



Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100
"To serve, not to be served"
Chapter Website:
<http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.weebly.com>
March 6th, 2023

MARCH LUNCHEON

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

@ Hu Hot Mongolian Grill

5843 Constitution Avenue, ColoSpgs, CO 80915
SE Corner of Constitution and Powers, with Big R

If you've never been to HuHot, it's fun and easy. You fill a bowl with your choices from a variety of meats and vegetables; add sauces and oils; and then hand your bowl to the Grill Chef. They cook your meal and give it back to you on a plate. There are also noodles and rice. The cost for All-You-Can-Eat lunch and a drink is approximately **\$20**.



Chapter Dues

If you are in arrears in your chapter dues, please contact Jim Belk asap. He'll get you squared away. Annual dues re \$10.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Prepare yourself emotionally for this weekend: You are about to lose an hour of sleep.

Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. on March 10, 2024, the second Sunday of March. The morning will stay dark a little later than you're used to, but that also means daylight will stretch an hour further into the afternoon and evening.



March Events

Board Meeting
1st March Friday
 @11:30 - iHop

Monthly Luncheon
13th March Wed
 @ 11:30am-1:30pm
 Hu Hot Mongolian Grill

Daylight Savings - 3/10

St. Patricks Day - 3/17

Senior Social
 27th Wed. Wednesday
 @ 1pm-4pm
 BF Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday - 3/24

Good Friday - 3/29

Easter Sunder - 3/31

Announcements**AARP Driver Safety**

Stephen Blucher will be hosting the next AARP Driver Safety Course
April 17th, 2024
Wednesday
Starts at 12:00PM
 BF Lutheran Church
 Member Cost: \$20
 Non-Member: \$25
 Please register at
 (719) 597-5683.

APRIL LUNCHEON PREVIEW

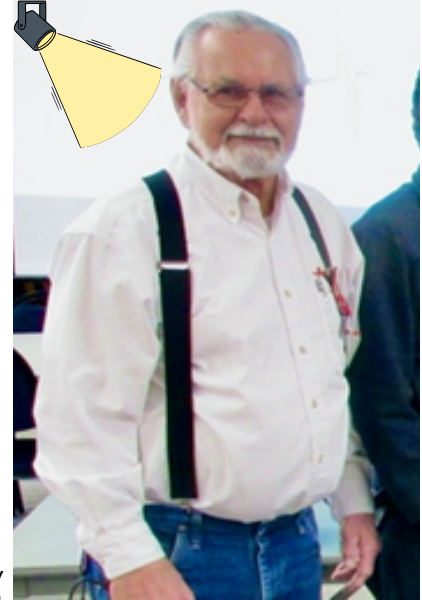
Host/Hostess: TBD
 Greeter: TBD
 Program: Rocky Mtn PACE

Location: BF Lutheran
 Apr. 10th, 2024 @ 11:30am
 - 1:30pm

A thru J Main Entree
 I thru R Side Dish/Salad
 S thru Z Dessert

Chapter #1100 Member Spotlight

Ray Rozak is the newly elected Chapter #1100 President. His dedication to serving the community and his leadership skills have made him a valuable asset to the AARP organization.



Ray is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, but has called Colorado home for the past 45 years. He served as a Signal Operator in the U.S. Army, where he honed his communication and organizational skills.

After completing his military service, Ray began his career with Ohio Bell. He later transferred to Mountain Bell, where he continued working until his retirement. Throughout his career, Ray demonstrated a strong work ethic and a passion for customer service.

In addition to his professional career, Ray has been actively involved in his family and community. He is married to Lin Rozak, a fellow chapter member, and together they have raised three children. Their names are Lori, Patty, and Robbie, and they have two grandchildren, Nicole and Marissa.

Ray's dedication to community service is commendable. He has served as the Chapter President for several years and is actively involved in various chapter activities. One of his notable contributions is leading the successful ElderWatch Shredding Event, which helps protect confidential information for members and the community.

Ray's hobbies reflect his adventurous spirit. He loves off-roading, exploring the national parks, and anything related to mountains and forests. He is also a certified NRA Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun instructor, sharing his knowledge with others who enjoy shooting sports.

Additionally, Ray's passion for giving back to the community extends beyond his AARP activities. For many years, he has been the Boy Scout Troop Master, dedicating countless hours to mentoring and supporting young individuals. In 2014, he was awarded the Black Forest Keeper of the Keys. He and Lin tragically lost their home in the 2013 Black Forest Fire. They are rebuilding based on the original home plan.

Under the leadership of Ray Rozak, Chapter #1100 will continue to thrive and make a difference in the lives of its members and the community. His dedication, enthusiasm, and leadership skills make him an invaluable asset to the AARP organization.

February Luncheon Recap

What better way to celebrate Valentines Day but to learn from the experts some insight on how to take care of a loved one, friend, or perfect stranger by providing timely aid in a possible life threatening situation. That was the topic of instruction and discussion given to AARP Chapter 1100 members by the personnel from the Black Forest Fire and Rescue Team at the February 14 AARP Chapter Meeting in Black Forest.

The presentations explored the causes and types of strokes, heart attack, and cold weather emergencies, such as frost bite and hypothermia. The presentations and discussion with the Chapter 1100 members focused on the symptoms, how each typical situation can be identified, the immediate responses and most importantly, the urgency in getting the person quickly to specialized medical care.

In all cases, the #1 rule is CALL 911 IF IN DOUBT! The responding Fire and Rescue Paramedics and Firefighters are trained to expedite getting the person in distress the help they need. AARP Chapter 1100 meets the second Wednesday of the month. For more information visit the Chapter web site at www.aarpchapter1100blackforest.com . All are welcome!



Ray Rozak, President of AARP Chapter 1100 in Black Forest is seen with Members of a Black Forest Fire and Rescue Team. The team members are from L- R Firefighter Melissa Collins; Fire Medic Taylor Trotter; Fire Medic Fielding Lucas; Wildland Technician Aidan Dowden; Lieutenant Chad Herdt; and Firefighter Reese Dennler. Not shown are three BFF&R members who were responding to a call. The Black Forest Fire and Rescue organization is a member of The Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team.

Upcoming Events

04/10/2024 - Luncheon

04/15/2024 - TAXES DUE

04/24/2024 - Senior Social

05/03/2024 - Board Meeting

05/08/2024 - Luncheon

05/25/2024 - Backyard Market Opens for Summer

05/27/2024 - Memorial Day

Sunshine Report

The Sunshine Committee sent get well cards to Betty Kyle and Bev Schaab last month.

Chapter Picnic

SAVE THE DATE! The Chapter Picnic will be July 10th. Mark your calendars. More information will be released as the event draws near.



This years' Elderwatch Shredding event will be Saturday June 29th. Volunteers are needed. Please see Jim Belk.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Service 2024

We have received new information on Tax Aide this year. Below is a list of all locations in our district. Envoy Church has the most availability at the moment. 21C and La Junta are booked out through the season. Please make your appointment by AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Spots will likely be filled by this weekend. We'll get this information updated to the website. This is difficult to read. Please refer to my email last week for greater visual clarity.

| AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 02/01/2024 - 04/15/2024 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| We're the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service. We work with low- to moderate- income taxpayers, especially those 50 and older, to help them get all the deductions and credits they deserve. Our help is FREE and individualized with no strings attached. This includes free E-file of your return to the IRS. Please visit or call one of our sites with questions. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SITE NAME | ADDRESS | CITY | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT | Schedule | Phone Number | Start/End Date |
| DIVINE REDEEMER CHURCH | 926 FARRAGUT AVE | COLORADO SPRINGS | 11:00AM-4:00 PM | - | 11:00AM-4:00 PM | - | - | - | Appts. | 719-367-9272 OR https://cotaxaide.org/app | 5 Feb-15 April |
| COSPGS WESTSIDE COMM CTR | 1628 W BIJOU ST | COLORADO SPRINGS | 9:00AM-1:00PM | - | - | 9:00AM-1:00PM | - | - | Appts. | 719-360-3810 | 5 Feb-12 April |
| COSPGS ENVOY CHURCH | 2025 N MURRAY BLVD | COLORADO SPRINGS | 9:00AM-2:30PM | 9:00AM-2:30PM | - | - | - | - | Appts. | 719-358-1680 | 5 Feb-15 April |
| NORTH-COSPGS-LIBRARY-21C | 1175 CHAPEL HILLS DR | COLORADO SPRINGS | - | 9:00AM-5:00PM | 9:00AM-1:00PM | 9:00AM-5:00PM | - | - | Appts. | 719-235-6757 | FULL |
| COSPGS SILVER KEY SENIOR SERVICES | 1655 S. MURRAY BLVD | COLORADO SPRINGS | - | - | 9:00AM-3:00PM | 9:00AM-3:00PM | - | - | Appts. | https://cotaxaide.org/app OR (719) 726-6876 | 7 Feb-11 April |
| MT CARMEL VETERANS CENTER | 530 COMMUNICATION CIR | COLORADO SPRINGS | - | - | 9:30AM-2:30PM | - | - | - | Appts. | 719-772-7000 | 6 Feb-10 April |
| MOUNTAIN VIEW UMC | 1101 RAMPART RANGE RD | WOODLAND PARK | - | 11AM-5:00PM | - | - | - | - | Appts. | 719-314-5686 | 13 Feb - 10 April |
| FOUNTAIN LIBRARY | 230 S Main St | FOUNTAIN | - | - | 9:15AM-3:30PM | - | - | 12:00pm-3:30pm | Appts. | https://cotaxaide.org/ta/ or call 719-508-2629 or email toaarptaxprepfontlib@gmail.com | 3 Feb-13 April |
| CHEYENNE MT LIBRARY | 1785 S. 8th St | COLORADO SPRINGS | - | - | - | 12:00-5:00PM | - | - | Appts. | 719-244-2235 | Feb 8,22,29 - Mar 14, 28 April 11th |
| LA JUNTA WOODRUFF-LIBRARY | 522-COLORADO-AVE | LA JUNTA | 9:30AM-2:00PM | - | - | 9:30AM-2:00pm | - | - | Appts. | 719-980-4539 | FULL |
| What to Bring? ■ Social Security cards or other official documentation for yourself and all dependents ■ Colorado Driver's License or ID Card ■ Copy of last year's income tax return ■ W-2 forms for each employer ■ Unemployment Compensation statements ■ SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits ■ All 1099 Forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-MISC, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends, as well as documentation showing the original purchase price or basis of any assets sold ■ Any 1099-R forms, if you received a pension or annuity ■ All forms indicating federal income tax paid ■ Childcare provider information (name, address, employer ID or Social Security number) ■ Receipts or canceled checks, totalled by category, if itemizing deductions ■ Forms 1095, Health Care Coverage ■ Checkbook, if you desire to have Direct Deposit. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| What We Can Prepare | | | | What We Cannot Prepare | | | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1040 with Schedules A, B, and D ● Schedule C up to \$25,000 expenses (no employees, no | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schedule C (Business Profit and Loss) if business had a net loss, or expenses exceed \$25,000 ● Complicated Schedule D without proper paperwork | | | | | | | |

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Option 2



Whether you are looking for love or just trying to meet someone with common interests, social media websites have become one of the most popular ways for people of all ages to connect. While many people have good intentions when meeting people online, scammers also create fake profiles and use sites like Facebook or Instagram to meet people and request money, gifts or personal information.

When meeting people on social media sites, it is important that you always consider the possibility that the person you are chatting with is not who they claim to be. The following are some “red flags” to help determine if the person you are chatting with might be trying to break your heart and/or access your pocketbook:

- You are asked to **send money**, purchase gift cards, send goods (like a phone or computer) or even open a bank account before meeting in person.
- They are contacting you from thousands of miles away, have **inconsistent information** in their profile and/or they have an unrealistic photo.
- You are asked to **move the conversation** outside of the social media site to a messenger app (like Hangouts or WhatsApp), phone, text or email.
- They ask you for **personal information** such as your bank account, credit card number or Social Security number.
- They express **strong emotions** right away.

If you recognize any of these “red flags” or suspect unusual behavior, report it through the social media platform and cease all communication immediately. If you have any questions, contact an AARP ElderWatch volunteer for information and assistance.

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