AARP CHAPTER OFFICER INSTALLATION

President - Ray Rozak
Vice President - Stanley Beckner
Secretary - Lin Rozak
Treasurer - Jim Belk

Members of the Board of Directors

- Candace Lehmann
- Stephen Blucher
- Electa Beckner
- Michelle Hays
- Beverly Schaab

Members of the Nominating Committee

- Lori Belk
- Candace Lehmann
- Michelle Hays

Sunshine Committee Report:

Sunshine Committee reminds members to let Electa Beckner, (719) 596-6787, know if get-well or symphony cards need to be sent to any chapter member.

**Happy
New Year
2024**

January Events

Board Meeting

5th Jan Friday
@ 11:30am-1:30pm
iHOP

Monthly Luncheon
11th Jan **Thursday**
Luncheon

@ 11:30am-1:30pm
BF Lutheran Church
Chapter Officer
Installation

Senior Social

24th Jan. Wednesday
@ 1pm-4pm
BF Lutheran Church

Announcements

**Annual Chapter
Community Service
Award**

The suspense to AARP National is 28 Jan. so the Board must nominate a deserving person or husband/wife.

2024 Tax Aide

AARP-Colorado and Elderwatch stated the 2024 Tax Aide information will be released Mid- to Late-January. Please stay tuned for updates.

**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
PREVIEW**

Host/Hostess: TBD
Greeter: TBD
Program: TBD

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

A-H: Dessert;
I-R: Main Entree;
S-Z Side or Salad. Thank you for participating!!

January Monthly Luncheon

The January Monthly Luncheon is on **THURSDAY** this month due to church conflicts. Time and location remain the same. We will be installing the new officers.

Chapter Dues of \$10

Be sure to bring your dues into Jim Belk by the 2/14/2024 chapter luncheon. Unpaid dues will result in lapse of membership.

Chapter Website

We have installed a new Calendar feature on the chapter website. We have integrated Google Calendar and you can see a preview of each month, then click on the events and see additional information! It gives you a birds-eye view of the month, and the ability to drill down for additional information. You can scroll through the months to see future events. We plan to keep everything updated 3 months in advance, or further as required.

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



Photo: President Candace Lehmann, assisted by Santa's helper, Ray Rozak, presided at the Christmas meeting of AARP Chapter 1100 in Black Forest.



Photo: Chapter members, many dressed in Holiday garb enjoyed a bountiful meal and good social hospitality amid the decorations at the Chapter 1100 annual Christmas meeting.

December 2023 Chapter Meeting Minutes

MERRY Christmas have a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR

The pastor said our prayer and blessed all of us for Christmas

Our pledge was lead by Candace as usual.

Birthdays are Ray Rozak and Candace Welch, Anniversaries Mark & Jan Doughty 46 years! Our guest was Carolyn Brown and, she is our new member, she's a great lady.

We are in need of host & hostess for the upcoming year, it's not a hard job, bring decorations for the tables and bread and butter for the luncheon. Also greet the members as they walk in, say Hi & Howdy.

In January we welcome our new president, vice president, the treasure and secretary. Stan informed us that the board members must be elected and passed by all the members.

This year the Slash and Mulch program will cost \$10. They also accept food items which will go to Colorado Springs. The program has been around since 1929, wow!

Santa Ray is doing gifts, usually a limit of 2, but there were so many gifts this year we're doing 3. Thank you for bringing in gifts, it really made a difference. We had more than enough food and we were encouraged to take some home.

Ray went to a couple if Home Depot's for the poinsettias, they were very generous to donate all of them.

That's all I have about the meeting, below is some information about chickens and hormones that is very interesting. I've heard the commercial for chickens saying their competitor is using antibiotics in their chickens. So I thought I'd write what I found in the Gazette March 9, 2022.

"Chickens are omnivores; they will eat anything. They just don't eat plants. They eat bugs, worms, lizards, even frogs. If the egg carton is labeled Vegetarian Fed it could means the chickens were kept inside. The phrases Hormone-Free and Antibiotics-Free are essentially useless terms. In the United States it is against the law to give hormones to laying chickens, and very few commercial farms us antibiotics. Cage Free could mean the chickens are kept in a large warehouse with their beaks filed down to keep them from pecking each other. Free Range could mean they are kept in a large warehouse with the doors open to the outside that some chickens may never use." I hope this clears up some of the confusion about the way chicken packages are labeled.

Upcoming Events

02/14/2024 - Luncheon @11:30 Yearly Dues!!!

02/14/2024 - Valentine's Day, Beginning of Lent

02/28/2024 - Senior Social

02/29/2024 - LEAP YEAR

03/10/2024 - Board Meeting @iHop

03/27/2024 - Senior Social

03/29/2024 - Good Friday

03/31/2024 - Easter Sunday



Photo: Chapter 1100 members enjoy Holiday dinner as Santa in his sleigh rides away in the background.

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