



Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

Chapter Website:

<http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.com>

November 6th, 2023

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Hostess: Sandra Van Wormer

Greeter: Lin Rozak

Program: N/A

Black Forest Lutheran Church
November 8th, 2023 @ 11:30am - 1:30pm

The Main dish is being catered! A thru K please bring a side;
L thru Z please bring a dessert.



HOT ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER

AARP ElderWatch
a partnership with the Colorado Attorney General

800-222-4444

Denver Metro Area

303-222-4444

www.aarpelderwatch.org

AVOID MEDICARE FRAUD

Medicare open enrollment is October 15th -December 7th 2023.

During open enrollment, Medicare beneficiaries can re-evaluate their existing Medicare coverage and make changes for the upcoming year, if necessary. Scammers follow trends and timelines, so be aware of potential scams that might align with open enrollment.

- Hang up or refuse contact: Don't engage with any unsolicited offers for a new Medicare card, medical supplies or DNA tests. • Verify who is contacting you: If you get a call from someone claiming to represent a healthcare company or government agency, hang up and call the number listed on an account statement, card or their verified website.
- Protect your personal information: Only provide your Medicare number to healthcare providers at the time you are actively seeking service.
- Reconcile your Medicare statements: Carefully monitor your Medicare statements for any claims for services or supplies billed to you which you did not receive.
- Report fraud: If you've been solicited by a potential Medicare scammer, report it by calling Medicare at: 800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov. You can also contact the Colorado Senior Medicare Patrol at: 800-503-5190.

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November Events**Board Meeting**

3rd Nov Friday
@ 11:30am

VOTE

7th Nov Tuesday

Monthly Luncheon

8th Nov Wednesday
Turkey Luncheon
@ 11:30am-1:30pm
BF Lutheran Church
Chapter Officer Slate
Announced

Veterans Day

11th Nov Saturday

Thanksgiving

23rd Nov Thursday

Announcements

The Sunshine Committee send a get-well card to Ray Rozak, Lin Rozak, and Bev Schaab. Sunshine Committee reminds members to let Electa Beckner, 719.596.6787, know if get-well or sympathy cards need to be sent to any chapter member.

Stephen Blucher conducted his 300th Driver Safety Class this week. Way to go Stephen!

Tips and Tricks: When our necklaces get tangled use baby powered on them. Just a little powder in your palm and push it around a little and it will be easy to untangle.

October Event Recap***Making Libraries better for Kids***

The Black Forest AARP Chapter 1100 President, Candace Lehmann, coordinated with The Pikes Peak Library District and AARP to justify a 2023 AARP Chapter Awareness Grant of \$905.85. The Library District will use the money to provide 6 Active Motion stools with 12 in high seats, and 3 Solid Top Open Front ADA Compliant Desks for wheel chair access. The Adaptive Furniture for Children will be used by the three largest library locations in the local area. The check for the grant was presented by Candace Lehmann to Lance James the Chief Development Officer for the Pikes Peak Library District at the High Prairie Library in Falcon on October 31.

An AARP Chapter Awareness Grant is provided annually through an AARP Chapter who sees a definite need in the community for a special need. The process takes several months and requires extensive coordination between the local AARP Chapter and the receiving organization.

The Black Forest AARP Chapter strives to serve the community in multiple ways. The Chapter meets the second Wednesday of every month except August, at noon at the Black Forest Lutheran Church. Chapter membership is open to all ages. Visit our Chapter Web page at www.aarpchapter1100blackforest.com, or contact Candace Lehmann at 314.330.0411 for more information. All are welcome!



Photo: Lance James (L), Chief Development Officer for the Pikes Peak Library District & Foundation Executive Director, receives a check from Candace Lehmann, President of AARP Chapter 1100 in Black Forest for a 2023 AARP Grant of \$905.85 for Adaptive Furniture for Children for the Pikes Peak Library District.

October Chapter Meeting Minutes

Our President, Candace, led us in our Pledge, Paster Ken led us in prayer. Thank you you both for starting our meeting the right way. Birthdays!!! We missed celebrating August birthdays so this month we'll add them to the list. August birthdays Mark Doughty, Michelle Hays, Maryann Frapps. Beverly Schaab, Jan Solverson. October's birthdays Lori Belk and Susan Stenson.

Anniversaries for August are Chuck & Shirley Karlstrom, Bobby Welton. For October Stan & Electa Beckner, a big congratulations for them 60 years!!! woo that is great!

Our guests were Laura Douglas, Jill Rarig and Ann Fletcher. Lunch was provided by Denver AARP the pizza's were great.

Today's speakers were Jerima and Greg Linskinski, Jerima has been our contact at AARP for years, he is going to be working for the National AARP Offices. We're going to miss him a bunch.

Greg has been an Interstate President Volunteer for many many years. He presented the Committee Award to the church, they have hosted our meetings for 20 years and has helped bring our community together. Paster Ken accepted the award and said its been a pleasure.

The award for Volunteer of the Year is Candace! Yea! She has been the president from 2020 until 2023 and has done a great job. She said she "had a blast with everything we've done". She took the job at her first meeting with no idea what it was all about, that took guts, and learned as she went. Great Job and Thank You isn't enough, but its all I've got.

Our treasurer, Jim Belk, sent \$25. to Wounded Warriors in Helen's name. Her sons told us that is what she would have wanted.

Jill Rarig is doing our monthly meeting minutes (great job) and is updating the news letter towards a more calendar type of letter. This should let our members know whats going on at a glance. Let her know if you have anything to add to the letter so she can update it.

Candace was on channel 5 news and promoted the heck out of AARP and let everyone know about the current scams.

October 21st is another Senior Expo at the Double tree. Volunteers should have signed up by now, there's no need to stay all day just a few hours is nice.

Stephen Blutcher is having a Driver Education class in the church October 26th , this is his 300th class! Another woo. He says that by state law Colorado insurances must give you a discount after attending this class. Price for Members is \$20. and non-members \$25.

November luncheon is catered, so all we have to think about is desserts and side dishes. December is the same, only we switch who brings sides and who does desserts. Lori will call to let us know who brings what and to get a head count so the right amount of food can be ordered. Its not to early to start collecting dues, they must be paid by February. It's \$10 for the whole year, not a bad deal.



Pastor Ken Hohag (L) receives the AARP 2023 Colorado Outstanding Community Partner Award from Jeremiah Mora, (C), the State and Community Engagement Manager for AARP Colorado, and Greg Glischinski, the State of Colorado AARP President (R).



Greg Glischinski, the State of Colorado AARP President (L) and Jeremiah Mora, the State and Community Engagement Manager for AARP Colorado (R), present the AARP 2023 Outstanding Volunteer Service Award to Chapter 1100 President, Candace Lehmann (C).

Upcoming Events

12/13/2023 - Chapter Luncheon @11:30 Elect Chapter Officers

12/25/2023 - Christmas

12/31/2023 - New Years Eve

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