



Black Forest Chapter of AARP #1100

"To serve, not to be served"

Chapter Website:

<http://aarpchapter1100blackforest.com>

October 5th, 2023

OCTOBER PIZZA PARTY

Hostess: Candace Lehmann
Greeter: Jim Belk
Program: Certificates of Appreciation

Black Forest Lutheran Church
October 11th, 2023 : 11:30am - 1:30pm

AARP Colorado will be attending and providing Pizza. Please bring a Side/Salad or Dessert to share.



HOT ITEMS FOR OCTOBER

AARP ElderWatch
a partnership with the Colorado Attorney General

800-222-4444

Denver Metro Area

303-222-4444

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COMPUTER SUPPORT SCAMS

Criminals commonly use the names of well-known and reputable computer companies, online retailers, money transfer services and virus protection software companies to try and defraud others. These computer-related scams often claim to be with companies like Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Norton, McAfee, PayPal and eBay, just to name a few. It is important to remember that computer scams can occur on any device that can access the internet including a smartphone and tablet. The following are some red flags to look out for to help identify some of the most reported computer-related scams:

- You receive an unsolicited contact over the phone, via email or text claiming to be from one of these companies
- They request remote access to your computer to "help" you solve a problem
- An email invoice alerts you that you are past due on a subscription that you never signed up for in the first place
- A pop-up window appears on your screen asking you to call a number for support services
- You receive a request to "verify" personal, financial or account information
- The attempted contact is unprofessional, often with typos, from a non-business-related email service and/or the call center is extremely noisy in the background.

If you recognize any of these red flags from a "computer company" or other online source, disconnect immediately. Shut down your computer or other device if necessary. Contact AARP ElderWatch if you have questions.

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October Events

Monthly Luncheon
 11th Oct. Wednesday
 Pizza Party
 @ 11:30am
 BF Lutheran Church

Senior Life Expo
 21st Oct. Saturday
 @ 9am-2pm
 Double Tree Hotel

Senior Social
 25th Oct. Wednesday
 @ 1pm-4pm
 BF Lutheran Church

September Event Recap

2023 Military Retiree/Spouse Appreciation Day

Chapter 1100 of AARP in Black Forest participated in the Military Retiree/Spouse Appreciation Day at Peterson Space Force Base on September 23. It was the first such recognition day observed there since the pandemic began five years ago.

The day began with an extensive breakfast followed by the official start of events; the presentation of the colors and the National Anthem. The military brass quintet stayed for a long while afterwards in the vendor area to serenade the large turn-out. Several service organizations also provided key presentations in rooms adjacent to the vendor area.

Fifty-five vendors, including Chapter 1100, participated. The vendor subjects ranged from insurance, medical and banking interests, to the many community service and military retirement organizations from all branches of the Armed Forces. Many door prizes were provided throughout the day to lucky ticket holders.

Longevity Award from the 13 September Meeting

Chapter President, Candace Lehmann, recognized the award of Chapter 1100 Longevity Name tags for 10 Chapter members at the 13 September meeting. Distinctive Longevity Names Tags are awarded to members in uninterrupted 5 year membership increments. In three of the instances below the name tags should have been previously awarded, but weren't due to the disruption of Chapter activities during the COVID pandemic. Those receiving the special Name Tags are shown below:

| NAME | YEAR JOINED | YEARS MEMBER | REMARKS |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| ELECTA BECKNER | 1998 | 25 | |
| STAN BECKNER | 2002 | 20 | Should have been awarded in 2022 |
| CAROLYN JAWORSKI | 2003 | 20 | |
| CHUCK KARLSTRUM | 2008 | 15 | |
| SHIRLEY KARLSTRUM | 2008 | 15 | |
| RAY ROZAK | 2008 | 15 | |
| LINDA ROZAK | 2008 | 15 | |
| VIJAY VERMA | 2017 | 5 | Should have been awarded in 2022 |
| BOBBIE WELTON | 2017 | 5 | Should have been awarded in 2022 |
| MAX STUCKY | 2018 | 5 | |



Photo: AARP Chapter 1100 members Ray and Lin Rozak are shown on 23 September at the Black Forest AARP Chapter table at the 2023 Southern Colorado All Services Military Retiree/Spouse Appreciation Day at the HUB on Peterson SFB.

September Chapter Meeting Minutes

This month we had our meeting at the Golden Corral, which is perfect because there's something for everyone, and I think we ate everything! The side room we were in was very loud, the acoustics were terrible and I couldn't hear what was being said so I apologize for this short letter.

We had a lot of anniversaries this month, Joe & Jan ???? , Stephen & Jeanie Blucher, Stan & Electa Beckner, Terry & Cybil Curry. I think I have the anniversaries mixed with the birthdays. Sorry. Birthdays, Max Stucky, Theresa Tilton.

October meeting representatives from Denver will be down for the longevity awards, they are supplying pizza for the luncheon. Max Stucky gets a 5 year pin so does Bobby Welton, Ray & Lin Rozak have been with us for 15 years and Stan & Electa Beckner 25years!!!! Wow. Thank you both for sticking it out this long.

It was decided that our dues are now \$10 for the year if someone joins after June it will be \$5 for the rest of the year, then back to \$10 the next year.

On September 23rd Peterson Air Force Base had a gathering for the retired service members. AARP had a table there, Stan & Electa, Ray and Lin manned the table. We had quite a few people interested in joining our Chapter. We'll see if any show up.

Stan has informed us that October 21st at the Double Tree they are having a Senior Expo, members are needed to staff our table, talk to people, hand out informative brochures and smile. Stan will have a sign up sheet for those who want to help out.

Ray has been in touch with Helen Von Gunden's sons, they said to donate to Wounded Warriors, Levonne Hidy wants her donation to go to Heifers United.

WHAT? Take your age and add your birth year, bet it =2023

Upcoming Events

11/3/2023 - Friday Board Meeting @11:30

11/7/2023 - VOTE

11/8/2023 - Wednesday Chapter Luncheon @11:30 Elect Officers

11/11/2023 - Veterans Day

11/2/2023 - Thanksgiving

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

12/25/2023 - Christmas

12/31/2023 - New Years Eve

Chapter Website

Stan Bechner and Jill Rarig are currently working to update the website. Stay tuned as updates and tweaks are continuously made. Upon completion, we'll ask the chapter community for additional feedback regarding content and navigation.

Senior Socials

There are no Senior Socials in November or December.

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