

# AARP

## Colorado 2013 Chapter Cup Application

for Outstanding Chapter Award and Chapter  
Activity Awards

(For the period of September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013)

Chapter Name & #: \_ Black Forest Chapter 1100

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### Section 1: Chapter Organization and Administration

List Names of elected officers (5 points per officer)

President: Charles Karlstrum

Vice President: Kathy Rodgers

Secretary: Theresa Tilton

Treasurer: LaVonne Hidy

20 points

# of chapter board meetings conducted this year (5 points per meeting)

6 (six)

30 points

# of regular chapter meetings conducted this year

11 regular meetings

20 points

Does the Chapter publish a monthly newsletter?

Yes

5 points

## Section 2: Chapter Activity Measures

This section measures Chapter activities to determine the winners of the Outstanding Chapter Awards and to determine recipients of the Activity Badge Awards.

### SECTION 2:

#### 1. Educational Outreach.

- Did your chapter staff an AARP exhibit at a minimum of TWO events associated with the priorities in the Colorado AARP Office State Plan and submit a report on the event to the AARP State Office? (10 points per event).

YES

1. Staffed AARP table at Boomers and Beyond Expo (June of 2013)
2. Senior Social Events (Sponsored and Operated 9 monthly 3 hour (Create the Good) sessions
3. Arranged recreational bus trip to Cripple Creek for area seniors. (Create the Good) event. (April '13)
4. Carried all ElderWatch scam alerts on Chapter Web site (See Scam Alert Page) and distributed hard copies to chapter members (All year).
5. Planted trees in Waldo Canyon burn area (Sept'12) and participated in Black Forest fire mitigation project (May '13). Both HCBS events)
6. Chapter collects food donations at every meeting (Drive to end Hunger).
7. Chapter donated \$200 to local food bank (Nov'12) (Drive to end Hunger).
8. Steve Merrill keeps chapter up to date on AARP State Advocacy issues.
9. Chapter members donated a total of 242 volunteer hours in the community during the reporting period.
10. Care baskets from chapter distributed to shut-ins as Make a Difference Day project (Oct'12). (HCBS event)

11. Chapter financed 100 cans of soup to Native American elders on reservation. (Dec'12). (Create the Good/Drive to end Hunger)
12. Chapter routinely collects 10 different recyclable items at every meeting. Items benefit several charities. (HCBS)
13. The chapter sponsored an annual Stroke & Heart Attack Recognition class open to the public. (Feb'13) (Caregiving)
14. Chapter sponsors local elementary school teacher support projects twice per month during the school year. Chapter volunteers received School District 20 award in May'13 for their efforts.

140 points

- Did your chapter publicize chapter meeting times, dates, location, etc. in the local media? (10 points)

YES (clipping or other proof)

10 points

- Did your chapter have at least FOUR monthly programs that focused a portion of time on educating members on AARP state or national programs and activities? (For example, Tax-Aide, Driver Safety program, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, etc.) Please list and describe programs. You may attach additional pages as needed.

YES

1. Arranged/conducted 2 Drivers Safety Training Sessions (March & October'12).
2. Maintained AARP literature rack at Colo. S. CSCEP Office entire year. (Jobs/Work)
3. Chapter participated in "You've Earned a Say/Social Security & Medicare" postcard survey.
4. Comments on understanding Affordable Care Act provided by Steve Merrill at meeting.
5. Chapter members volunteered 106 hours working Tax Aide program during reporting period.

6. Arranged for Wal-Mart representatives to discuss senior medical support and provide free vision screening for chapter members (Jan'13)
7. Hosted educational program on medical issues concerning celiac disease (April'13)

## 2. Advocacy

- Did your chapter incorporate an AARP legislative update into all chapter meetings during the Colorado legislative session, i.e., January through May? (10 points)

YES

1. Provided by Steve Merrill and/or Howard Pease
2. Frequent voting reminders and suggestions to contact elected officials on issues throughout the legislative sessions.

10 points

## 3. Membership

- Did your chapter conduct at least TWO membership recruitment events? (Note that these events can be incorporated into the two events outlined in the Education/Outreach criteria.) (5 points each)

YES (list/describe)

1. Boomers & Beyond Expo. Staffed information/recruitment table (June'13)
2. Chapter web site is an ongoing recruiting event. See <http://www.weebly.com/weebly/userHome.php> "Contact Us" and "Upcoming Events" pages. (Ongoing)
3. Colorado Springs Senior Resource Council S.A.F.E. Conference. Staffed and information/recruitment table (Oct'12)
4. Most of the Chapter's 14 press releases during the reporting period included an invitation to attend and join our chapter.

20 points

## 4. Community Service

- Did your chapter have at least ONE chapter meeting where a representative from community government or the non-profit sector made a presentation on the needs of the local community? (This need not be an entire chapter meeting program but rather a portion of one.) (5 points)

YES (please describe)

1. Chapter "Sunshine Committee" sends get well and sympathy cards to members when appropriate. (Create the Good)
2. Chapter program by El Paso Veteran's Affairs Office on programs available to Veterans and their spouses/families. (Feb 13) (Retirement Policy & Retention Advocacy)
3. Black Forest Food Bank representative gave summary of their programs and needs. (Nov'12) (Drive to end Hunger)
4. BBB presentation on Investment Fraud dangers. (May'13) (Retirement decision making information)

5 points

- Did your chapter submit at least one press release on a chapter community service project: (5 points)

YES (please describe/attach copy)

1. To recognize National Heart Month the chapter sponsored its annual Stroke & Heart Attack Recognition class conducted by the Black Forest Fire and Rescue. The class was free and open to the public. (Feb'13).

5 points

Note: A total of 14 press releases were sent to newspapers during the reporting period. The chapter has published confirmation on 38 occasions.

#### AARP National Day of Service

- Did your Chapter participate in the AARP Day of Service in your community?

YES, The chapter conducted a successful food drive as the DOS event. The chapter partnered with 12 local merchants for the 10-day event. The money and food collected was given to a local food bank. There was 55 lbs of food, \$178.80 in cash collected from participating merchants, and \$94.10 from Chapter 1100

Total Points: 265

This application is hereby submitted for the 2013 AARP Colorado Chapter Awards

Charles Karlstrum

9/17/13

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(Chapter President's Name)

(Date)